

2nd Annual Meeting and the 3rd Screening Workshop at Pilot – Drina River Basin

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Venue : XXXX

Place: Podgorica, Montenegro

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Beneficiaries:

**ECRAN beneficiary countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina,
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo*,
Montenegro, Republic of Serbia and Turkey)**

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Background

The **first screening workshop** had the objective to establish common understanding on basic terms and definitions, different policies and regulatory frameworks as well as differences in delegation of responsibilities, for development, adoption, implementation and control of implementation of Programme of Measures.

The principles and requirements of WFD, Integrated Water Resources (IWRM) and Integrated Water Resources Governance (IWRG) with regard to PoMs were presented. Following the idea of best practice, the water management should be adjusted to provide a shift from water development to governance, to enable water resources management for a long-term, to provide sustainable uses for future generations and to establish public participation and consensus. The main concerns arise due to different circumstances in the countries and clear understanding (various interpretations) of implications national legislation has on various water management aspects, as well as requirements and a most pressing water management issues and related measures.

The participants were introduced into various techniques and tools for screening and evaluation, as well into evaluation of options and substituting techniques in case of gaps and uncertainties. It was suggested to establish a comprehensive database that can meet a wide range of requirements, from identification of pressures, to establishing of measures, including clear and complete reporting using templates from WFD Reporting Guidance. The participants are advised to conduct assessment and analysis, even in cases where data gaps are identified. It is also stressed to establish the methodology for disaggregation of different indicators.

Throughout practical work (filling screening templates and country assessments) participants gained an experience and received recommendation on general approach and issues to be considered in initial phase of the preparation of PoMs.

The **second screening workshop** emphasized a crucial role of the regular monitoring for reliable and rational water resources governance and hence encouraged the group to initiate and support the additional investments in its improvement. An extension of the status-pressure-impact link to the simulation of the expected effects of PoM implementation has been presented in order to encourage the beneficiary countries to explore the cumulative effects of properly designed PoM as a step towards rationalisation of the costs. The cost-effectiveness of measures prices and costs associated with water services has been elaborated. Through results of the assessment on screening templates and practical work during 2nd screening workshop, the first outline of PoMs concept for Drina River Basin has been discussed.

Within the **third screening workshop** first half day, the 2nd annual working group meeting will take place. The main objective of the 2nd annual working group meeting, from the perspective

of the Water Management WG consists in reaching consensus on the Water Management WG Work Plan 2015-2016 and identifying topics (key issues and challenges) for developing synergies for capacity building with other WGs, within the frame of ECRAN project.

Following the 2nd annual meeting, the 3rd screening workshop will be organised with the aims (i) to present the Work Plan for 2015 – 2016, to facilitate the understanding on the approach to be used by the WMWG to deliver the expected results of the project for all related tasks, (ii) to present and discuss the methodology for drafting the Drina RBM Plan and its Program of Measures, (iii) investigate the needs of specific components in terms of background documents, screening templates assessments, training or workshops, and (iii) facilitate transfer of knowledge, experiences and lessons learned through capacity building activities.

It is expected that the final concept and the methodology of the Drina RBM Plan and its Program of Measures will be accepted, together with the packages of actions and activities needed for their implementation. In addition, topics such “The role of monitoring programs in performing the assessment of the water status or the effects of the measures”, “Identification of Significant Water Management Issues in the Drina RB” as the backbone assessment of any Program of Measures, or the acknowledgement that the future “Drina RB Joint Program will be a basis for water investments” shall be introduced by TAIEX and ECRAN project experts.

The Case studies and the lessons learned from the presentations at the 3rd workshop will ensure the sustainability and replicability across the whole targeted ECRAN project beneficiaries.

Aim of the meeting

Wider Objective: to acknowledge, encourage and mobilize efforts towards WFD implementation as a key to reaching the good water status in the Drina River basin through the capacity building activities within the frame of ECRAN project.

