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Pursuant to Articles 23, 24, 26, 29, 34, 96, 178 and other provisions of the Water Law (Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska 50/06, 92/09, 121/12 and 74/17), the Regulation on the manner of public participation in water management (Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska No. 35/07), River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2018-2021), the Decision on the adoption of the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2018-2021), No. 04 / 1-012-2-279 / 18 of 8 February 2018, Government of Republic of Srpska, (Official Gazette of Republic of Srpska No. 14/18), Public Institution "Vode Srpske" announces

NOTIFICATION

on the commencement of preparation for the first update of the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2018-2021)

In accordance with the Water Law, the Regulation on the Manner of Public Participation in Water Management and the Plan in question, the Public Institution "Vode Srpske" has started preparations for the first update of the Management Plan for the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2018-2021), which was adopted by the Decision on approval of the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2018-2021), No. 04 / 1-012-2-279 / 18 of 8 February 2018, by the Government of Republika Srpska, (Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska No. 14/18), and drafted a Work Plan with deadlines for preparation and the adoption of the foregoing of a document which is available on the website www.voders.org.

Public Institution "Vode Srpske" INVITES all interested parties (representatives of regional and local authorities, users and polluters, potential investors, as well as non-governmental institutions and organizations and individuals) to cooperate and submit written proposals and comments on issues related to the plan of water management of the Sava River Basin (District) of the Republic of Srpska, including proposals for identifying significant issues in the area of water management identified in the basin, for a period of six (6) months from the day of the last public announcement of the Work Plan for the first update of the Sava River Basin District of the Republika Srpska Management Plan (2022-2027).

All proposals and comments on the published Work Plan and deadlines for preparation and adoption of the first updated River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2018-2021) may be submitted by 1 March, 2020 by mail to: Public Institution "Vode Srpske", Miloša Obilića 51, 76300 Bijeljina or by email at bijeljina@voders.org or vodesrpske@gmail.com. The contact telephone number is +387 (0)55 201 784.

To the key participants, according to the list in the Plan, the Notification will be delivered directly in writing or by e-mail.

To be delivered:

- as in the Decision,
- to the file,
- archive

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Pursuant to Articles 23, 24 and 28, and in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 27 and other provisions of the Water Law (Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska, No. 50/06, 92/09, 121/12 and 74 / 17) and the Regulation on the Manner of Public Participation in Water Management (Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska No. 35/07)

Work plan and deadlines for preparation and adoption of the first updated River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027)

The Republic of Srpska defined the Integrated Water Management of the Republic of Srpska and transposed the Water Framework Directive (WFD EU 2000/60 / ES1) into its legal system. The Water Law defines the integral water management in Republic of Srpska at the level of the Regional River Basin (District), and also defines the territorial basis of water management and establishes the basic unit for water management, which is the Regional River Basin (District). The Republika Srpska has two regional river basins, namely the Sava River Basin (District) and the Trebišnjica River Basin (District). The law, which also defines the basic elements of the Plan, also stipulates that for each regional river basin (district) of Republika Srpska, a Management Plan shall be produced and updated in cycles of six (6) years.

The framework policy for integrated water management is defined by the Water Management Strategy, prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management and adopted by the National Assembly of the Republika Srpska for the period 2015-2024. Pursuant to the Water Law, the Public Institution "Vode Srpske" prepares the River Basin (Districts) Management Plans and submits them to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management for approval.

The first management plan for the Sava River Basin (District) of the Republic of Srpska (2018-2021) was adopted at 163 sessions of the Government of the Republic of Srpska held on 8 February 2018. As stated in the Water Law, the Public Institution "Vode Srpske" should prepare and publish, inter alia, a timetable and program of work on the preparation of the plan and program, including a list of consultations to be carried out, at least three years before the beginning of the period. to which the plan and program relate. A river basin management plan shall be drawn up for each river basin district in accordance with the Water Law and the Water Framework Directive and shall include the following elements:

- a general description of the river basin (district) characteristics,
- summary of significant pressures and impacts of human activity on surface and groundwater status,
- identification and creation of protected area maps,
- network observation maps as well as presentation of the results of the monitoring program in the form of a map prepared in accordance with the relevant status provisions:
 - 1) surface water (ecological and chemical),
 - 2) groundwater (chemical and quantitative) and
 - 3) protected areas;
- a list of environmental objectives for surface water, groundwater and protected areas, including specific identification, as well as supporting information requested,
- summary of economic analyses of water use,
- a summary of one or more programs of measures, including how the objectives will be achieved,
- registration of all newly developed river basin management programs and plans relating to specific sub-basins, sectors, water types or problems, together with a summary of their contents,
- summary of the public information and consultative measures taken, their results and changes in the plan that followed as well as their consequence,
- list of competent authorities,
- competent places and procedures to obtain basic documentation and information, and in particular a detailed account of the control measures adopted, as well as the data collected through observation.

