"Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Extended Drin River Basin"

PPG Inception

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PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF)¹ PROJECT TYPE: Full-sized Project TYPE OF TRUST FUND:GEF Trust Fund

PART I: PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

| Project Title: | Enabling transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the exter Drin River Basin | | | | |
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| Country(ies): | Albania, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro (Greece, Kosovo) | GEF Project ID:2 | 4483 | | |
| GEF Agency(ies): | UNDP (select) (select) | GEF Agency Project ID: | 4482 | | |
| Other Executing Partner(s): | UNOPS, UNECE, GWP-MED | Submission Date: | 31 July 2012 | | |
| GEF Focal Area (s): | International Waters | Project Duration (Months) | 48 | | |
| Name of parent program (if applicable): For SFM/REDD+ | NA | Agency Fee (\$): | 450,000 | | |

A. FOCAL AREA STRATEGY FRAMEWORK³:

| Focal Area Objectives | Expected FA Outcomes | Expected FA Outputs | Trust Fund | Indicative Grant Amount (\$) | Indicative Co-financing (\$) |
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| IW-3 (select) | Outcome 3.1: Political commitment, shared vision, and institutional capacity demonstrated for joint, ecosystem-based management of water bodies | Output 3.1: National inter- ministry committees established; Transboundary Diagnostic Analyses & Strategic Action Programmes; Output 3.2: Demo-scale local action implemented | GEFTF | 4,275,000 | 22,000,000 |
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| | | Sub-Total | | 4,275,000 | 22,000,00 |
| | | Project Management Cost ⁴ | GEFTF | 225,000 | 500,00 |
| | | Total Project Cost | | 4,500,000 | 22,500,000 |

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Component 1: Consolidating a common knowledge base

Expected Outcome

Consensus among countries on key transboundary concerns, including climate change and variability reached through joint fact finding

Outputs

(1) Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA).

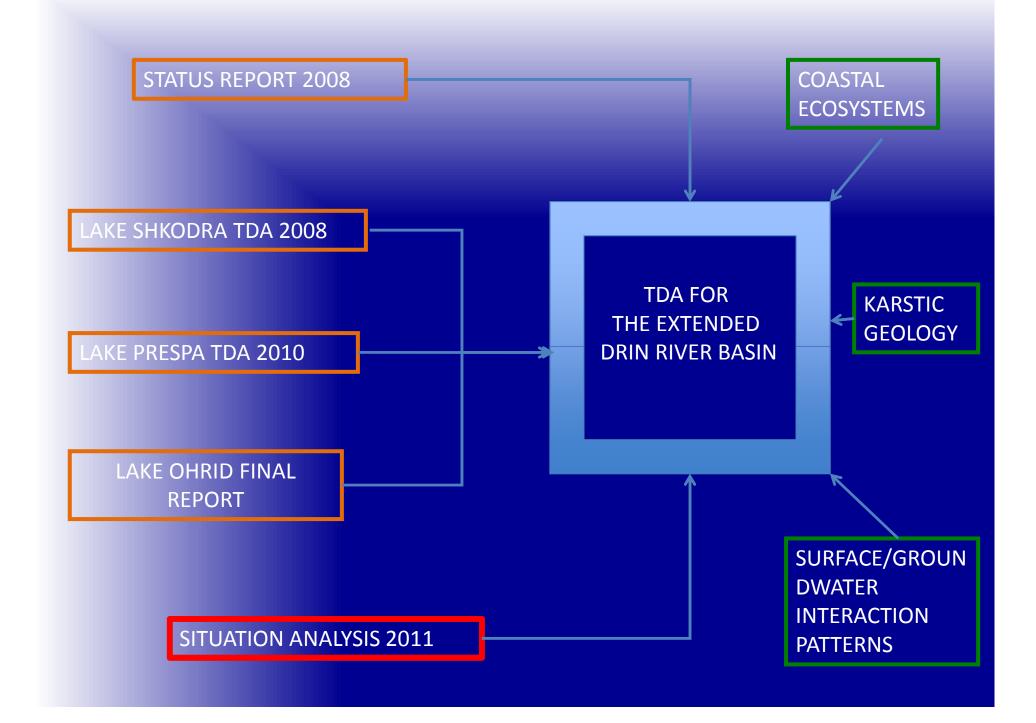
The TDA will be prepared by national scientists and practitioners with international expert support, and approved by countries (Drin Core Group).

(2) Information Management System (IMS).

An IMS that will enable to collect, store, analyze and share data produced by the project and information on the extended Drin Basin and its sub-basins in a consistent way, endorsed by the countries. This will include the harmonized Drin Basin Water Monitoring program including upgrading of monitoring stations.

