



## *Sustainable Integrated Management of International River Corridors in SEE Countries*



## SEE River Project

The river and its territory has become a place where more and more interests meet: water use, flood protection, spatial planning, hydropower, agriculture, tourism, navigation, nature and biodiversity conservation and others. Variety of interests on local level and a wide scope of national legislation as well as international conventions and EU directives affecting river management raise complexity of managing local, national and international river corridors.

It often seems that these interests are incompatible, particularly in case of international river corridors. But they have a common starting point – the use of water and riparian area. Therefore, a contemporary river needs integrative and strategic approach for management based on involvement of local stakeholders and transboundary cooperation.

### How will SEE River Project address these issues?

#### Goal:

To develop SEE River Toolkit, a generally applicable model and guidance how to reach a common agreement on river management for harmonization both – the development and conservation interests of river corridors.

#### Aim:

To gain knowledge, exceeding sectoral, local and national interests to improve water status, preserve nature, biodiversity and ecosystems and to encourage development at the same time.

#### Approach:

Combination of local and transboundary approach, knowledge and experiences; from local through national to transboundary level and back with cross-sectoral reconciliation.

#### Location:

Selected river corridors on 6 SEE rivers: Drava, Bodrog, Prut, Soča, Neretva, Vjosa.

#### Team:

Partnership of experts: 26 institutions from 12 countries of South Eastern and Central Europe in cooperation with stakeholders.

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