





Sava Flood Forecasting and Warning System

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Sava river basin





- Slovenia
- 🖊 Serbia
- 🖊 Montenegro
- / Croatia
- / Bosnia and Herzegovina







Sava river basin



- Area: 97 713 km² (the second largest Danube sub-basin; share: 12%)
- Average flow at the mouth: 1722 m³/s (the largest Danube tributary)
- River length: 940 km (594 km of which is the waterway)
- Population: approx. 9 million

•	Country	Share of the basin (%)	Share of the territory (%)			
	Bosnia & Herzegovina	39.2	75.8			
	Croatia	26.0	45.2			
	Serbia	15.5	17.4			
	Slovenia	12.0	52.8			
	Montenegro	7.1	49.6			
	Albania	0.2	0.6			









Sava river basin





Sava spring - Slovenia





Sava mouth - Serbia





Tip for your next vacation?









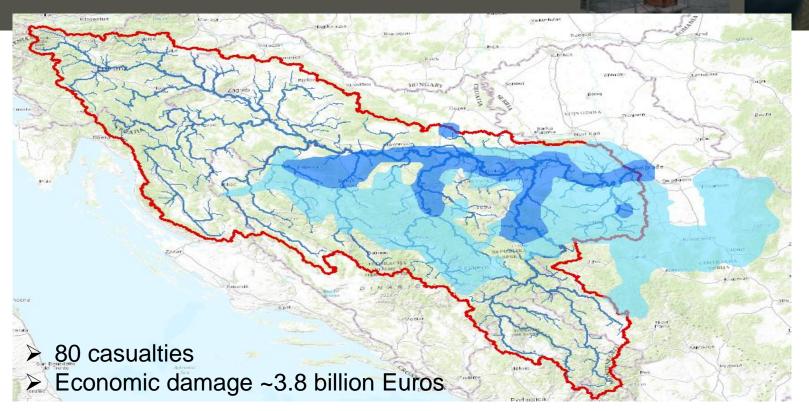








Affected communities....









Long way to the project



- > From '60s long and professional experience on hydro-meteo fc
- ➤ War in '90s → all expertise drained
- After 2014 flood:



- Improvement of Joint Flood Management Actions in the Sava Basin
- > Two components:
 - Flood Forecasting and Warning System
 - Flood Risk Management Plan







Consortium





Lead, Delft-FEWS



Data and modeling



Local expertise, data collection



Mihailo Anđelić

Independent, retired UN / FAO specialist



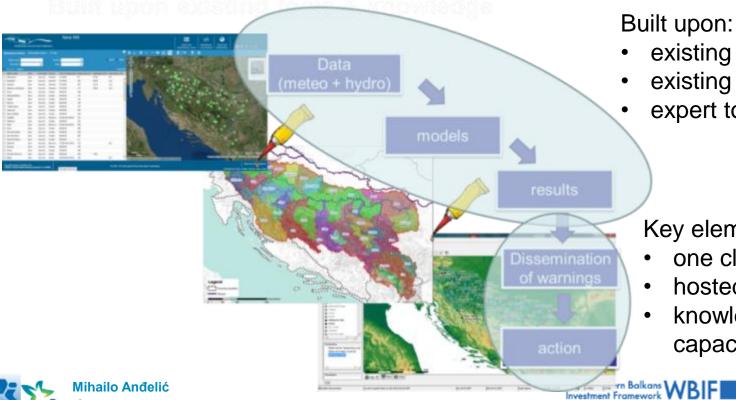




Project Scope

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Built upon:

- existing Sava HIS
- existing models
- expert tool for forecasters

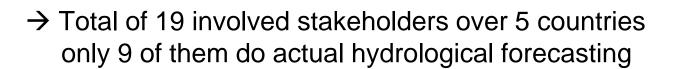
Key elements:

- one client-server platform
- hosted at 4 locations
- knowledge transfer & capacity building



Stakeholders

"5 countries"
Internat. Sava River Basin Commission
Hydrometeorological Services
Water Management Agencies
Ministeries











Stakeholder involvement



Country Working Group

→ To secure the input of the **local interests**, knowledge and workflows

International Working Group

- → To harmonize the input of the Country Working groups
- → Discuss international elements of Sava FFWS
- → Test the milestone products before Steering Board meetings

Steering Board

- → To monitor FFWS development
- → Responsible for final **decision** and resolving issues if they arise
- → Assist Project team and share their opinion about the deliverables to WB and beneficiaries





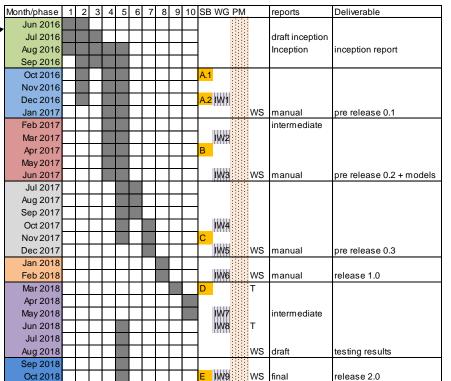




Project Planning



June, 2016



Inception phase
Data and GIS information
Models in FFWS
Uncertainty and forecasting
Testing
Testing by users
Finalization

