

Danube Day 2008 in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Radio waves make Danube waves

Danube Day was marked in both the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Republika Srpska, where the River Bosna, its tributary the Miljacka, and the River Vrbas formed the backdrop for events.

In the centre of the country, Sarajevo celebrated Danube Day with a special radio show entitled "For Every Drop of Clean Water." The broadcast gave water managers the chance to engage the wider public in Danube issues and outline the Danube Convention and national obligations.

In the north, Dobojski, one of the oldest cities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, hosted Republika Srpska's Danube Day with a meeting to discuss recent developments in water monitoring. National experts from the field of water management, as well as representatives from the media and the Spanish Agency for International Development and Cooperation, came together to address requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive. They also discussed issues regarding the International Commission for the Protection of the River Danube (ICPDR) and the Sava Commission.

In Banja Luka, the Health for All organisation hosted the "Second International Congress on Ecology, Health, Work and Sport" with delegates from Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnian university students and the media.

"Water is our treasure!"

(Slogan in a village school in Petrovo, Republika Srpska)

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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.