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# **Cross-sectoral River Corridor Management – Reaching agreement on the Drava River Corridor Regional Development Concept in Slovenia**

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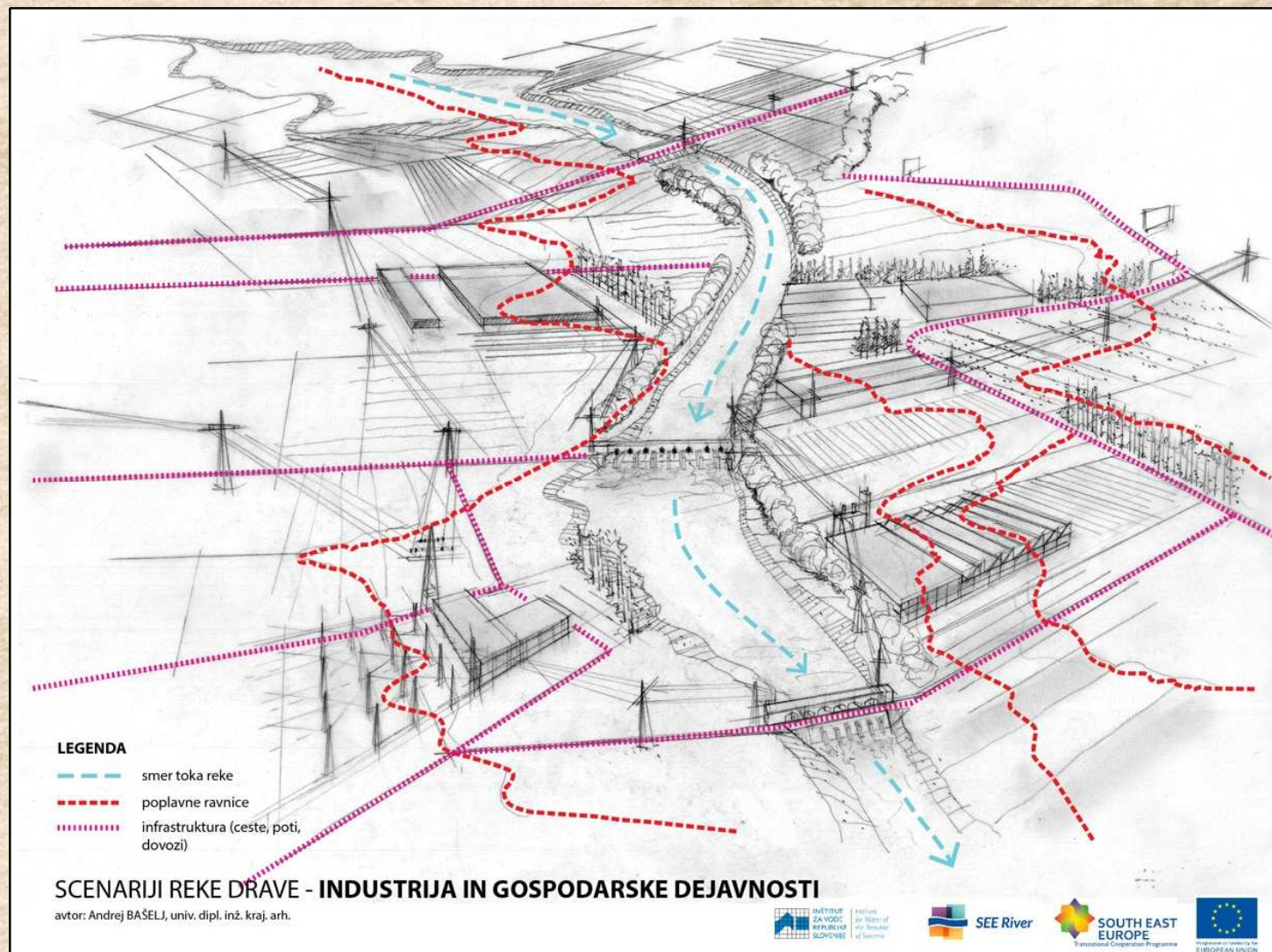


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# Why regional development concept





