



# *The Drin Memorandum of Understanding; Coordinated action for the sustainable management of the Drin Basin*

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# Drin MoU

Objective / **Shared Vision**: “The Parties commit to promote joint action for the **coordinated integrated management of the shared water resources in the Drin Basin**, as a means to safeguard and restore to the extent possible the ecosystems and the services they provide, and to promote sustainable development across the Drin Basin”



# Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Extended Drin Basin (Tirana, 25 November 2011)



# Short term priority actions

- *Knowledge basis about the Drin Basin (EU WFD)*
- *Establishment of regular exchange of relevant information among Riparians*
- *Cooperation in the field of flood management*
- *Coordination mechanisms - The Drin Core Group*







# Medium term priority actions

- *Science based consensus on key transboundary priorities*
- *Drin Basin Water Monitoring Program and exchange of information.*
- *Signing of an agreement and the establishment of a Basin Commission.*





# Long term priority action

*Development of a Drin Basin Management Plan in accordance with the EU WFD and the UNECE Water Convention*





# Meeting of the Parties

***Competent (for water management and/or environment)  
Ministers of the Riparians, annual meeting***





## Drin core group

***... facilitate communication and cooperation among the Parties for the implementation of the provisions of the present MoU.***







# Drin core group



- i. Representatives of the: (a) Parties; (b) Prespa Park Management Committee; (c) Lake Ohrid Watershed Committee; (d) Lake Skadar-Shkoder Commission; (e) UNECE; (f) GWP-Med; (g) MIO-ECSDE.***
- ii. GWP-Med serves as the Secretariat.***





# Expert working groups



- i. Water Framework Directive;***
- ii. Monitoring and Information Exchange;***
- iii. Biodiversity and Ecosystems***





## MoU Governing Body

### Meeting of Parties

Ministers responsible for water and environmental management

## Coordinating Bodies

### Drin Core Group

- Ministries from Riparians responsible for water and environmental management
- Prespa Park Management Committee
- Lake Ohrid Watershed Committee
- Lake Skadar-Shkoder Commission
- UNECE
- Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean
- Mediterranean Information Center for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development

*Drin Core Group  
Secretariat*

Expert  
Working  
Group on  
WFDI

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# Draft Action Plan for the implementation of the MoU



- (i) Coordination mechanisms**
- (ii) The knowledge basis about the Drin Basin.**
- (iii) Information exchange**
- (iv) Flood risk preparedness, management and support.**
- (v) Institutional strengthening on IWRM**
- (vi) Public participation and stakeholders engagement.**







# Financing?

- **Riparians**
- **GEF project**
- **The Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)**
- **Other donors active in the area**