(3) Drivers and Indicators.

The study of, and agreement on the "main drivers of change" and on the "indicators of current conditions (status indicators)". The Drin Core Group will approve both drivers and indicators.



Component 2: Building the foundation for multi-country cooperation

Expected Outcomes

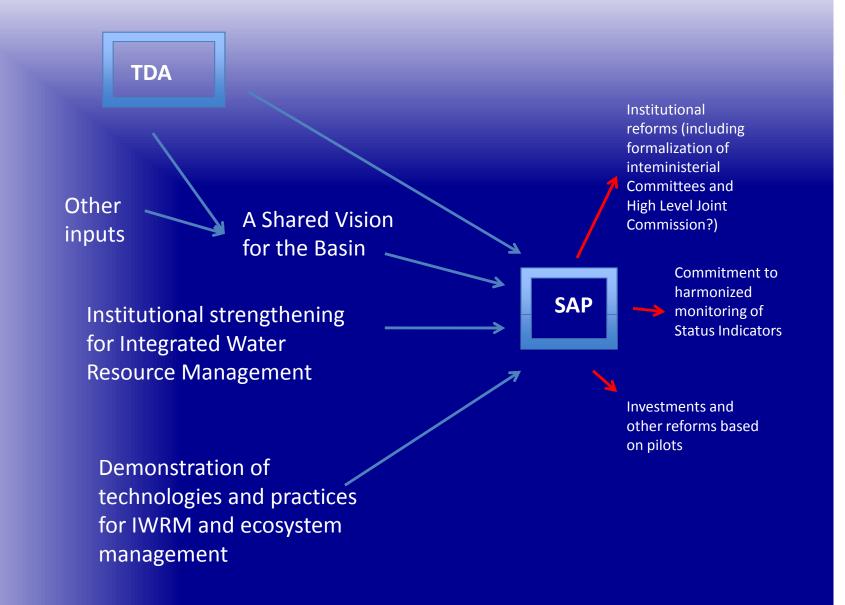
Visioning process opens the way for systematic cooperation in the integrated management of the transboundary Drin Basin. Countries commit to sustain joint cooperation mechanisms and to undertake priority reforms and investments.

Outputs

(4) Shared Vision (horizon of 20 years). An updated Shared Vision for the Extended Drin Basin largely based on the Shared Strategic Vision (that is being presently defined) will be revisited in the light of outputs 1-4.

(5) A Strategic Action Program (SAP) formulated and endorsed (horizon 5 years). A SAP and addressing main issues of transboundary concern, with focus on nutrient pollution, hydraulic infrastructure, hydropower generation schemes and erosion control, through legal, policy, institutional reforms, and investments.

(6) Partnership Conference A Partnership Conference consolidates international support for the implementation of the priority actions identified in the SAP.



Component 3: Institutional strengthening for Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM)

Expected Outcome Transboundary cooperation will facilitate balancing of water uses and sustaining environmental quality throughout the extended Drin Basin.

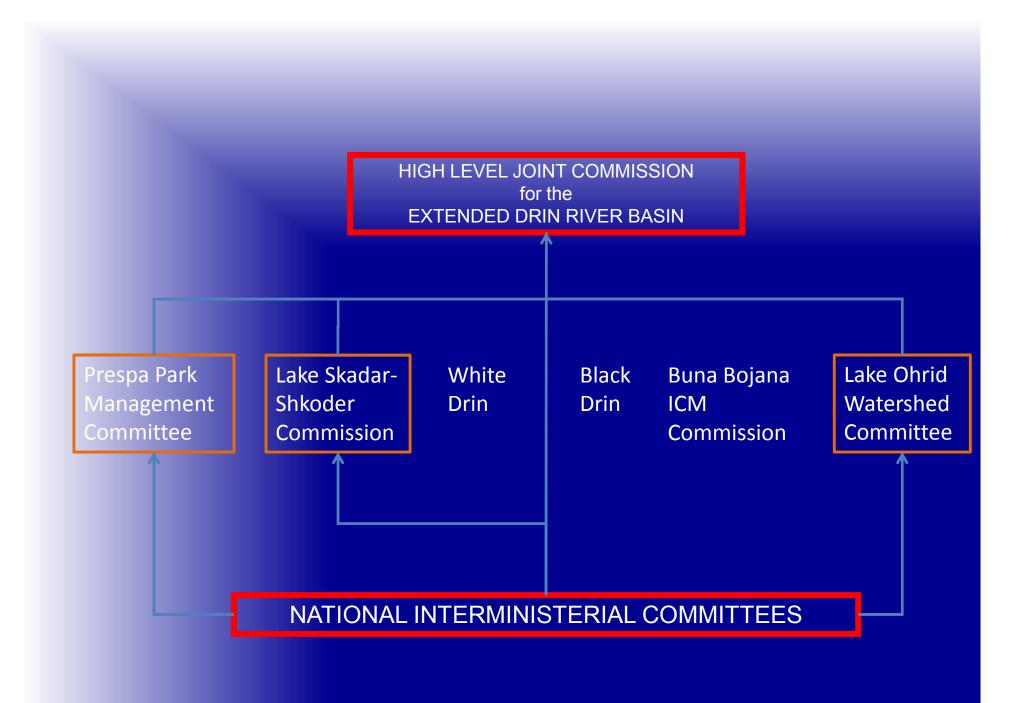
Outputs (7) High Level Joint Commission for the Extended Drin Basin established and capacitated.