Specific Objectives:

- To introduce and get feed back from participants on the Water Management WG Work Plan for 2015 – 2016
- To benefit of TAIEX assistance for a more profound understanding of key topics and its implementation based on countries needs and priorities
- To present and discuss the methodology of preparing the Program of Measure, as the key component of the producing the Drina RBM Plan, following the logical flow of steps in line with the WFD
- To present the reference and concept documents required for implementation process
- To discuss the needs of the countries and possible options of support through the activities of ECRAN project, including training needs
- Facilitate dialogue among the countries on specific concepts and actions that are needed to ensure WFD implementation
- To explore any national obstacles (involvement and commitment, data and methodologies, coordination and cooperation, capacity building needs) towards

implementing the WG Water tasks and identify possible solutions

- To brainstorm and discuss the activities (guidance, capacity building, practical case studies) needed for performing the economic analysis in line with WFD requirements in the Drina RB and involvement of participant countries.
- To select topics reflecting the specificity of the Drina RB which could be approached in an integrated manner, such as water quantity and quality, climate, droughts and floods) and to consider actions to assist in the development of synergies for capacity building (training, guidance) at both national and Drina RB levels.

Expected Results of the meeting

The expected results are:

- WMWG Work Plan 2015 – 2016 accepted and approved
- Guidance documents related to the WG tasks discussed and clarified
- Key obstacles impeding the tasks implementation and related solutions identified
- Enhanced understanding of the topics, challenges and remaining tasks, and related responsibilities along the implementation
- Exchange of experiences and knowledge significantly improved
- Engagement of participants

Legislation to be covered

The EU Water policies and legislation, i.e the Water Framework Directive, and the relevant transposed national legislation in the Drina River Basin

Day 1 : Tuesday, 10 March 2015

Topic: WMWG - 2nd Annual Meeting Chair and Co-Chairs: Marta Moren Abat and Mihail Dimovski Venue: Podgorica, Montenegro				
Start	Finish	Topic	Speaker	Sub topic/Content
08:30	09:00	Registration		
09.00	09.15	Welcome and opening	Welcome and opening Ms. Marta Moren Abat, European Commission, DG Environment Mr. Mihail Dimovski (ECRAN Team Leader)	Address by EC Address by ECRAN
09.15	09.30	Introduction of the new WG Coordinator	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, ECRAN Expert	Presentation and adoption of the agenda Introduction to the purpose of the annual WG meeting and workshop and its expected outcome
09.30	10.30	Presentation and discussion of the results outputs achieved in 2014	Ms. Mihaela Popovici	Presentation of the approach and methodology that have been applied for implementation of the activities with the output and results achieved in 2014 Method : PPP and Q&A
10:30	11:00	Coffee Break		
11.00	12.30	Discussion and agreement on the	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, All participants	General work plan with the specifics for 2015 - 2016 adopted.

		approach, contents and time schedule of follow-up training programs for 2015 - 2016		Materials provided: - Detailed draft work plan for 2015 – 2016 - Guidance documents connected with the Drina RBM Plan and its PoM Method : PPP and Q&A
12:30	14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00	14:30	Methodology for DRINA RB Pilot	Ms. Mihaela Popovici All participants	Presentation of methodology, outline screening templates, data collection process Materials provided: screening templates Method : PPP and Q&A
14:30	15:00	Drina RB Pilot vision	Ms. Mihaela Popovici All participants	Drina RB Pilot vision: key factors in establishing a long term vision and suggestion for the approach Method : PPP and Q&A
15:00	15:30	Coffee Break		
15:30	16:00	Thematic synergies with other WGs Cooperation with TAIEX Suggestions on experts involvement Next steps Conclusions	Ms. Mihaela Popovici All participants	Integration issues accepted Conclusions Method : PPP and Q&A

Day 2 : Wednesday 11 March, 2015

Topic: Assistance in the development of transboundary River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) – Framework for the preparation of acceptable and efficient Programme of Measures (PoMs) for pilot, Drina River Basin – 3rd Screening workshop

Chair and Co-Chairs: Mihail Dimovski and Mihaela Popovici

Venue: Podgorica, Montenegro

Start	Finish	Topic	Speaker	Sub topic/Content
08:30	09:00	Registration		
09.00	09.15	Welcome and opening	<p>Welcome and opening</p> <p>Ms. Marta Moren Abat, European Commission, DG Environment</p> <p>Mr. Mihail Dimovski (ECRAN Team Leader)</p>	<p>Address by EC</p> <p>Address by ECRAN</p>
09.15	09.30	Introduction of the workshop	<p>Ms. Mihaela Popovici, ECRAN Expert</p> <p>WMWG Coordinator</p>	<p>Presentation and adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Introduction of the purpose of the workshop and its expected outcomes</p> <p>Method : PPP</p>
9:30	10:00	Overview of the results of the 1 st and 2 nd Workshop	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, ECRAN Expert	<p>Key outcomes, results and lessons learned for all targeted beneficiaries</p> <p>Method : PPP</p>
10:00	11:00	Methodology for preparing the PoM as part of the RBM Plan	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, All participants	<p>Presentation of the concept, steps and related templates and docs</p> <p>Method : PPP and Q&A</p> <p>Materials provided: concept and screening templates</p>