WS Work shop

SB Steering board

WG International work group

PM Project management

T Training

meetings

monthly meeting



Oct 31, 2018

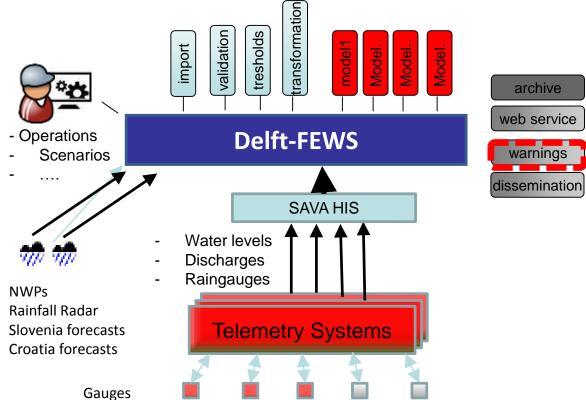
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Components in Sava FFWS







Model implementations



Models	NWP		Default Run		Manual User Run					
	Hydrological	Hydraulic	Aladin SI +	Aladin HR + ECMWF	ECMWF EPS	NMMB	WRF BiH	WRF MNE	WRF MNE 3km	WRF SRB
Basin	HEC-HMS Sava	HEC-RAS Sava	Х		Х	Х			Х	Х
BA/RS/ME	WFlow (BA/RS/MNE)		Х		Х	Х			Х	Х
	Mike-NAM (HR)	Mike 11 Croatia		Х						
	Mike-NAM Una (BA)	Mike 11 Una		Х						
	HBV-light Bosna (BA)		Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х
	HEC-HMS Sava	HEC-RAS Bosna (ISRBC)	х		х	х			х	х
Local	HEC-HMS Sava	HEC-RAS (BA) [9]	Х		Х	Х			Х	Х
LOCAI	Mike-NAM Vrbas	Mike 11 Vrbas	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х
	Wflow MNE		Х		Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
	HEC-HMS Kolubara (SRB)	HEC-RAS Kolubara (SRB) [17]	х		х	х			х	х
	HBV (SRB) [5] Jadar, Kolubara, Tamnava, Ub, Ljig		х		х	х			х	х

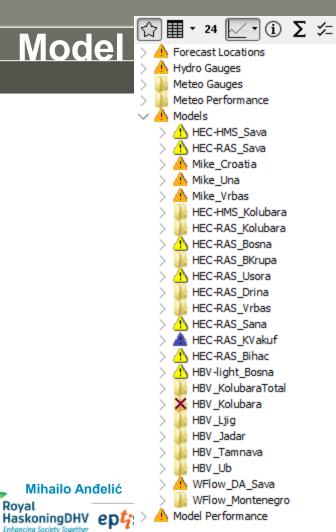


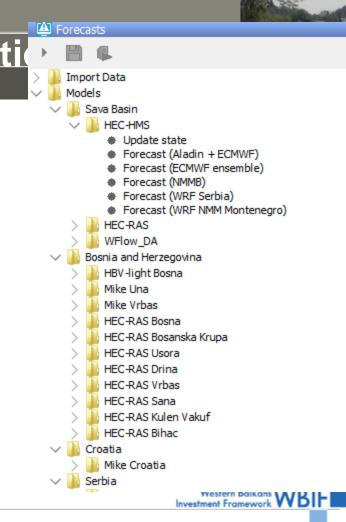




Model

Roval







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Hosting

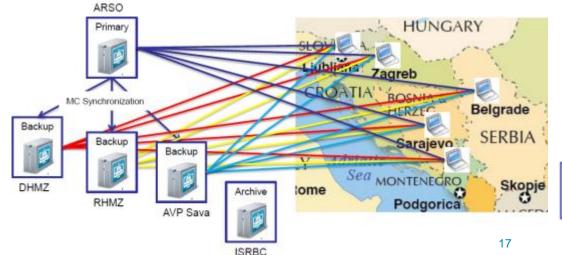
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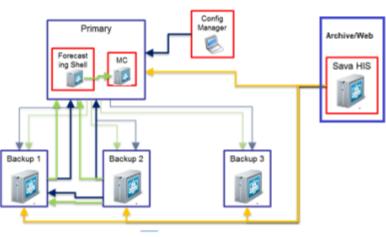
1st Backup and Testing server: RHMZ Serbia

2nd Backup server: AVP Sava (Sarajevo)

3rd Backup server: DHMZ Croatia

Web/Archive server and SavaHIS: ISRBC (Zagreb)





Events

Sava

→ Stakeholder involvement

- Kick off
- Inception Workshop
- Pre-releases
- Training IT staff
- Training of forecasters
- Workshops and meetings
- Webinars









