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## River Basin Management in Serbia

**RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT  
 IN SERBIA**

*Dmtitar Zakula Directorate for Water*

**Responsibilities**

According to the existing  
**Law on Water and Law on Ministries**  
**Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and  
 Water Resources Management**  
 i.e. its operational body:  
**Directorate for Water**  
 is responsible for integrated  
 water resources management in Serbia

**Responsibilities**

According to the existing  
**Law on Ministries**  
 in Serbia Directorate for Water is responsible for:

1. Water resources management policy
2. Multipurpose water use
3. Water regime
4. Flood and erosion control
5. Implementation of water quality protection measures
6. Other activities according to the Law on Water


**Responsibilities**

Other Ministries responsible for certain  
 aspects of **WATER resources Management:**

- Ministry for Science and environment
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry for Governance and Local Governance
- Ministry for Capital investments (for inland waterways)
- etc.

**Responsibilities**

**Basic principles:**  
 Integrated and Sustainable Water Resources Management  
 Integrated and Sustainable Environmental Protection



**Responsibilities**

| <b>Environment:</b>  | <b>Water Resources:</b>   |
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| Environmental law and plans<br>Approval for ecologically sound use of resources<br>Monitoring of pollutants, ecological inspection | planning<br>Water law and plans<br>Water licence, preparing and governing of investments<br>Maintenance of water structures, water inspection |
| investment<br>maintenance<br>international cooperation   |   |
| based on integral water resources management and integral environment management   |   |



### TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

#### BILATERAL COOPERATION

- Hungary – Agreement on Transboundary Waters (1993) + Agreement on Navigation (1995) + Agreement on Fishing (1997)
- Romania – Agreement on Transboundary Waters (1993) + Agreement on Fishing (1994)

#### MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

ICPDR (1991-1995) Convention on Cooperation for the Protection and Sustainable Use of the River Danube  
- member state since 2003

TISZA RIVER BASIN FORUM (2001) (Basinist Declaration)  
- member state since 2003

INTERIM COMMISSION FOR THE SAVA BASIN (Romania, Croatia 2003)

### TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

- Preparation of new bilateral agreements with Hungary and Romania

Preparation of bilateral agreements with Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Bulgaria

- Preparation of new Law on Water – principles of EU Water Framework Directive will be incorporated

### TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION in the TISZA RIVER BASIN

1. Efficient and rational way for long-term solution of the complex problems could be **Framework Agreement for the Tisza River Basin** + accompanying protocols
2. Strong link with ICPDR
3. Implementation of EU WFD and all relevant multilateral conventions related to environmental protection, and initiatives on sustainable spatial development
4. Implementation of Tisza River Forum plans
5. Possible developments related to navigation

### TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION

Authorities competent for water resources in Vojvodina:

1. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Management of Serbia
2. Department of Agriculture and Water Management of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina
3. Water Directorate of the Republic of Serbia
4. Natural Resources Division of the Executive Council of Vojvodina
5. PWSM "Vode Vojvodine" Novi Sad
6. Water companies

### WATER COMPANIES

1. "Severna Baka" Subotica
2. "Zapadna Baka" Sombor
3. "D.D. Invaar" Baka Topola
4. "Senta" Senta
5. "Zemljani Banat" Kikinda
6. "Srednja Baka" Beočin
7. "Baka" Vršac
8. "Srednji Banat" Zrenjanin
9. "Dunav" Baka Palanka
10. "Sajkava" Novi Sad
11. "Jani Banat" Vršac
12. "Tisza Dunav" Pancsova
13. "Uzsa" Bala Orlava
14. "Podunavlje" Kopač
15. "Sava" Sremski Karlovci
16. "Velikosereni" Sremska Mitrovica
17. "Golubica" Zemun
18. "Sava" Sremski Karlovci
19. "Dunav i Tisza" Sombor
20. "Regulacija" Sremska Mitrovica
21. "Sava" Sremska Mitrovica

### ACTIVITIES OF PWSM "VODE VOJVODINE"

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| <h4>1. Water use</h4> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Municipal Water Supply</li> <li>2. Industrial Water Supply</li> <li>3. Agricultural Water Supply</li> <li>4. Navigation</li> <li>5. Fisheries</li> <li>6. Recreation, Tourism</li> </ol> | <h4>2. Water quality protection</h4> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pollution control</li> <li>2. Wastewater treatment plants</li> </ol> | <h4>3. Protection from waters</h4> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flood control</li> <li>2. Drainage</li> </ol> |
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