

# 6SAVA

## Newsletter #1

One year of boosting innovation in the Sava River region

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The first year of the project was dedicated to establishing the project's main frameworks and online presence, preparing initial technology demonstrators showcasing our technology to a broad network of engaged stakeholders, harmonizing regional R&I funding initiatives with national start specialization priorities and capacity building in the domains of IP management and technology uptake through both internal and external knowledge transfer. The pilot version of 6SAVA regional technology uptake platform was launched at the end of this period, spotlighting services and technologies intrinsic to SIXTHSENSE, tailored to meet the precise needs of end-users.

– 6SAVA coordination team

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR 1

### 6SAVA Technology Uptake Platform Launched

A major milestone in Year 1 is the launch of the **6SAVA Technology Uptake Platform** pilot. This digital hub connects stakeholders, promotes collaboration, and facilitates the adoption of technological innovations in industrial and civil protection domains.

**Find out all about the 6SAVA Platform in the next issue!**

### Mapping S3 priorities, industry needs and funding opportunities

We conducted a detailed analysis of **Smart specialization strategies (S3) priorities in Croatia and Serbia**, aligning SIXTHSENSE technologies with regional innovation goals. Additionally, we compiled a comprehensive **overview of R&I funding opportunities** to support future technology deployment.

### Pursuing funding

We submitted **3 funding applications** to expand and enhance SIXTHSENSE technological assets: 1 to EIC Transition and 2 proposals to Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

[Contact us](#) to find funding opportunities and join regional consortium to push your innovation to the market.

### Raising awareness of EU funding opportunities

We organized and actively participated in numerous events, meetings, panel discussions, lectures, workshops and podcasts, showcasing the **benefits of EU-funded programs**.

### Diverse stakeholders network

6SAVA has built a strong network with **10+ regional innovation facilitators**, **20+ industry actors** and **5+ civil protection organizations**.

A framework agreement between the **6SAVA project coordinator Tecnalía Serbia** and the **City Development Agency of Banja Luka (CIDEA)** was signed, reinforcing regional cooperation and strengthening the innovation ecosystem.

In partnership with the **Innovation Fund of Serbia**, we conducted a **series of trainings** on preparing applications for the Smart Start program, organized in several major cities in Serbia. Our questionnaire on **industry requirements** gathered valuable insights from 12 companies, with 11 expressing their interest in 6SAVA pilot projects.

[Contact us](#) to join the 6SAVA community and get access to more opportunities in the region.



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# 6SAVA USE CASES: BRINGING SIXTHSENSE TECHNOLOGY TO LIFE

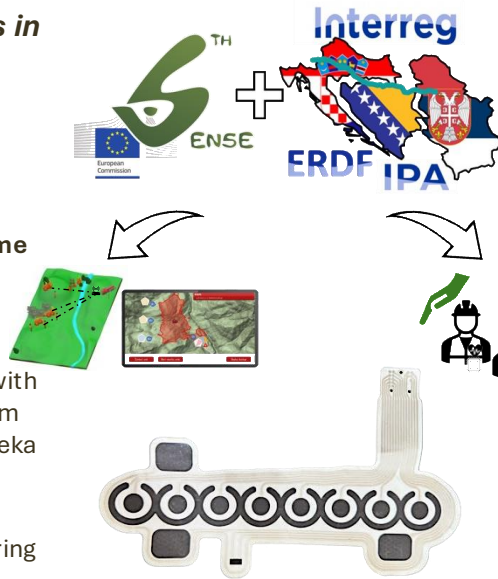
To ensure real-world deployment and impact, our **wearable health monitoring device** and **ICT solution for operational management** are being tailored for two priority applications:

## Supporting first responders in civil protection sector

**Focus:** Providing vital signs, strain and stress monitoring for firefighters and emergency response teams in hazardous conditions, while ensuring **real-time situational awareness, tracking personnel and data-driven emergency management**

**Status:** Ongoing discussions with 3 civil protection organizations from Belgrade (RS), Banja Luka (BA), Rijeka (HR) and Postojna (SI)

**Next steps:** Finalizing pilot implementation details and exploring funding opportunities



## Enhancing worker safety in Industry 4.0

**Focus:** Improving occupational safety and operational efficiency in industrial environments, including factories, construction sites and high-risk manufacturing settings

**Status:** Industry requirements analysis in progress, with 3 industrial partners engaged in further discussions

**Next steps:** Refining use-case specifications and identifying pilot deployment scenarios

## 6SAVA IN ACTION

The 6SAVA consortium actively participated in conferences, workshops, fairs, stakeholder dialogues and podcasts across the region to raise awareness and foster collaboration.



World Minds 2024  
Belgrade (RS)



3rd Serbian Int.  
Conf. on Applied AI  
Kragujevac (RS)



Pathways to Synergies  
Coordinator's Day  
Brussels (BE)



11th IcETRAN  
Niš (RS)



Horizon EU Info day  
Belgrade (RS)



The Europe House  
opening  
Belgrade (RS)



2nd Firefighter safety in  
rescue operations conf.  
Warsaw (PL)



INFOSEC 2024 Conf.  
Budva (ME)



2024 Biomedical Engineering Days  
Novi Sad (RS)



Biotech Future Forum  
AI4LIFE  
Belgrade (RS)

Innovative Serbia  
festival  
Kruševac (RS)

2nd Innovators and  
Investors Fair  
Banja Luka (BA)

Innovations through  
partnership  
Belgrade (RS)

## NEXT STEPS IN YEAR 2

Building on the strong foundation set in Year 1, in the upcoming months we will be focusing on:

### Expanding the 6SAVA Platform

Driving engagement, **onboarding new stakeholders**, and positioning the platform as a **central hub for technology adoption and collaboration**.

### Advancing pilot deployment

Finalizing the specifications for **Industry 4.0** and **civil protection** use cases and preparing for real-world pilot implementations.

### Strengthening partnerships

Expanding engagement with **regional industry actors, civil protection organizations and innovation facilitators** to drive adoption and scale impact.

### Winning the funding

Submitting new project proposals to **EU and regional funding programs** to further develop and commercialize SIXTHSENSE technologies.

### Increasing visibility

Joining key **industry and policy events**, while growing our online presence and sharing insights on **EU innovation and funding opportunities**.

Stay tuned as we take 6SAVA to the next level in Year 2!

## STAY CONNECTED

Join us to connect, collaborate and enhance the Sava River basin's innovation landscape!

