

Shelter

Sava River Basin open laboratory

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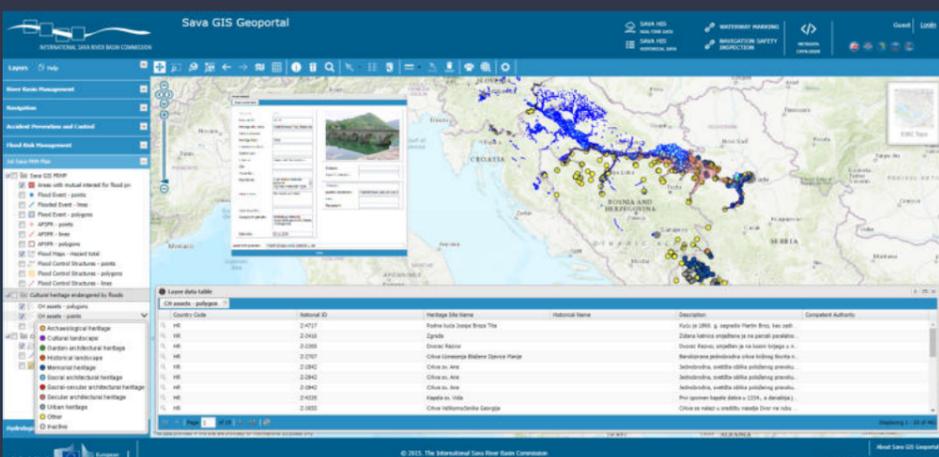
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Explanation

Sava River Basin covers: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia and hosts many UNESCO World Heritage Sites along with a very distinctive cultural and historic sites in each of countries.

Severe and increasing flooding with transboundary impact, occur over the years affecting cultural heritage, posing new challenges to conservators and heritage site managers.

A lack of quality based data and information for flood risk analysis on heritage has been recognized in addition to an obvious need for a more solid cooperation between the flood management community and heritage managers.



Result

Cultural and historical heritage sites (archaeological, architectural, sacral, memorial and garden architectural, urban, cultural landscape, historical landscape, other) located within flood prone areas have been **mapped in five riparian countries**.

Spatial and attribute data for more than 1.200 heritage assets endangered by floods have been collected, harmonized and stored into the common information platform of the Sava River Basin: the Sava GIS. Existing **Sava GIS Geoportal** and related web-based tools for processing, managing, creating, and supporting service-based data exchange have been **improved**.

Networking between relevant authorities, from six riparian countries of the Sava River Basin, responsible for the cultural heritage, flood management, emergency responders and civil protection have been **established**. The Expert Task Group, consisting of officially nominated members from 16 responsible institutions from five riparian countries, has been established to follow-up the SHELTER project implementation and as a basis for the post-project collaboration of the relevant institutions.

Built capacity and increased knowledge sharing between the different experts of the Sava River Basin through seven stakeholders workshops, many Expert Task Group meetings, several peer learning webinars, and a study tour for the Expert Task Group to The Netherlands.

The Sava Youth Parliament, platform for the younger generation living in the Sava River Basin to have their voices heard, **supported**. The 9th edition of the Sava Youth Parliament brought together students from eight schools in four riparian countries to discuss the topic 'Let's protect our cultural heritage'.

Contributed to many specific project tasks in achievement of the overall project objective and establishment of the SHELTER Operative Knowledge Framework.