

Taking into account the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin, representing a framework for regional cooperation in the Sava River Basin in the field of water, with the aim to ensure sustainable management and use of water resources and thus provide conditions for the improvement of the quality of life and the living standard of the population in the region,

Wishing to improve the development of sustainable tourism in the Sava River Basin, and recognizing the need for the enhancement of the regional cooperation on further development of sustainable tourism in the basin,

Being aware of great potentials for the development of tourism in the Sava River Basin in an environmentally friendly manner and the great significance attached to the Sava River Basin and natural resources for economy, social welfare and living standard of citizens,

We, Ministers responsible for tourism of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Serbia and Republic of Slovenia, at the joint meeting held at Bled on June 15, 2017, signed the following

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On regional cooperation on development of sustainable tourism in the Sava River Basin

1. We acknowledge the efforts invested so far by the International Sava River Basin Commission on the development of sustainable tourism in the Sava River Basin as a valuable contribution to the enhancement of regional cooperation in this field of mutual interest.
2. We support further strengthening of regional cooperation on the development of sustainable tourism in the Sava River Basin.
3. We confirm the necessity to include the development of sustainable tourism in the Sava River Basin in plans and strategic documents of the countries of the Sava River Basin in a mutually coordinated manner.
4. We support mechanisms of regional cooperation in the framework of the International Sava River Basin Commission as a platform for participation of the competent ministries and other relevant organizations in the implementation of jointly agreed activities and projects for the development of sustainable tourism in the Sava River Basin.

5. European Commission, international financial institutions and other donors are invited to extend financial support to development of sustainable tourism in the Sava River Basin and implementation of the mutually agreed regional projects.

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