11:00	11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30	12:00	Methodology for preparing the PoM as part of the RBM Plan – Romanian experience	Mr. Cristian Rusu Head of Unit National Administration “Apele Romane” TAIEX Expert All participants	Presentation of the concept, steps and related results Method : PPP and Q&A
12:00	12:30	The implementation of WFD Art 5 in the Ebro River Basin	Ms. Elena Borell, ECRAN expert	Presentation of the concept and results of Ebro analysis according to WFD Art 5.
12:30	14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00	14:30	Key issues of WFD	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, All participants	Presentation of key messages from Guidance Documents, key principles of Art 4, and key focus for Drina RB Method : PPP and Q&A
14:30	15:00	Identification of SWMIs in the Danube River Basin	Mr. Gheorghe Constantin, Head of Water Department, Ministry of Environment. Romania TAIEX Expert All participants	Case studies for identification of SWMIs in the Danube River Basin Method : PPP and Q&A
15:00	15:30	Significant Water Management Issues (SWMIs) in the Drina RB	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, All participants	Introduction of the basic concept and screening templates Method : PPP and Q&A Material provided: Methodology and screening template
15:30	16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00	17:00	WFD environmental	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, ECRAN Expert	Introduction of the basic concept

		objectives, visions and management objectives in Drina RB	WMWG Coordinator All participants	Suggestions for Drina RB Method : PPP and Q&A
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Day 3 : Thursday 12 March, 2015

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Venue: Podgorica, Montenegro

Start	Finish	Topic	Speaker	Sub topic/Content
08:30	09:00	Registration		
09:00	09:15	Wrap up of the key points of discussion from the 1 st day meeting	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, ECRAN Expert WMWG Coordinator	
09:15	09:30	Additional information	Cristian Rusu TAIEX Expert	Info on CIRCA access Info on SEE River Project
09:30	10:30	Significant pressures in the ECRAN project beneficiaries countries	1 expert nominated per country or 1 speaker for assessing all 3 countries	Countries short information on the current status of data availability, knowledge gaps and uncertainties and solutions- criteria, scale, aggregations methodologies Method : PPP and Q&A
10:30	11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00	11:30	Significant pressures in Drina RB	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, ECRAN Expert WMWG Coordinator	Presentation and discussion of the pressures assessment approach for Drina RB Method : PPP and Q&A Material provided: Methodology and screening template

11:30	12:30	Surface and groundwater monitoring networks and compatibility with the WFD	1 expert nominated per country or 1 speaker for assessing all 3 countries	Information on the national monitoring networks, surveillance and operational monitoring in line with WFD Method : PPP and Q&A
12:30	13:30	Lunch Break		
13:30	14:00	Issues for integration in Danube River Basin	Mr. Gheorghe Constantin TAIEX Expert All participants	Policy synergies and integrated approach in the Danube River Basin Case Study for Tisza River Basin Method : PPP
14:00	14:30	Best Practices in Information Management during the WFD Implementation process in SPAIN	Ms. Elena Borell, ECRAN expert	Illustration how the a National Water Information System supported the integration of the different articles information from the different river basins
14:30	15:00	Issues for integration in the WFD – MSFD applicable for Romania	Mr. Cristian Rusu TAIEX Expert All participants All participants	Policy synergies and integrated approach in the River Basin Management Plan, Romania Method : PPP
15:00	15:30	Issues for integration in Drina RB	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, ECRAN Expert All participants with inputs via Score Board	Presentation and discussion regarding the synergy across policy domains (WFD, Waste FD, MSFD, etc), integration water quality and quantity, water management and land, water scarcity and floods, water and economics (cost effectiveness of measures), EIA and SEA, connection top-down (Drina, Sava, Danube) levels. Proposal for round tables and suggestions for training needs

				Method : PPP and Score Board
15:30	16:30	Coffee Break		
16:30	17:00	Next steps and conclusions	Ms. Mihaela Popovici, ECRAN Expert	Conclusions of the meetings. Information on the next steps in connection with the organization of the Regional Meeting on MSFD and the 4 th Workshop.

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