## Slovenian Lower Drava river corridor - state of play

- channel type HPP chain
- Natura 2000 site
- tourism potential
- flood damage





## Slovenian Lower Drava river corridor - state of play

- lack of integration between sectoral plans and procedures
- weak municipality cooperation
- no regional spatial planning



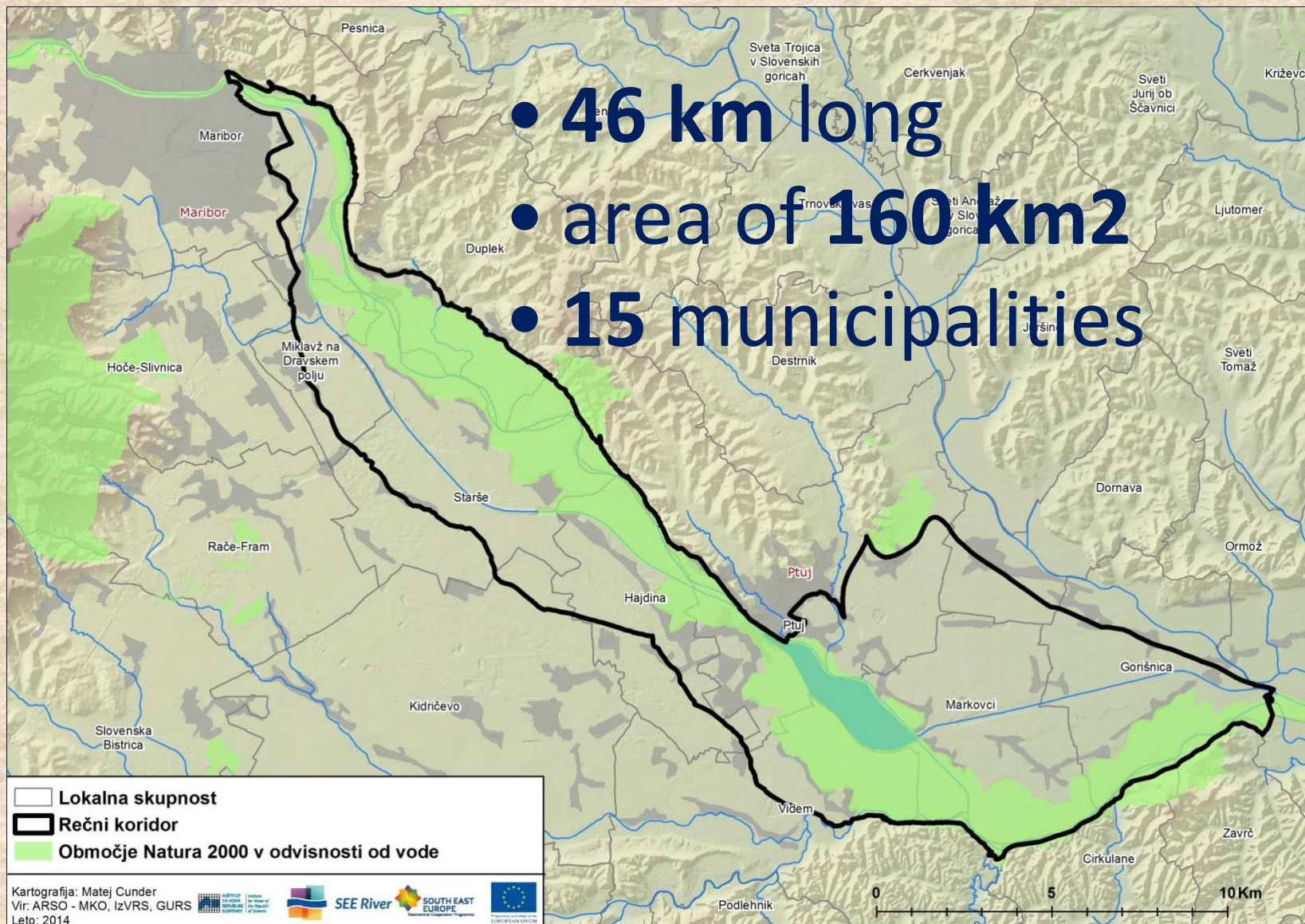


## **Drava river corridor development concept (DRC DC)**

- coordinated cross-sectorally on local, regional, national and international level
- focused on development of all economic activities based on natural resources of the corridor
- with stakeholder participation
- **main objectives:**
  - improve the state of the environment and quality of living
  - reduce the amount of environmental risks
  - ensure the sustainable use of local natural resources
  - take advantage of spatial attractiveness of the region
  - rationally guide investments