(9) SAP endorsement at ministerial level

(10) Training Program





Component 3 (continued)

Training Program

Training program carried out for national water managers and practitioners, conservation officers and protected area managers may include:

(a) integrated basin planning and management, (b) GIS & spatial planning, (c) EIAs and industrial site inspections, (d) flood management, (e) natural wastewater treatment systems, (f) best agricultural practices, (g) avoidance and containment of invasive species, (h) environmental monitoring system design and management, (i)enforcement of water quality, (ii)water abstractions, recharge area (iii)protection and biodiversity regulations, (I) scenario building.



Component 4: Demonstration of technologies and practices for IWRM and ecosystem management

Expected Outcome Benefits demonstrated on the ground through environmentally sound approaches and technologies new to the region.

Outputs

(11) A program of on the ground demonstrations focusing on: Water use efficiency measures. Reduction of nutrients. Land Use Planning. Groundwater protection. Floods and droughts. Sustainable Tourism.



Component 5: Stakeholder Involvement, and Communication Strategies

Expected Outcomes

Public support and participation to IWRM and joint multi-country management enhanced through stakeholder involvement and gender mainstreaming

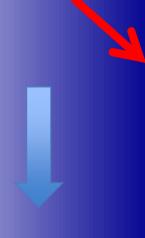
Political awareness at all levels and private sector participation strengthened through higher visibility of the project's development and targeted outreach activities

Outputs (12) Stakeholder Involvement and Gender Mainstreaming Strategy defined and implemented.

(13) Information, Communication and Outreach Strategy prepared and implemented.

Project Preparation Work - PPG (if deemed necessary by proponents).

> includes consultations, securing of cofinancing, preliminary assessments.



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Implementing Agency prepares the full Project Document

This document is prepared according to IA standards and includes full Results Framework, description of activities, indicators, M&E Plan, commitment of cofinancing, and GEF CEO endorsement package.

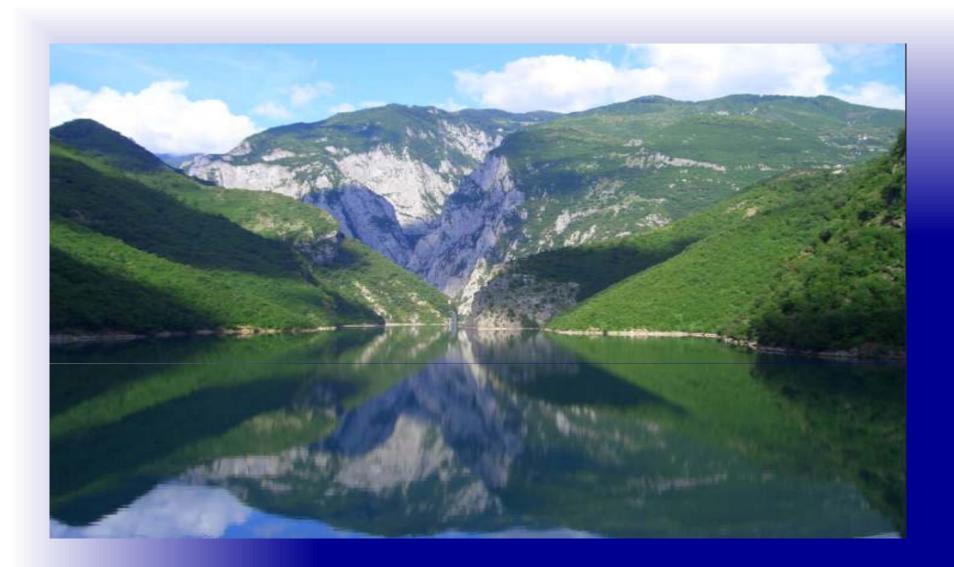
PROJECT CYCLE

Early 2014



GEF Secretariat reviews the PD for consistency with PIF, GEF CEO endorses.

Funds are released to IA.



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