Events: Pre-release 0.1 – Feb.2017 - Ljubljana sava





24 participants

Client-server at ARSO Full telemetry and NWP collection







Events: Pre-release 0.2 – June 2017 - Ljubljanasse



31 participants

Client-server at ARSO
Full telemetry and NWP collection
Models included







Events: Pre-release 0.3 – Dec. 2017 - Ljubljana sava



31 participants

Client-server at 4 hosts
Full telemetry and NWP collection
Models included, uncertainties,
data assimilation, flood maps
All features prior to testing





Events: Release 1.0 – Mar. 2018 - Belgrade



33 participants
Start of pre-operational testing









Trainings

- Along with pre-releases
- IT staff
- Forecasters round 1, March 2018
 (Zagreb + Sarajevo)
- Forecasters round 2, June 2018
 (Zagreb + Belgrade)
- → Key to (sometimes very needed) knowledge transfer





Events: Evaluation - Sept. 2018 - Belgrade



34 participants
Finalization towards release 2.0









Events: Release 2.0, Oct 25 - Final delivery



Official start of operational use by 9 forecasting institutions + ISRBC

Final delivery

Project closure

Start of post-project phase













Splash screen





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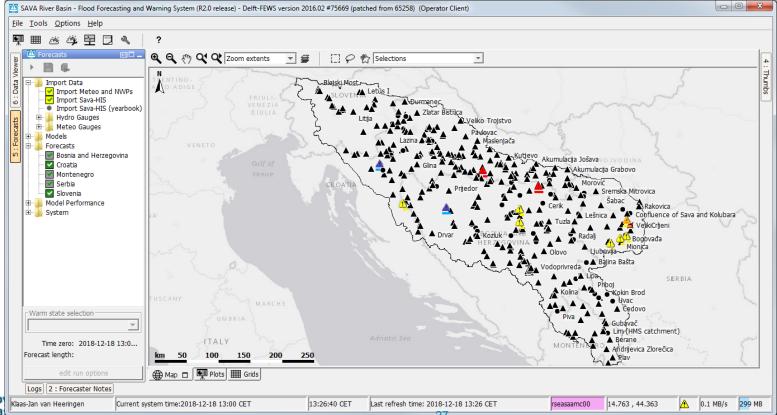
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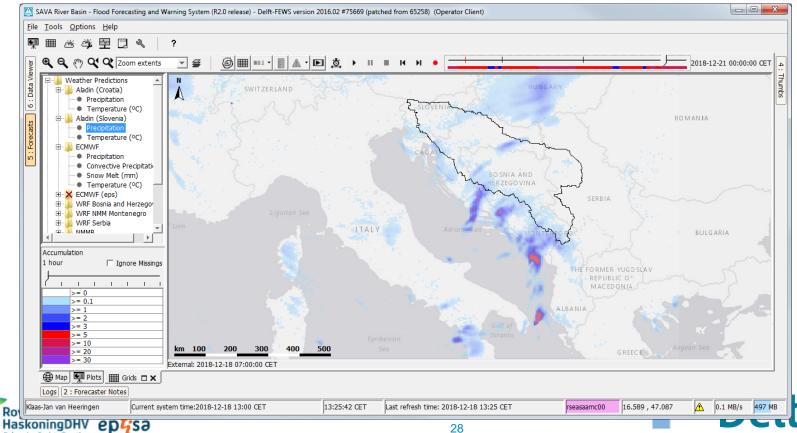












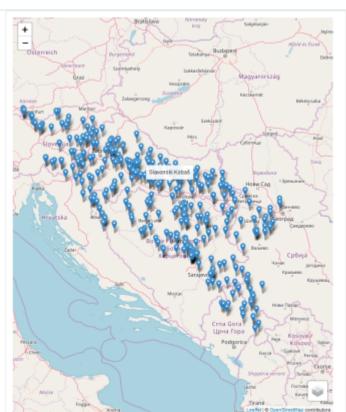


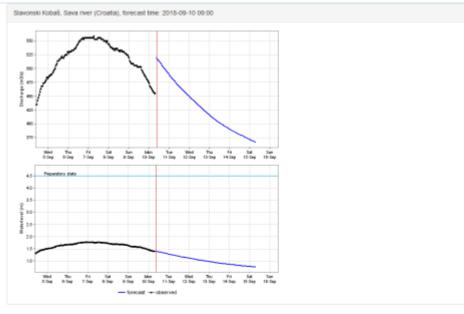




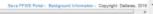
Web Portal











Post Project Organization



Three organizational levels:

- 1. Real-time operations (using the system)
- 2. Support and maintenance
- 3. Developments



Using various levels of communication and decision making MoU in preparation (update March '19: almost to be signed)







Sava FFWS and it's future potential



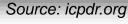
Identify and facilitate developments:

- Gap analysis (topics)
- Post Project Organization (process)
- Implementation of full DRM cycle

Awareness and looking for future products and users:

- Operational Water Management
- Navigation
- Tourism
- Hydropower
- Design
- Policy making (flood management plans)











Conclusions

Sava

- Sava FFWS is ready for operational use
- Focus to PPO and Gaps
- The Sava FFWS is solid platform for transboundary cooperation
- The Sava FFWS is solid platform for future extension



→ Not the first transboundary/int'l forecasting system, but benchmark for others!?







Questions







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