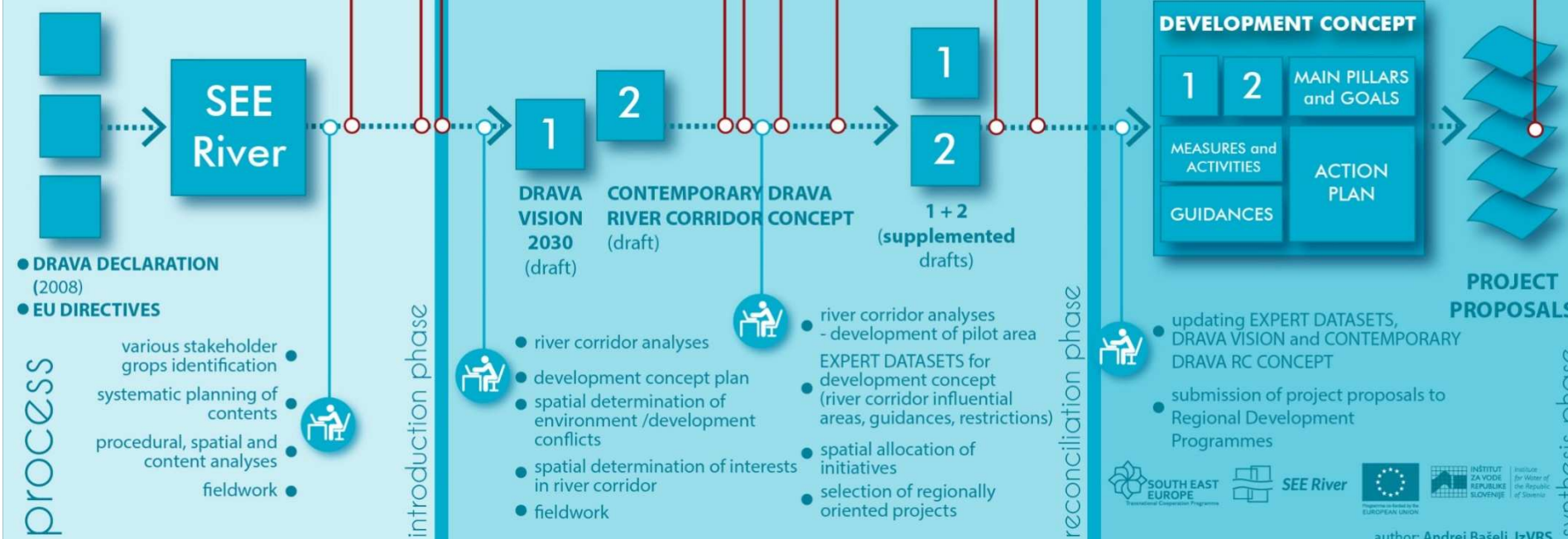
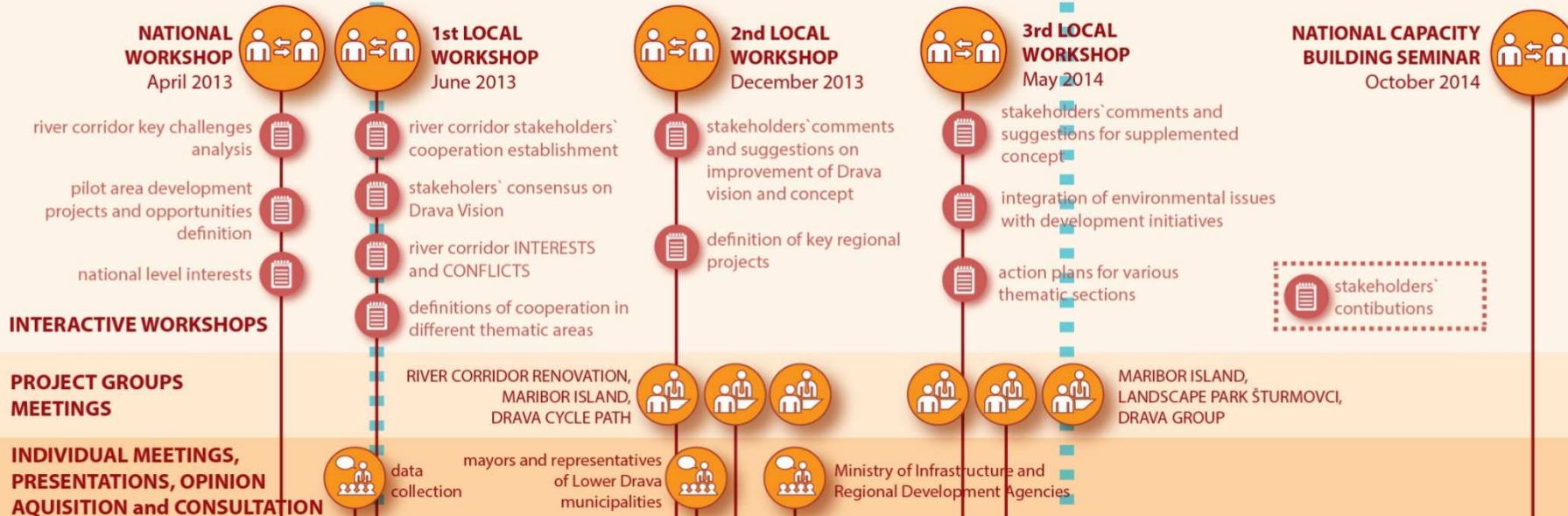