In order to achieve the objectives of environmental protection in accordance with the Water Framework Directive and the Law, a program of measures is established for each river basin district, taking into account the results of the economic analyses referred to in that Directive. The program of measures is set out in the river basin management plan.

An updated management plan for the Sava River Basin (District) of the Republic of Srpska should, in addition, contain:

- review of any amendments or changes to the plan from the date of its entry into force,

- an assessment of the extent of the objectives achieved,
- review of measures defined by the Program of Measures of the First River Basin Management Plan but not implemented in the placement cycle, explaining why they have not been implemented,
- an overview of measures not listed in the Program of Measures of the First Planning Cycle that have been taken to achieve the set objectives.

Timetable and program of work on the development of the plan and program

In accordance with Article 28 and other provisions of the Water Law, the Public Institution "Vode Srpske" shall prepare and make available to the public the process of preparing the Program of Measures and Management Plan for the Sava River Basin (District) Republic of Srpska for the period 2022-2027, by doing the following on the official site of the Public Institution "Vode Srpske":

- publish a work plan for the preparation of the Management Plan for the Sava River Basin (District) Republic of Srpska (2022-2027) at least three years before the start of the period to which the plan and program relate;
- publish a provisional review of significant water management issues identified in the basin, at least two years before the start of the period to which the plan and program relate;
- publish a draft river basin management plan and program, at least one year before the start of the period to which the plan and program relate.

The Public Institution of "Vode Srpske" shall make public at least six months for the purpose of giving written comments for each general act for which it has territorial jurisdiction, in accordance with the Water Law and applicable regulations on public participation. The public will also be given access to the documents and information used to prepare the Draft River Basin Management Plan, which is published in the Official Gazette of Republic of Srpska. Access to such information for the public must be subject to the rules of confidentiality in accordance with this regulation and specific laws. Documents can be published electronically.

When deemed necessary, the Public Institution of "Vode Srpske" will organize the gathering of information from the public in the form of round tables, etc., for the purpose of adopting information related to river basin management planning.

During the preparatory work for the development of the River Basin Management Plan for the Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027), the Public Institution "Vode Srpske" will regularly consult with the Agency for the Sava River Basin (District) of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to coordinate plans for river basin management in two entities. Proposal for a Coordinated River Basin Management Plan The Public Institution "Vode Srpske" will submit to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, which will engage in consultation with the competent Ministry in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to ensure coordination of the proposed river basin management plans.

Accordingly, during the preparation of the Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027), the Public Institution "Vode Srpske" will produce the following documents by the end of 2021.:

1. Work plan for the preparation of the Management Plan for the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027) with a timetable and work program, including its contents and public consultation program;
2. A document containing an overview of significant water management issues identified in the basin;
3. Characterization report;
4. Text for the draft River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027);
5. Strategic Impact Assessment for the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027);
6. Management Plan for the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027)

Table 1 provides an overview of the planned activities for the preparation and adoption of the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027) with an estimate of deadlines for their implementation.

Table 1. Review of the planned activities for the preparation and adoption of the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027) with deadlines

Planned activity	Estimated realization deadline
Announcement of the timetable and work program for the development of the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027)	October 2019
Publication of proposals for significant water management issues identified in the basin	December 2019
Deadline for submission of comments and opinions on the timetable and program of work for the preparation of the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027)	March 2020
Deadline for comment and opinion on the review of significant water management issues identified in the basin	March 2020
Completion of the characterization report	April 2020
Preparation for strategic assessment of the environmental impact of the river basin management plan	October 2020
Publication of the draft River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027), commencement of public consultation	January 2021
Publication of a draft strategic assessment of the environmental impact of the river basin management plan	March 2021
Deadline for consulting the public and submitting comments on the draft River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027)	June 2021
Drafting a draft River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027) and Strategic Environmental Assessment	October 2021
Adoption of the River Basin Management Plan for Sava River Basin (District) of Republika Srpska (2022-2027)	December 2021

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