



"Is the Drava River Basin management sustainable and well on the way?"

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

it is our pleasure to invite you to the **International Symposium "Drava River Vision"**, which will take place in **Maribor, Slovenia**, Conference Hall of Hotel Piramida, Ul. Heroja Šlandra 10, on **23 and 24 September 2008**, finishing with a field trip on **25 September 2008**.

The International Symposium is organized by the Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of Carinthia, Department of Water Management, with assistance of the Environmental Agency of the Republic of Slovenia, Section Drava River Sub-Basin, and with the support of the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia and the Austrian Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management.

About the International Symposium "Drava River Vision"

The common European water related legislation, in particular the Habitat Directive, the Birds Directive, the Water Framework Directive, the Renewable Energy Sources Directive and the Flood Directive, gives a framework to develop the processes and practices for sustainable river basin management. The transboundary cooperation and knowledge-transfer among the countries in the transboundary river basins - such as the Drava River Basin - is therefore an additional challenge on the way to sustainability in the field of river basin management.

The International Symposium "Drava River Vision" is aimed as a meeting of nature protection, water management, hydropower and land use planning related officials, professionals and NGOs from the Drava River riparian countries, Italy, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary. Exchanges of good practices and possible solutions to the recognized problems with the emphasis on potential synergies will be suggested and discussed during the Symposium. The final outcome of the International Symposium "Drava River Vision" will result in the "Drava River Vision Memorandum of Understanding". It will give a framework for nature protection, hydropower and water management institutions and individual professionals to effectively implement best practices and activities that will contribute to achieving the sustainability goals.

Revised programme, registration form and hotel booking form

Enclosed, please find the revised programme, the registration form and the hotel booking form. The Symposium is open to all and free of charge. Costs of the field trip are estimated on 25,00 €. The official language of the Symposium is English.

Please, fill in the registration form until **20 August 2008** (limited number of places available).

Poster session

During the Symposium, a poster session will be organized in the lobby of the conference hall. Participants are welcome to send abstracts (300 words) and contact details of authors until 20 August 2008 to dravariversion@izvrs.si. Notification of acceptance is foreseen for 1 September 2008. Please mind dimensions 98 cm x 140 cm.

More information

You are kindly invited to visit the website: <http://www.life-drau.at> or to contact the organizing committee by e-mail: dravariversion@izvrs.si or by phone: +386 1 47 75 361.

Yours sincerely,

Norbert Sereinig, LIFE Project »Life Vein Upper Drau River« manager, Government of Carinthia, Department of Water Management, Klagenfurt, Austria

Dr. Aleš Bizjak, Symposium Project Committee coordinator, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia



Institut
for Water of
the Republic
of Slovenia

