

## **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: Rivers inspire the younger generation**

Young people were the focus for Danube Day in Bosnia and Herzegovina. On the banks of spectacular rivers across the country, children paid tribute to the Danube by creating artworks, reciting poetry and learning about river science in the beautiful surroundings.

Schools once again took part in the *Danube Art Masters* competition organised by the Society for the Protection and Advancement of Environment, Nature and Health (EKOTIM) and supported by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC CEE). Part of a basin-wide challenge to pupils across the region, pupils were invited to let their creativity run wild and make a piece of art inspired by their river. Gradačac resident Huskić Nermina, with his reconstruction of a medieval fortress in sand and wood, fought off stiff competition from more than 60 other entries from 18 schools to be crowned Bosnia and Herzegovina's young *Art Master* of 2006.

Art, language, biology and chemistry were combined at a series of educational river days across the country. On the River Sana near Prijedor (in the north-west), the River Bosna at Dobož (in the north) and the River Drina at Gorazde (in the south-east), children, teachers and others celebrated Bosnia and Herzegovina's magnificent rivers with poetry, painting and learning. Organised by the Republic Directorate for Water, the Sava River Basin Public Enterprise and schools, the beauty and tranquillity of the surroundings instilled a sense of pride in the children and a feeling of empathy with others across the region.

The capital, Sarajevo, didn't miss out on the festivities either with the hosting of a conference to review the national Water Quality Management Plan. With support from Carl Bro, experts from the ministries of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, the Republic Directorate for Water, the Sava River Basin Public Enterprise and other institutions and stakeholders from across the country gathered to discuss monitoring, impacts on drinking water aquifers

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and reservoirs and improvements required in waste-water treatment infrastructure.

**“Danube Day became an important day in Bosnia and Herzegovina: over the Sava River we are sending ours greetings to the Danube family!”  
Dilista Hrkas, Public enterprise "Watershed of the Sava River", Sarajevo**

### **Partners**

Ministries of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management from both entities, Republic Directorate for Water • Public Enterprise “Watershed of the Sava River” • EKOTIM (Society for the Protection and Advancement of Environment, Nature and Health) • Sava River Basin Public Enterprise • Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina) • Carl Bro (Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina) • Institutes for Education from both entities • local schools •

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