



Enabling
& Transboundary Cooperation
& Integrated Water Resources Management
in the extended **DRIN RIVER BASIN**



5th Stakeholders Conference

Podgorica, 21-22 November 2017

Agenda

In the framework of:

Memorandum of Understanding
for the Management of the Extended Transboundary Drin Basin

GEF Project “Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water
Resources Management in the Extended Drin River Basin”

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Day 1, Tuesday 21 November 2017

- 09.30 – 10.00 Welcome – Opening Remarks**
- Mr. Milutin Simović, Minister of Agriculture and Rural development of Montenegro
 - Ms. Biljana Zefic, Director of Administration of Environment
 - Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
 - Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GWP-Med

- 10.00 – 10.15 Purpose of the Meeting and Introduction to the Agenda**
- Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GWP-Med

- 10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break / Press conference**
- Respective Ministers and high level representatives will make statements to the media

10.30 – 11.30 Session 1.1
THE POLITICAL AND OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DRIN BASIN. OVERVIEW OF ACTIONS AND RESULTS

Session 1.1 will focus on the framework for the management of the Drin Basin i.e. the Drin Coordinated Action for the implementation of the Drin Memorandum of Understanding supported by the GEF Drin Project. A presentation will remind the political framework, provide an overview of the developments and results within 2017 as well as planned actions within 2018.

10.30-10.45 Report of activities implemented in 2017

10.45-11.00 Draft Action Plan for 2018

Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GWP-Med

11.00-11.30 Reflection from the representatives of the Drin Riparians and the participants

11.30 – 14:00 Session 1.2
THE DRIN TRANSBOUNDARY DIAGNOSTIC ANALYSIS

A Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) will be developed to: (i) Identify and assess transboundary basin management issues; (ii) Assess the environmental impacts and socio-economic consequences of each issue; (iii) Identify the immediate and underlying causes of these issues among the social and economic activities. Furthermore, the TDA should identify the related root causes/ drivers that ultimately create these issues. These could be information gaps on the existing environmental state, policy distortions, institutional and/or legal framework related deficiencies etc.

The TDA shall provide the necessary information that will enable the Drin Riparians to discuss and decide on the issues that will be addressed with priority as well as to negotiate and formulate a strategic programme of actions and interventions to address the causes and drivers that result in the identified issues.

Session 1.2 will explain the work done until now for the preparation of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis

Moderator: *Mr. Novak Čadjenović, GWP Med, Project Officer*

11.30-12.00 The socioeconomic background for the management of the natural resources in the Drin Basin – The TDA Thematic Report on Socioeconomics
Mr. Danco Uzunov, Point Pro Consulting
Questions and Answers

12.00-12.30 Management of the natural resources in the Drin Basin – The TDA Thematic Report on Institutional and Legal settings
Ms. Anna Maria Papaioannou, Programme Officer, GWP Med
Questions and Answers

12:30-13:00

Coffee break

13:00-13:30 The state of play in the field of Biodiversity at the Drin Basin level – The TDA Thematic Report on Biodiversity
Mr. Matjaz Harmel, ZaVita consultancy
Questions and Answer

13:00 – 14:00 Reflection from the representatives of the Drin Riparians and the participants on the way ahead

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15.00 – 17.30

Session 2.1

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING, PREVENTION & PREPAREDNESS IN THE DRIN BASIN. THE ISSUE: FLOODS IN THE BASIN, THEIR EFFECTS AND RISK OF RECURRENCE

Session 2.1 will inform the conference about the floods in the Drin Basin and sub-basins including reference on the level of importance of the incidents in terms of the effects to society and the economy; issues leading to the exacerbation of the events; response by the state and the communities; risk of recurrence.

The panel discussion will -with the participation of the stakeholders- look into the possibilities for creating the Catalogue of historical floods in the Basin.

