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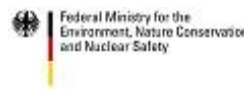
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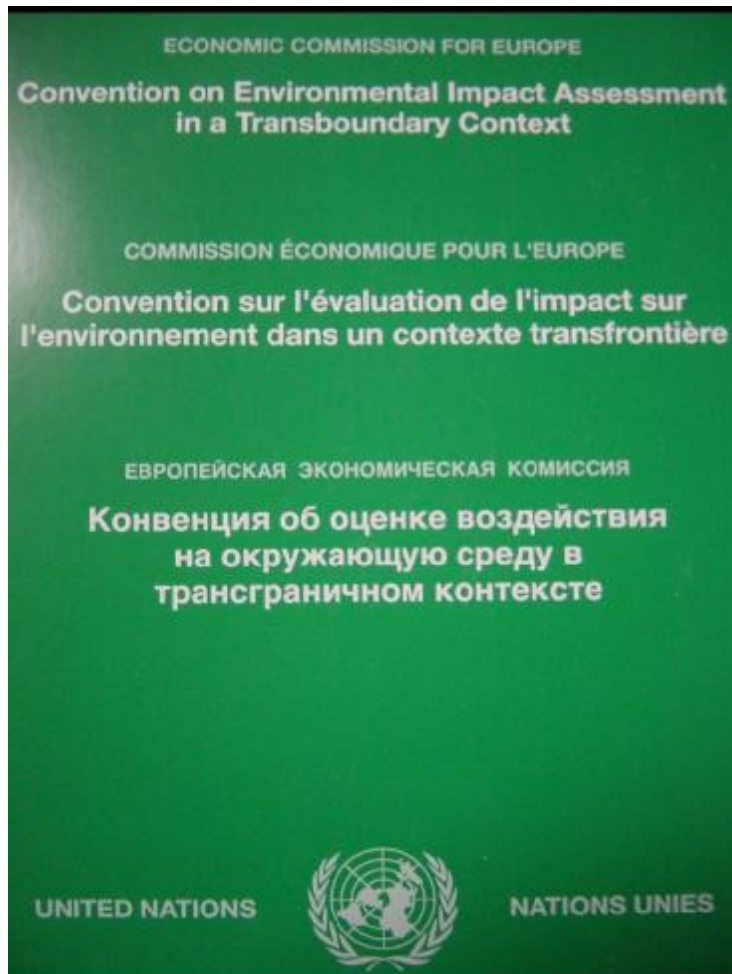


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1. Transboundary context
2. Appropriate scale to address the problem
3. Integration of sectoral problems in RBM
4. How to be pragmatic?

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Issue: Transboundary Context



- Improve quality of life
- Enhance transboundary cooperation for development
- Preserve and enhance ecological status of water environment in RB

What scale is appropriate?

- REGIONAL

- SUBREGIONAL



Why Sub-regional approach?



ICPDR/UNDP, Vienna, April, 2005

- In specific part of the Region you get closer to **geographic socio-economic problem**



SOLUTION

Sava RB Conflicts and solutions

- Navigation/high ambitions
- Maintenance of river bed/gravel abstraction
- Pollution
- Hydropower
- floods
- Extensive retention areas
- Flood control
- High biodiversity

In focus

- Start with feasibility studies for SD (multipurpose economic uses) on **transboundary** section of the river to avoid conflicts - create synergies!
- Good ecological status of water environment should be in the focus

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Integrate the “sectoral problem”



