

Drin Core Group

1st Meeting of the Expert Working Group on Biodiversity and Ecosystems

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Draft Agenda

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VENUE:

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TIME SCHEDULE:

Action	Time
Working Session I (Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 4)	10.00 – 11.30 (90 min)
<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>11.30 – 11.50 (20 min)</i>
Working Session II (Agenda Items 5, 6)	11.50 – 13.30 (100 min)
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>13.30 -14.30 (60 min)</i>
Working Session III (Agenda Items 6,7)	14.30- 15.50 (80 min)

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Chair: Arjana Matushi, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Albania

Co-Chair: Dimitris Faloutsos, Secretariat of the Drin Core Group, GWP-Med

1. Opening – Welcome (10 min)

Ms. Arjana Matushi

Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos

2. Tour de table (5 min)

3. Adoption of the Agenda - Purpose of the meeting (5 min)

4. Memorandum of Understanding for the management of the Drin Basin (MoU)

4.1 The Drin Dialogue Process (15 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<i>- The Drin Dialogue Process that led to the establishment of a Shared Vision for the management of the Drin Basin and the signing the MoU, will be presented. - Questions and answers.</i>	<i>- Drin Dialogue Information Note</i>

4.2 Water resources related management issues and problems in the Drin Basin (40 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<i>- The main water resources related management issues, as these came out through the National Consultation Meetings under the Drin Dialogue and a review of the scientific information available until the end of 2011, will be presented. - Input by the members of the EWG – discussion.</i>	<i>- Situation Analysis in the Drin Basin</i>

4.3 The MoU for the management of the Drin Basin (15 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<i>- The main points of the MoU for the management of the Drin Basin will be presented; the MoU was signed by the competent Ministers of the Drin Riparians on 25 November 2011. - Questions and answers.</i>	<i>- MoU document</i>

5. Institutions for the implementation of the MoU

5.1 The Drin Core Group (15 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>The Drin Core Group (DCG) has the mandate to coordinate action for the implementation of the MoU. The role and rules of operation of the DCG will be presented.</i>- <i>Questions and answers.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- MoU document

5.2 Expert Working Groups (60 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>The Expert Working Groups (EWGs) have been established to support the work of the DCG, strengthening its capacity to coordinate activities.</i>- <i>The Terms of Reference of the EWG, as these were agreed during the 6th DCG meeting (Ohrid, 30 May 2012), will be presented to assist the members of EWGs in understanding the objectives of their work.</i>- <i>Questions and answers.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Terms of Reference of the EWG

6. The Action Plan for the implementation of the MoU – the role of the EWG (90 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>The Secretariat of the Drin Core Group will introduce the members of the Expert Working Group to the Action Plan for the implementation of the MoU for the period 2012-2014, including objectives, timeframe etc.</i>- <i>The EWG will discuss its role in the implementation of the Action Plan.</i>- <i>The actions to be undertaken within the next 12 months will be discussed as well.</i>- <i>Questions and answers.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Action Plan 2012-2014 for the implementation of the MoU

7. Wrap up - Any Other Business (15 min)