



Integrated Social Approach - The Ljubljanica River And The Gradaščica River Case Study

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ABSTRACT

The present paper aims at presenting the urban Ljubljanica River from Ambrož Square to the Špica with the Gradaščica stream to the bridge in Riharjeva Street and the Mali Graben, set as case examples of good practice in managing urban water body regimes. After 1990, water quality in the Ljubljanica River started to improve, this being the basic condition for several riparian activities, especially recreational activities. An improved water quality has enabled navigation for tourist needs, which has been developing gradually. The problem remains the insufficient bank regulation and a general disorganization of activities.

The analysis of social interests was carried out within a limited scope. Random (adult) individuals were interviewed who were found in the riparian area at the time of interviewing. The only exception was the Mali Graben River area, where an additional interviewing of landowners of land on the banks was carried out. Questions are to what extent, why and in what way would people be willing to participate in the management of the water bodies.