## Definition of the river corridor between Maribor and Zavrč



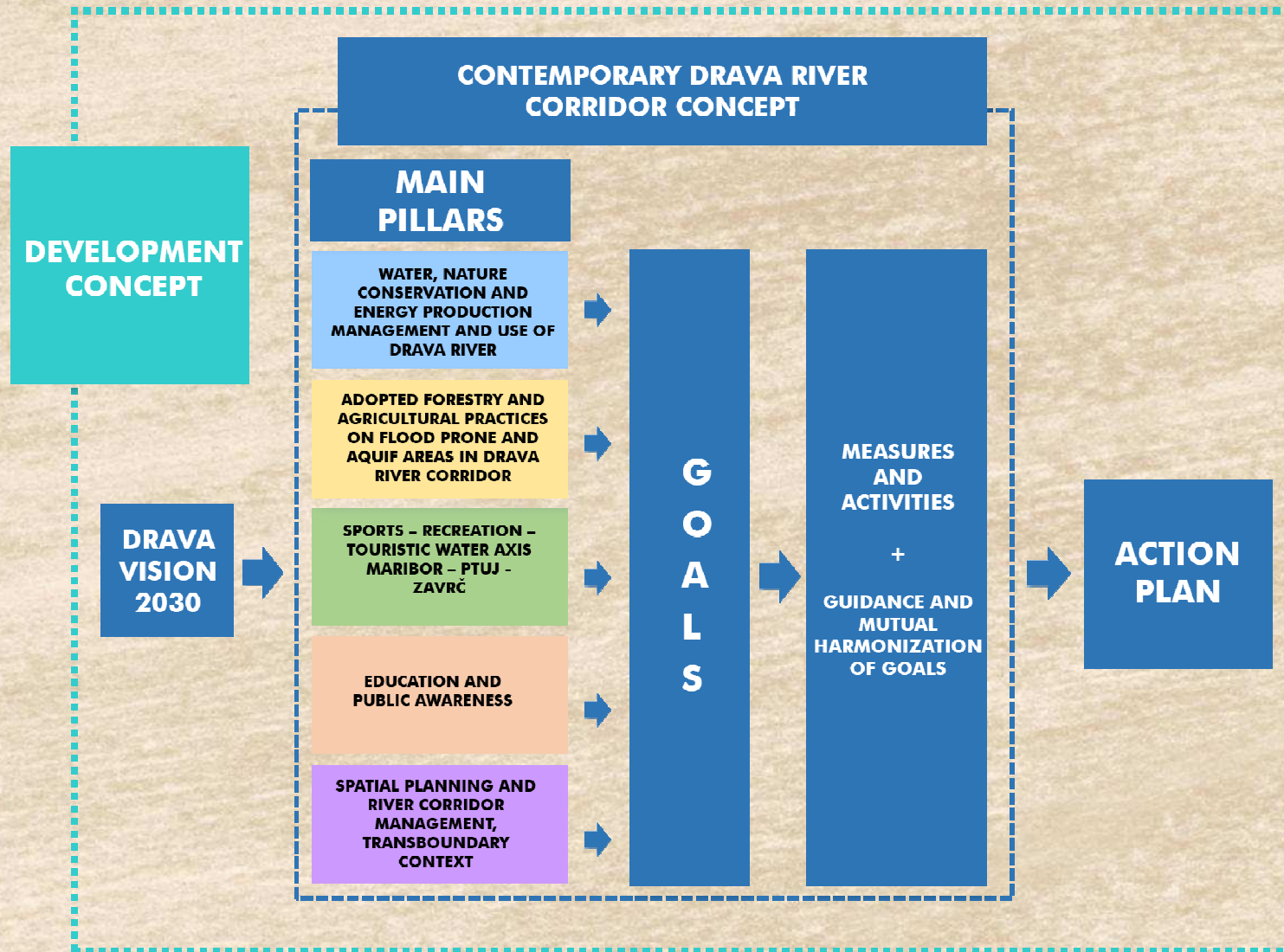


different levels of active stakeholders' involvement

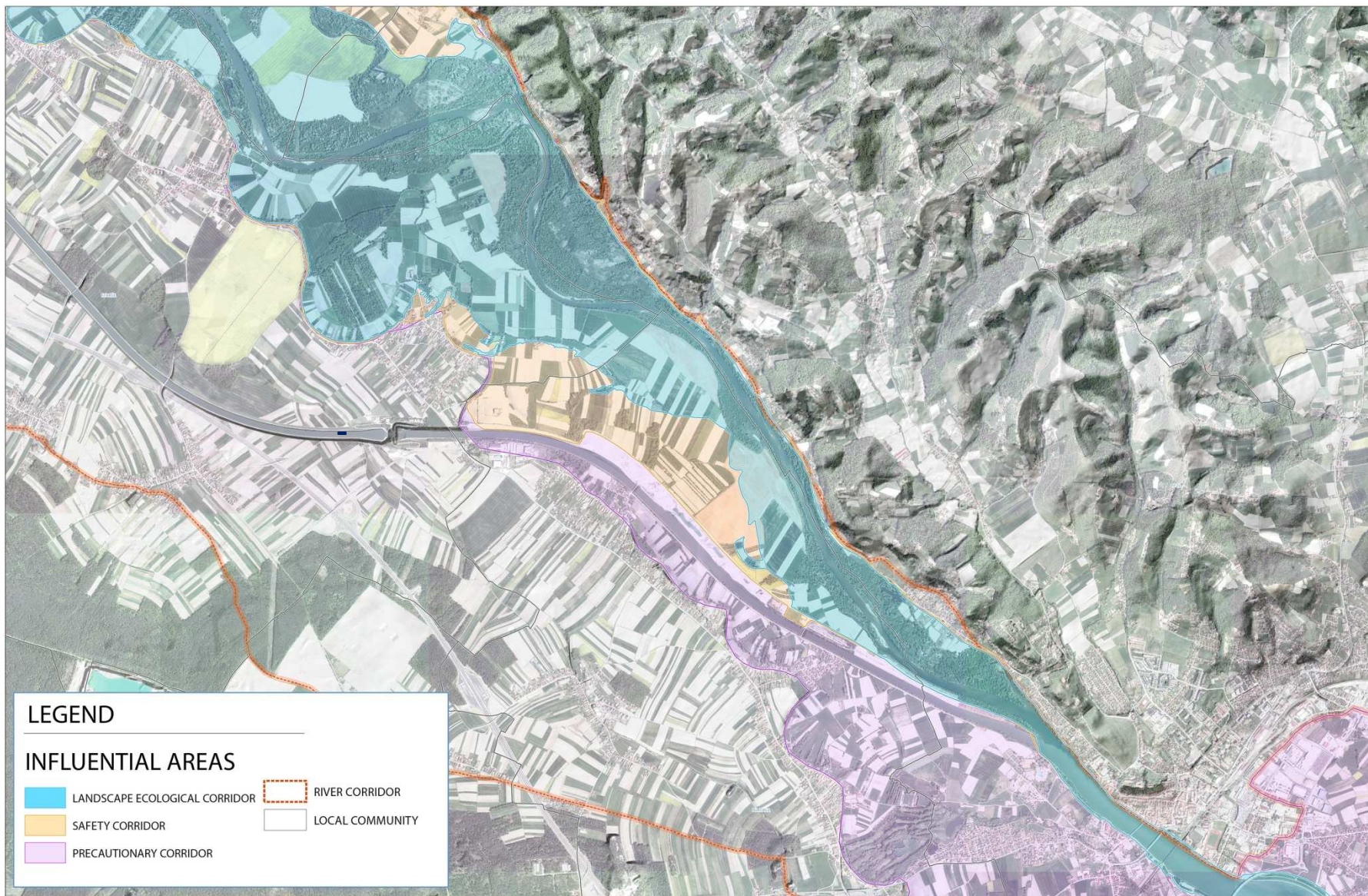




# The structure of DRC development concept







