



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



4th Stakeholders Conference

Pristina, 14-15 December 2016

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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Wednesday 14 December 2016

09.30 – 10.30 Welcome – Opening Remarks

- *Mr. Naser Bajraktari*, Director of Water Department, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- *Mr. Stevo Temelkovski*, Deputy Minister of Environment & Physical Planning
- *Ms. Alessandra Roccasalvo*, Deputy Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme
- *Mr. Arduen Karagjiozi*, Director of Excellence, Technical Secretariat, National Water Council
- *Ms. Evelina Stamouli*, Advisor to the General Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Energy
- *Mr. Radosav Rašović*, Senior Advisor, Directorate for Water, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- *Mr. Bo Libert*, Regional Advisor on Environment, Environment Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos*, Drin Core Group Secretariat / GEF Drin Project Coordinator, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

10.30 – 10.40 Purpose of the Meeting and Introduction to the Agenda

- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos*, Drin Core Group Secretariat / GEF Drin Project Coordinator, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

10.40 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.20 Session 1. The political and operational framework for the management of the Drin Basin

Session 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 through the GEF Drin Project. A presentation will remind the framework, provide an overview of the developments as well as planned actions. A moderated panel discussion will enable the representatives of the Drin Riparians in the Drin Core Group to reflect on the presentations made, talk about their aspiration and interact with the stakeholders.

Moderator: *Mr. Bo Libert*, Regional Advisor on Environment, Environment Division, UNECE

11.00 – 11.20: Presentation

- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos*, Drin Core Group Secretariat / GEF Drin Project Coordinator, GWP-Med

11.20 – 12.20: Panel Discussion

Representatives of Drin Riparians / Members of the Drin Core Group

- *Mr. Arduen Karagjiozi*, Director of Excellence, Technical Secretariat, National Water Council
- *Mr. Ylber Mirta*, Head of Water Department, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning
- *Ms. Evelina Stamouli*, Officer, Ministry of Environment and Energy
- *Mr. Naser Bajraktari*, Director of Water Department, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- *Mr. Radosav Rašović*, Senior Advisor, Directorate for Water

12.20 – 13.30 *Lunch Break*

13.30 – 15.30 **Session 2. River Basin Management in the Drin Basin**

Session 2 will be used to present the on-going and planned activities for the preparation of management plans in the Drin Basin undertaken and/or coordinated by the Ministries of the Drin Riparians. Initiatives undertaken by international organizations and donors will be also presented. The panel discussion will -with the participation of the stakeholders- look into the possibilities and prerequisites for coordinating in practice the preparation and later on the implementation of the management plans. The discussion will also look into possibilities to addressing basin management related gaps in the Drin Riparians.

- **Moderator:** *Mr. Vladimir Stavric*, Drin Core Group Secretariat / GEF Drin Project Manager, GWP-Med

13.30 – 13.40: **Drini and Buna Drin Basin District (Prespa Lake, Ohrid Lake, Drin, Shkodra and Buna Sub-basins)**

- *Ms. Ilda Cela*, Specialist, Directorate of Water Policies, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration

13.40 – 13.50: **Prespa Lake, Ohrid Lake, Black Drin Basin District**

- *Mr. Ylber Mirta*, Head of Water Department, Ministry of Environment & Physical Planning
- *Mr. Dimitar Sekovski*, UNDP, Lake Prespa Project

13.50 – 14.00: **Prespa Lake Basin District**

- *Ms. Evelina Stamouli*, Advisor to the General Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Energy
- *Ms. Vicky Tzatzaki*, Advisor to the Special Secretary on Water, Ministry of Environment and Energy

14.00 – 14.10: **White Drin Basin District**

- *Ms. Manduha Gojani*, Head of White Drin Basin Division, Water Department, Ministry of Environment and spatial Planning

14.10 – 14.20: Adriatic Sea Watershed (Skadar and Bojana Sub-basins)

- *Mr. Radosav Rašović*, Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

14.20 – 14.30: Support for the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive in the shared lakes of the Drin Basin

- *Mr. Ralf Peveling*, Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity at Lakes Prespa, Ohrid and Shkodra/Skadar

14.30 – 15.30: Panel Discussion

Representatives of the Drin Riparians in the Drin Core Group reflect on the presentations made and interact with the stakeholders.

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30 Session 3. Drin Gender Mainstreaming Strategy

What is the added value of gender mainstreaming for the Drin CORDA and GEF Drin Project? Where are the entry points to make mainstreaming a natural part of the effort? And what do we do now? Session 3 discuss a draft gender strategy taking onset in the project expected outputs, as well as discussion and input to a gender action plan with concrete actions. The session will also provide inspiration for mainstreaming in general.

16.25 – 17.00: Draft analysis and gender mainstreaming objectives (incl. group work)

17.00-17.30: Draft gender action plan (incl. group work)

- *Ms. Anja Taarup Nordlund*, Gender expert

Thursday 15 December 2016

09.30 – 11.30 Session 4. Management of Protected Areas in the Drin Basin

Protected areas -although an important component of the Drin large ecosystem- are often not managed in an integrated way with the Drin sub-basins. Furthermore, coordination of management arrangements of protected ecosystems that extend in two or more Riparians is an issue. Session 4 will focus on the on-going and planned activities for the management of Protected Areas in the Drin Basin and will discuss (i) necessary actions for the integration of protected areas and water resources management plans as well as (ii) level of and possibilities for coordinated action for the management of Protected Areas at the Drin sub-basin level.

Moderator: *Mr. Dejan Panovski*, GEF Drin Project Officer;

Mr. Novak Cadjenovic, GEF Drin Project Officer

09.30 – 10.30: Presentations

- *Ms. Holta Copani*, National Protected Area Agency, Ministry of Environment
- *Mr. Aleksandar Nastov*, Nature protection Department, Ministry of Environment & Physical Planning
- *Mr. Fadil Bajraktari*, Head of Kosovo Nature Protection Institute
- *Ms. Azra Vuković*, Director, National parks of Montenegro

10.30 – 11.30: Discussion in plenary**11.30 – 11.45 Wrap up and conclusions**

- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos*, Drin Core Group Secretariat / GEF Drin Project Manager, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

11.45 – 12.00 Closing Remarks

- *Mr. Naser Bajraktari*, Director of Water Department, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- *Mr. Arduen Karagjiozi*, Director of Excellence, Technical Secretariat, National Water Council
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12.00 Lunch