



Danube Day in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Festivities will take place in both the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Republika Srpska, where the River Bosna and its tributary, the Miljacka, will form the backdrop for the celebrations. In the north, **Doboj**, one of the oldest cities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, will host Republika Srpska's Danube Day. While in the centre of the country, the residents of **Sarajevo** will be saluting the Danube rivers. Events will include: meetings to discuss river monitoring; radio shows to engage popular support and activities aimed at children and teachers.

Once again, school children will be competing to become the young **Danube Art Masters** of Bosnia-Herzegovina. This creative extravaganza, part of a Basin-wide competition involving pupils from 14 countries is run by the Danube Environmental Forum. The challenge to pupils is to let their creativity run wild and make a piece of art inspired by their river - whether it be a sculpture, painting, pavement art or photograph. By entering, children are encouraged to think and act for their rivers and consider the multitude of peoples dependent on them.

The sound of ship horns will reverberate across the Danube Basin at 14:00 on Danube Day, as Danube workers pay a very special tribute to their river – a river that provides them with food, water, power, recreation and, crucially, their livelihoods. The annual **Greet the Danube ship blast**, organised by the Global Water Partnership (GWP), will see ships along the Danube rivers from Germany to Ukraine simultaneously sound their horns in a salute to them.

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The Danube rivers: let's use them – not abuse them!

For general information about the 14-country Danube Day celebrations, view www.danubeday.org or email the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River: jasmine.bachmann@unvienna.org.