Moderator: *Mr. Vladimir Stavric, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GWP-Med*

15.00-15.15 Prespa and Ohrid sub-basins

Ms. Anita Kodzoman, Head of Energy, Environment and Disaster Risk Management, UNDP

15:15-15:30 Black Drin sub-basin: flooding, agriculture, hydro power

Mr. Marjan Glavinceski, ELEM, HPP Black Drin Struga

15:30 -15:45 White Drin sub basin

Ms. Letafete Latifi, Hydrometeorological Institute, Director

15:45-16:15 Adriatic Sea (Shkodra/Skadar and Buna/Bojana sub-basins)

Mr. Luka Mitrović, Director, Hydro-meteorological Institute
Mr. Klodian Zaimi, IGEWE, Albania

16:15-16:30 Floods from the perspective of the local administration.

Mr. Vladislav Zupan, Municipality Struga, Black Drin
Municipality of Shkodra / Municipality of Ulcinj

16:15 -17.30 Panel Discussion

17:30 -19:00 **Cocktail low-risk Floods fair**
Informal exchange and dialogue among participants

19.00 – 20.30 **Evening Reception**

Day 2, Wednesday, 22 November 2017

09.30 – 12.00 **Session 2.2**
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING, PREVENTION & PREPAREDNESS IN THE DRIN BASIN. THE INSTRUMENTS: GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK, AVAILABLE TOOLS AND NEEDS.

The aim of Session 2.2 is to present the framework for flood management. The related legislation of each Drin Riparian defines this framework for state level action. In addition, the Drin Riparians have agreed to take action on flood management at the Drin Basin level through the Drin MoU. Agreements among institutions in the framework of projects add to the picture. Further the session will discuss the following: what do administrations do, how the management system is functioning and how it is governed and at sub-basin/basin level: level of coordination between countries for the management of the events or the management of risks.

Moderator: *Ms. Sarango Radnaaragcha, UNECE*

09:30 - 09:45 Governance framework for Floods- AL
Mr. Arduen Karagjozi, Head of Excellence, TSNWC

09:45 – 10:00 Governance framework for Floods MNE
Mr. Damir Gutić, Director of the Water Administration

10:00 – 10:15 Governance framework for Floods KS – River Basin Authority
Ms. Manduha Gojani, Head of Division for Water Resources

10:15 – 10:30 Governance framework for Floods
Mr. Aleksandar Nastov, Nature Sector, Ministry of Environment and Physical planning

10:30 – 10:45 Adaptation to Climate change in Western Balkans
Mr. Gerrit Bodenbender, GIZ - ACC Project

10:45 –12:30 Panel discussion

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch break**

13.30 – 15:45 **Session 2.3**

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING, PREVENTION & PREPAREDNESS IN THE DRIN BASIN. THE INSTRUMENTS: TECHNOLOGY

Session 2.3 will focus on tools for the forecasting of and management of floods e.g. early warning system development, risk management plans, floods managements plans etc. It is envisaged that the status at the state and transboundary levels as well as the needs will be depicted during the presentations and discussions.

Moderator: *Ms. Anita Kodzoman*, Head of Energy, Environment and Disaster Risk Management, UNDP Skopje

13:30 -14:00 Hydrometeorological institutes cooperation - Memorandum on Data Exchange

Mr. Vasko Stojov, Head of Department, Hydro Med

14:00 -14:20 Inclusive stakeholders' engagement in flood risk management
Ms. Anita Kodzoman, Head of Energy, Environment and Disaster Risk Management, UNDP

14:20 -14:45 Local action to address regional threats. Presentation of the experience in terms of response and preparedness on the local level, in the main risk areas in the basin
Ms. Felek Kasemi, General Secretary of Shkodra Prefecture
Mr. Pera Pavlica Dragisic -Head of the Regional Unit of Directorate for Emergency Situations of Montenegro.

14:45 – 15:45 Panel discussion

15:45- 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 16:30 **Session 3. WRAP UP AND CONCLUSION – CLOSING REMARKS**

Representatives of Governments of the Riparians, Respective Ministries