## LEGEND


### INFLUENTIAL AREAS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
|  LANDSCAPE ECOLOGICAL CORRIDOR |  RIVER CORRIDOR  |
|  SAFETY CORRIDOR               |  LOCAL COMMUNITY |
|  PRECAUTIONARY CORRIDOR        |   |

DRAVA 2030 DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT

## RIVER CORRIDOR INFLUENTIAL AREAS

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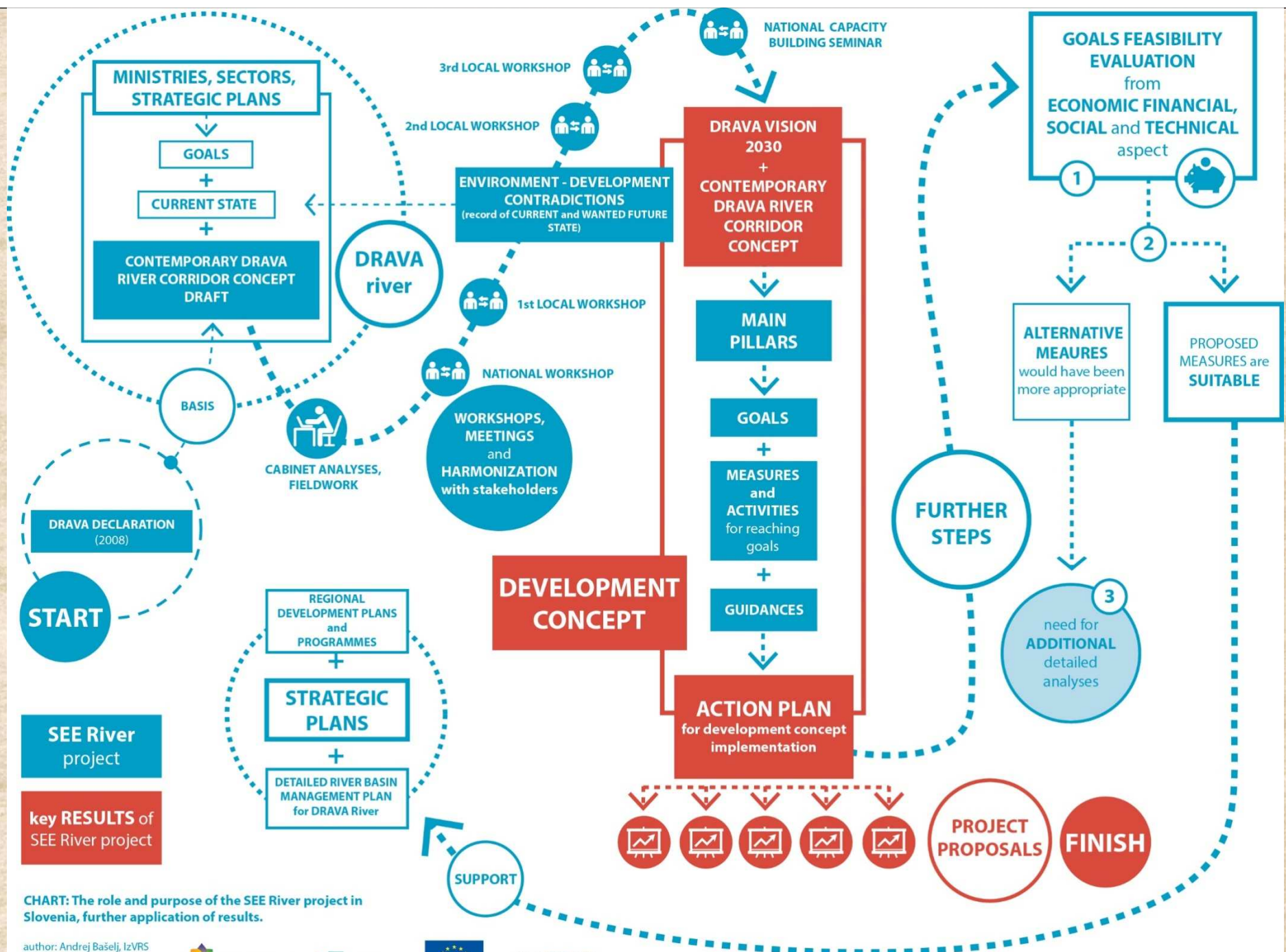
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## Lessons learned

