



Venice Office



**Practical training course on sustainable sediment management
with the Sava River Basin as a showcase
Zagreb, Croatia, 15 – 18 October 2012**

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is my privilege to announce to you, on behalf of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) and UNESCO Venice Office, together with the UNESCO International Sediment Initiative (ISI) and the European Sediment Network (SedNet), the

**Practical training course on sustainable sediment management with the
Sava River Basin as a showcase**

which will be held at the

**Four Points by Sheraton Panorama Hotel, Trg Krešimira Čosića 9, Zagreb, Croatia
starting Monday, October 15, 2012 (14.00), ending Thursday, October 18, 2012 (17.30).**

Top experts from Europe and the United States will teach in this part I of the course the theoretic fundamentals on: a) sediment balance throughout the river system; b) sediment monitoring; and c) evaluation of sediment quality and quantity. Furthermore, national experts from the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina and the Republic of Serbia will present the state-of-the-art related on these three topics (a-c) for their country. Then ‘theory’ and ‘practice’ will be combined by the course participants by transferring their learning experiences into draft practical guidance on how to sustainably manage sediment in the Sava River Basin. The course connects perfectly to the implementation of the *Protocol on Sediment Management* which would be part of the *Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin*.

The course is made possible through the kind contribution of a variety of sponsors. Some more details on this course and its background are described in the attached document, i.e. the course related article in the most recent issue of the *Sava Newsflash*.

The course aims to train local experts from the Sava River Basin, involved in sediment management. However, **there is room for – and we would warmly welcome – a limited number of participants NOT originating from the Sava region to join this course**. Participation is free of charge, but travel and lodging costs are at own account.

If you are interested to participate to this course, then please as soon as possible for further, practical details directly address the contact person at the ISRBC: **Samo Grošelj**, phone: +385 1 488 69 60; +385 1 488 69 67, e-mail: sgroselj@savacommission.org or isrbc@savacommission.org

Yours faithfully,

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