

**Consultative meeting on the Integrated Management of the extended Drin River Basin
24 November, 2008 Tirana, Albania**

Agenda

Chair: *Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, UNECE*
Co-chair: *Mr. Michael Scoulllos, Chairman, GWP-Med*
Rapporteur: *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Programme Officer, GWP-Med*

Session I: Welcome and Introduction

09.00	<p>Welcome Notes</p> <p>- <i>Mr. Abeshi, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Albania</i> - <i>Ms. Ewa Brederman, Programme coordinator Western Balkan, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency</i> - <i>Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos on behalf of Mr. Fritz Holzwarth, Deputy Director General Water Management, Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany</i> 5. <i>Welcome Note, BMU, Germany</i> - <i>Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos on behalf of Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, FYR Macedonia</i></p>
9.15	<p>The underlying framework: Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process, UNECE Water Convention – Purpose of the meeting</p> <p><i>Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, UNECE</i> <i>Mr. Michael Scoulllos, Chairman, GWP-Med</i></p>

Session II: Current Status of Water Resources Management in the extended Drin River Basin

09.30	<p>Water Resources Management in the Drini sub-basin - Identifying and Addressing Challenges</p> <p>- <i>Mr. Skender Hasa, Head of Water Sector, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Albania</i></p>
10.00	<p>Water Resources Management in the White Drin sub-basin - Identifying and Addressing Challenges</p> <p>- <i>Ms. Violeta Hoxha, Director of Water Department, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Kosovo (UN administered territory under UN Security Council resolution 1244)</i></p>
10.30	<p>Coffee Break</p>

10.50	<p>Water Resources Management in the Shkoder – Buna/Bojana sub-basin - Identifying and Addressing Challenges</p> <p><i>- Mr. Viktor Subotic, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Montenegro</i></p>
11.20	<p>Discussion: Identifying needs at the national and transboundary levels and options for addressing them</p>
12.30	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>Session III: Opportunities for the way forward at the extended Drin River Basin level and synergies with on going and planned projects supported by donors and international organisations</p>	
13.30	<p>GEF “Lake Shkoder Integrated Ecosystem Management” Project</p> <p><i>Mr. Agim Shimaj – National Project Coordinator, Albania</i></p>
13.45	<p>GEF “Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Prespa Lakes Basin of Albania, FYR-Macedonia and Greece” Project</p> <p><i>Vladimir Mamaev, GEF Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP</i></p>
14.00	<p>Activities of the UNECE Water Convention that can support the development of cooperation in the Drin River Basin</p> <p><i>Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, UNECE</i></p>
14.15	<p>UNESCO – BRESCE’s foreseen supported activities in the Drin River Basin</p> <p><i>Mr. Ezzio Todini, UNESCO – BRESCE</i></p>
14.30	<p>The Lake Ohrid Conservation Project a successful model of bilateral management of transboundary resources. Transfer from lake to... River basin management</p> <p><i>Mr. Arian Meroli, Albanian Representative, Secretariat of the Lake Ohrid Watershed Committee</i></p>
15.00	<p>Synthesis - The way forward</p>

	<i>Mr. Michael Scoulllos, Chairman, GWP-Med</i>
15.15	Interventions by participants Discussion: Identifying possible synergies and ways of coordination for promoting transboundary cooperation for the integrated management of the Drin River Basin
17.00	Conclusions / End of Meeting