

Enhancing flood and drought resilience along the River Drava



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partnering with Virovitica-Podravina county

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Virovitica-Podravina County (HR)



OBJECTIVES

The border region along the **Drava river** to become a **resilient, integrated and sustainable river basin system**, where the effects of **climatic challenges** (including the following issues: floods, inland waters, local water damage, droughts) are effectively managed through **coordinated, knowledge-based and community cooperation**, ensuring the protection of ecosystems and human life.

The goal of the planned action plan was to plan activities - on the long-term - aiming at **water retention management** and **sustainable land use**, which includes examination of the utilization of low-lying areas less suitable for **agricultural cultivation for water retention**, promoting the rehabilitation of **water cycles** in small regions, enabling regular shallow water flooding in many areas, and helping the establishment of **floodplain landscape management** pilot areas on the long term.

RESULTS

- Involvement and cooperation of experts
- Data collection and mapping
- Workshops
- Action Plan
- Climate adaptation conference

KEY LESSONS

One of the main positive results of the project is not just the creation of the action plan itself as a document, but the professional dialogue between the actors.

The action plan does not set out development and investment proposals aimed at preventing drought and flood situations, but it does respond to the development and strengthening of the action plan aspects expected under the Resilient Borders initiative