

Project Name: Sediment-quality Information, **M**onitoring and **A**ssessment System

Acronym: SIMONA

Web site: <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/simona>

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Lead Partner: Geological Survey of Slovenia

Participating Countries: Slovenia, Hungary, Moldova, Slovakia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Austria, Bulgaria, Romania, Montenegro, Ukraine, Germany

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As, EU legislation prescribes sediment quality monitoring and trend analysis, in terms of taking measures to ensure that, the Priority and Priority Hazardous Substances concentrations do not significantly increase in sediments and/or relevant biota SIMONA project will support transnational cooperation for joint DRB water management to achieve the WFD sediment quality monitoring and chemical status assessment requirements. The system is a functional composition of sediment (1) sampling, (2) laboratory analysis, (3) evaluation protocols and (4) SIMONA-tool (online IT application) that are applicable at local and also at strategic level. The immediate and middle term benefit of the project will be a transparent method supported by the SIMONA-tool for sediment quality monitoring that will encourage the cooperation in transnational water management. The project is the long-needed and timely response to the pressing demand of the effective use of sediment quality assessment for the next RBMPs due in 2021.

Public Institution Vode Srske will take role on project as Associated Strategic Partner and get an opportunity to improve institutional capacity in sediment monitoring.