- Navigation is No 1
- Navigation: is one of economic activities in RB



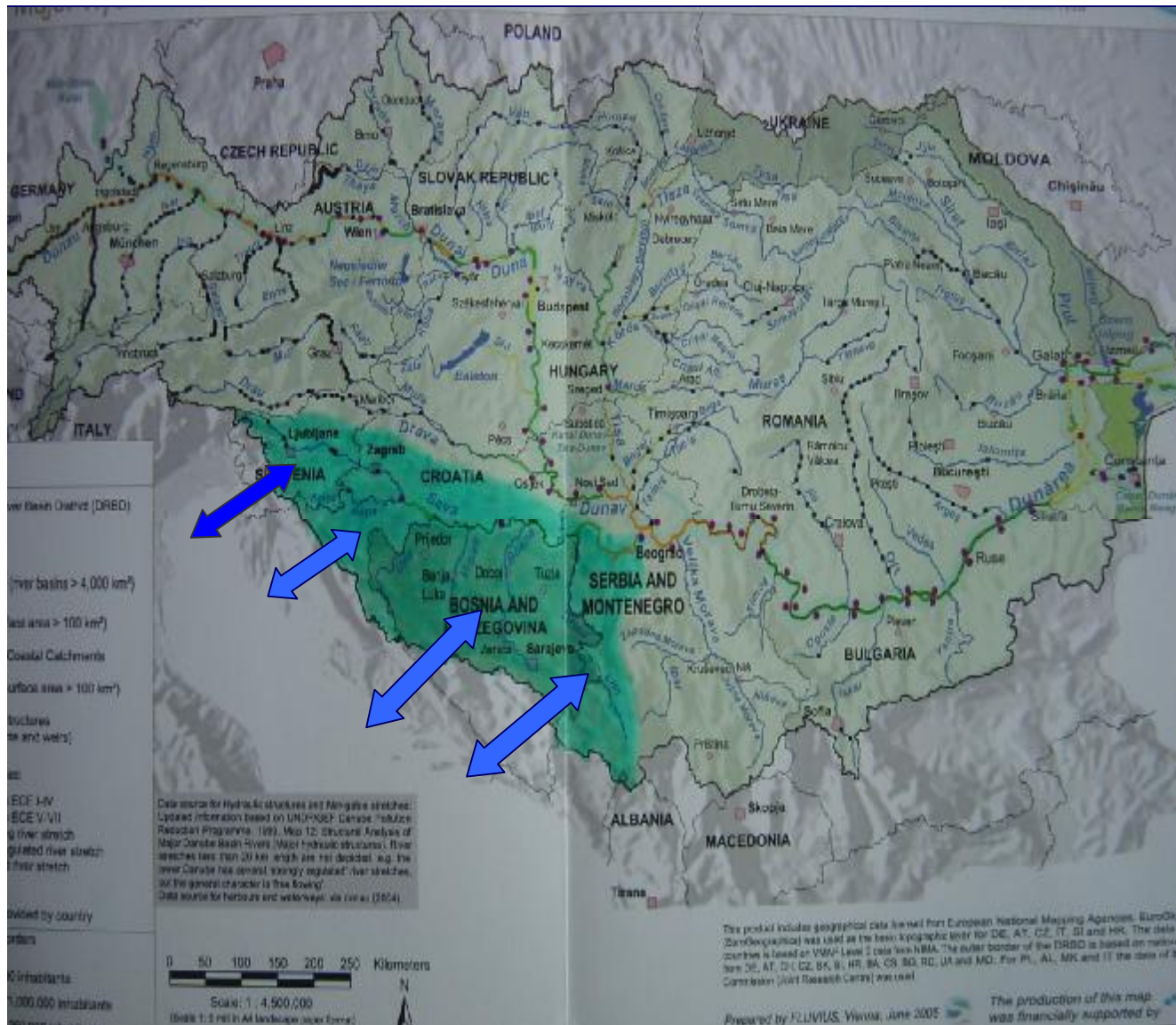
- Protocol for Navigation
- FASRB – EU WFD approach

Interregional cooperation

- Reason: specific RB characteristic
- Ecosystem approach
- Subregional/integrated approach for shared water resources management needed

Dinaric karst aquifer

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karst
hydromorphology

Adriatic is Challenge for SD



- The maximum of precipitation in Mediterranean
- reach fresh water resources
- Climate change
- Challenge to export fresh water from Adriatic basin

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Adriatic is Black Sea of Mediterranean



- Growing Pressures from LBS and Navigation
- Adriatic ECO region/EU Marine Strategy
- PSSA/IMO
- Adriatic Sea Partnership

ICPDR - MAP/UNEP cooperation

- Exchange of good-practice on regional level
- Subregional level to enhance cross-border water resources management in **Dinaric/Adriatic Ecoregion** – in focus specific RB characteristics for sustainable DEVELOPMENT in Mediterranean and Danube region

(Institute for Karst research Postojna/Slovenia, 22. September, 2006)

How to be pragmatic in RBM ?

- Local level
- National level
- Transboundary level
- Regional level
- EU/non EU level

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Lessons learned

- Cooperation on local level
- Cooperation on national level
- Cooperation on transboundary level
- and if possible – use combine approach!

Thank You