- River corridor development concept addresses complex problems – also solutions are complex and hard to reach
- long-term process is needed for bigger changes





## Lessons learned

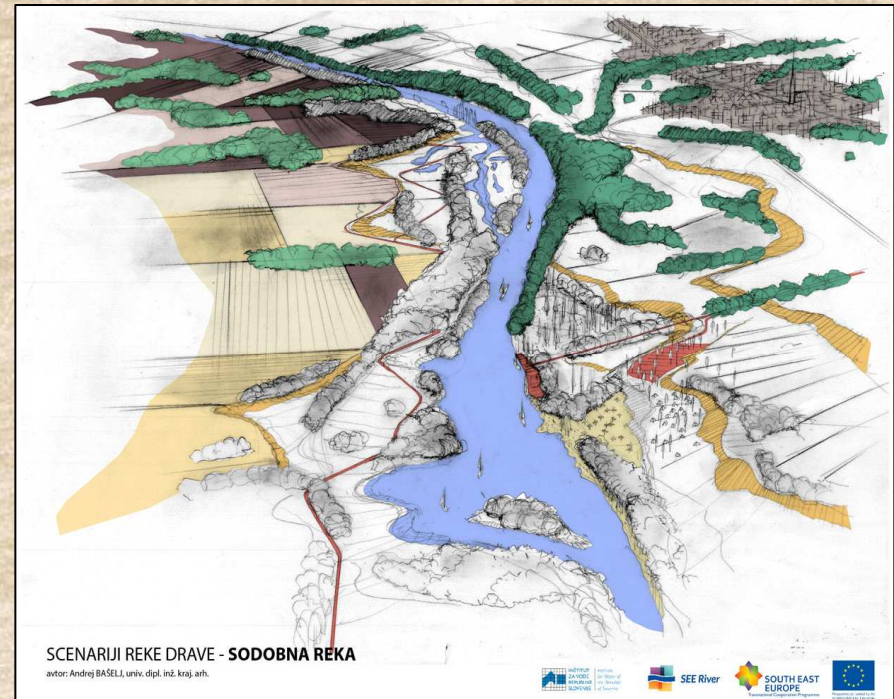
- wide participatory approach took a lot of time
- time management and the amount of work represented a serious challenge, put more focus in time and work planning!





