



Danube Day 2009 in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Celebrating the Bosna, Sava and Danube rivers

Danube Day was marked in both the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina and in Republika Srpska, with the River Sava, and its tributary, the Bosna, forming the backdrop for events.

In the north, **Doboj**, one of the oldest cities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, hosted Republika Srpska's Danube Day with a pop concert at the Gradina Fort to stimulate discussion of environmental issues among school children. Organised by the Agency for the Development of Regional Tourism (ROTOR, Doboj), Bosnian pop star, Igor Vukojevic, was a big hit at the event, where young people also debated environmental issues and re-enacted historical events at the fort.

A special **radio broadcast** on Radio Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo also focused on environmental issues, highlighting the country's transboundary rivers and the need for cross border cooperation. The broadcast promoted the international Sava and Danube Days as well as World Environmental Day.

Water sampling took place on the River Bosna, organised by the Water Agency for the River Sava District (Bijeljina) and the Sava Water Catchment Area Agency (Sarajevo) as part of a GEF project.

2009 also saw the 6th year of the **Danube Art Master** contest: the annual search to find the most creative young artist in the Danube region. This international schools competition, overseen by the Danube Environmental Forum, challenges every pupil in the Basin to create a piece of environmental art inspired by their local river. The only rules are that you should be as creative as possible and think about what the Danube means to you.

Danube Day Partners

Water Agency for the River Sava District (Bijeljina); Sava Water Catchment Area Agency (Sarajevo); Agency for the Development of Regional Tourism (ROTOR, Doboj); Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Radio (Sarajevo); Ekotim (Society for the Protection and Advancement of Environment, Nature and Health).

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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 (ICPDR): jasmine.bachmann@unvienna.org.