

**Memorandum of Understanding
on cooperation between
the International Sava River Basin Commission
and Montenegro**

The International Sava River Basin Commission and Montenegro (hereinafter referred to as the Participants),

Taking into account that the International Sava River Basin Commission (hereinafter referred to as the ISRBC) was established to implement the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (hereinafter referred to as the FASRB) signed on 3 December 2002 at Kranjska Gora,

Recognizing the importance of implementation of the FASRB in the whole Sava River Basin and the cooperation between the ISRBC and Montenegro in achieving common strategic goals related to sustainable water management, originating from the FASRB,

Being aware of deliverables that the Participants can benefit from, and harms that can be avoided or mitigated as a result of the activities of the Participants, in the framework of cooperation within the Sava River Basin as a whole,

Whereas the Participants wish to establish a mutually beneficial relationship in the field of water management in the Sava River Basin through the achievement of the FASRB goals,

The Participants have reached the following understanding:

**Article 1
SUBJECT AND AIM**

1. The subject of the Memorandum of Understanding is the cooperation between the Participants in the fields covered by the FASRB, for the purpose of a better coordination and effectiveness of their activities of mutual interest.
2. The aim of the Memorandum is to provide a framework for enhancing cooperation and coordination between the Participants and to promote a spirit of practical, pragmatic and result-oriented close cooperation and partnership in achieving the common strategic goals related to sustainable water management, taking into account the objectives and basic principles of the FASRB.

Article 2
GROUNDS FOR COOPERATION

The Participants herewith agree to establish the partnership in achieving the common strategic goals related to sustainable water management in the Sava River Basin, which include the following rights and duties for Montenegro:

1. To be informed, by the Secretariat, of the date, place and agenda of the ISRBC sessions, as well as of the activities of the ISRBC of interest for enhancing the cooperation and coordination between the Participants;
2. To have access to documents of the ISRBC and its bodies in accordance with decisions of the ISRBC;
3. To participate in the meetings organized in the framework of the FASRB implementation, with the possibility to express their position and views, and to have them reflected in relevant documents, without taking part in the process of adopting official decisions of the ISRBC;
4. To submit relevant documents and proposals to the ISRBC, which will be distributed by the Secretariat and may be discussed at the meetings;
5. To take part in the programs and contribute to the projects initiated under the auspices of the FASRB, in which they are invited to participate or to make any other voluntary contribution;
6. To reflect in its practice the principles and goals of the FASRB and the decisions and recommendations of the ISRBC;
7. To designate a contact person for an overall communication with the ISRBC;
8. To nominate representative(s) for participation at meetings and sessions organized in the framework of the FASRB implementation. Participation of the nominated representative(s) at a meeting should be announced at least 3 days in advance of the particular meeting.

Article 3
MODES OF COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

1. The Participants express their intention to hold a meeting once per year to discuss perspectives and concrete methods of their cooperation. The date and place will be decided by mutual agreement.
2. The Participants will identify specific fields of common interest and promote, discuss and co-ordinate activities related to the identified field of cooperation and the results thereof.
3. The Participants will examine possibilities to organize common symposia and workshops on specific technical issues related to sustainable water management.
4. The Participants will undertake joint projects of mutual interest.
5. The Participants will also undertake other modes of cooperation, if necessary, in order to achieve the aim stipulated in Article 1 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 4
AMENDMENTS

The present Memorandum of Understanding may at any time be amended in written form by mutual consent.

Article 5
COME INTO EFFECT AND DURATION

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of each Participant.
2. The present Memorandum of Understanding is concluded for a period of 3 (three) years and it will be automatically extended for new subsequent periods of 3 (three) years until one of the Participants will give to the other Participant a written notification about the intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 6
TERMINATION

1. Any of the two Participants may terminate at any time the cooperation under the present Memorandum providing the other party with a written notice to that effect at least 4 (four) months before the intended date of termination.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding loses its effectiveness as soon as Montenegro becomes a Party to the FASRB.

Signed at Belgrade, on the date of 9 December 2013 in two originals in English language.

On behalf of the
International Sava River Basin Commission

On behalf of
Montenegro