

Workshop in Serbia

The first Serbian national workshop was held online on June 2, 2021. Due to reduced impact of COVID-19 pandemic it was decided that the workshop will be organized in the so-called hybrid form with strict anti-COVID measures applied. Presenters and organizers met in-person at the venue place while other participants participated meeting via video link. The aim of the workshop was to present the project and analyse the current situation in the field of flood, accident pollution and emergency response management. Workshop was organized by the Jaroslav Černi Water Institute and Public water company Srbijavode.

The workshop was attended by 11 different institutions / organizations coming from the territory of the Republic of Serbia and partner countries, with 24 participants who made a significant contribution and participated in drafting the annexes - the basis for Analysis of the current situation in the field of flood protection, accidental pollution and emergency situation management in Serbia.

Although there were not as many participants in this workshop as in the previous ones, the workshop was very successful, due to a dynamic discussion between WACOM project partners and workshop participants. Topics related to the current state of civil protection, water management and river navigation from the aspect of floods and accidental pollution were discussed during the workshop. In the discussion, participants exchanged their experiences, different views and gave constructive proposals to improve the final document Analysis of the current situation in the field of flood protection, accidental pollution and emergency situation management in Serbia, as well improving the overall situation a more effective system of prevention and response to floods and accidental pollution. Furthermore, project partners presented the overall activities and plan of the WACOM project and the key activities of the International Sava River Basin Commission. A special section was dedicated to the presentation of the system for information exchange and coordination of participants in emergency situations (Incident Command System - ICS) with particular emphasis on elements 207 (Incident Organization Chart), 209 (Incident Status Summary), and IAP (Incident Action Plan).

All participants approved the WACOM project and expressed a strong commitment to further participation in the project.