## Lessons learned

- visualizations of possible development scenarios helped the stakeholders to decide
- because we stressed out our “neutral” status and moderated the workshops in that way stakeholders thought also beyond their sectoral frame





## Agreement on development of river corridor, agreements for future projects





## Stakeholder involvement , democratically reached solutions



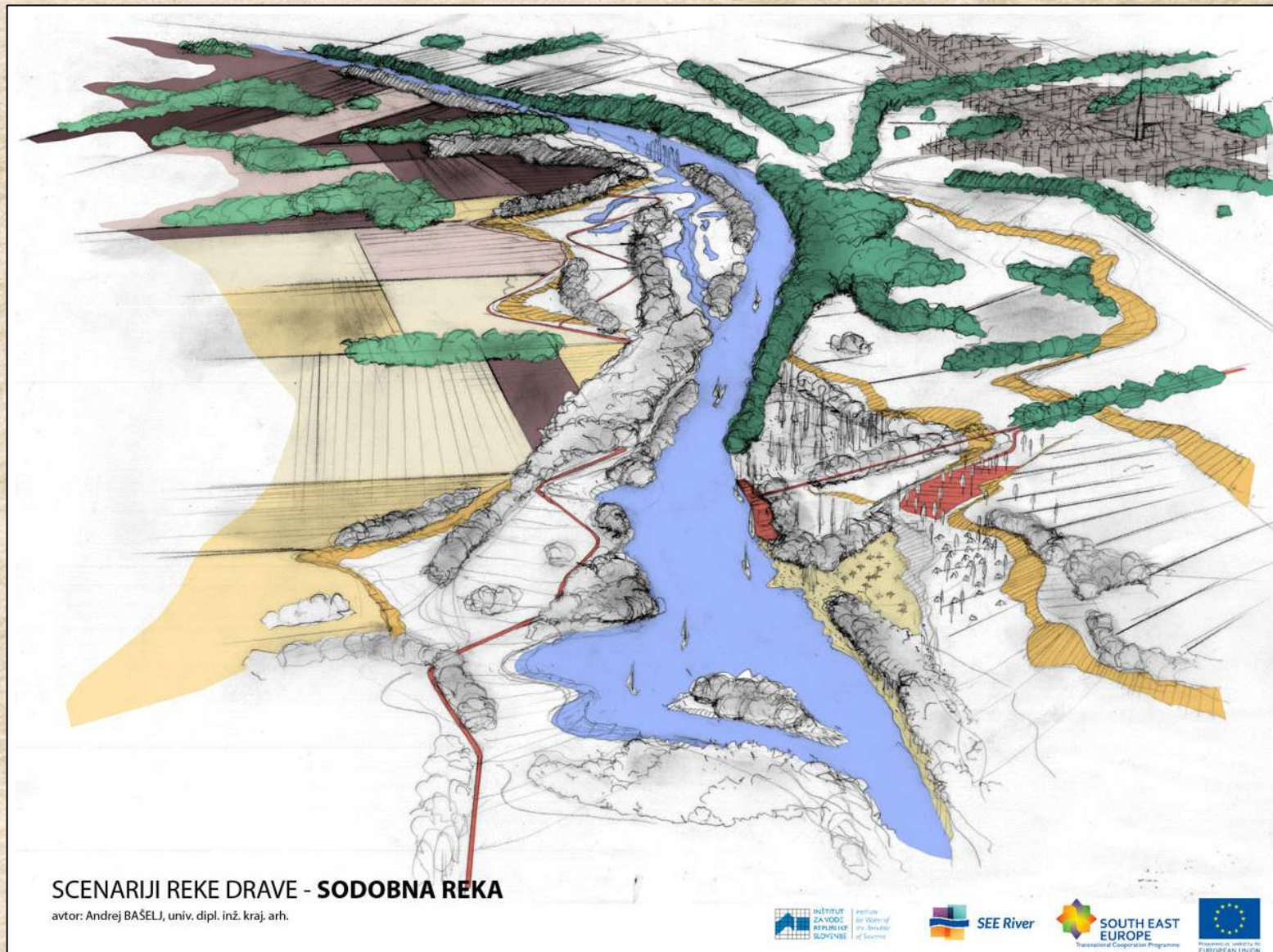


## Better cross- sectoral cooperation, cooperation of municipalities





**River corridor development concept can be successful tool  
to start the process of river “modernization”!**







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