

Water Management Working Group

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Structure of the presentation

Main results 2014

- WM WG Tasks
- Outcomes and training workshops

Results – within reporting period Jan – April 2015

- Objectives/focus
- Results

Challenges of the next period

Thematic synergies with other WGs



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Activity 2.3: Water Management

Main results 2014

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

- Criteria for selection of the pilot sites agreed
- Drina River Basin selected as a pilot river basin for the RBMP
- The Program of Measures identified as a specific RBMP topic
- 2 Screening Workshops

Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD

- Selected EA theme for training: “Cost recovery through water pricing”
- Identified sub theme: “Institutional and policy framework of water utility”
- Regional Introductory Workshop on Economic Analysis, with SPI WG

Task 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD – objectives, synergies and approaches

- Regional Introductory workshop on MSFD
- Selected topics:
 - = Streamlined procedure for development of PoM
 - = Landlocked countries: The role and approach for MSDF implementation.



Objectives within the reporting period

Jan – April 2015

- New approach: building on past achievements and consider areas of improvement
- Learning by doing - **practical application of various analysis** (RBMP, EA and MSFD)
- Enhanced understanding on the need **to establish a comprehensive database** that can meet a wide range of requirements for assessment and reporting
- Facilitate **active participation and interaction, and motivated involvement** (national inputs, short presentations on selected topics which can stimulate interest)
- **Analysis, synthesis and presentations of the countries inputs**
- Careful documentation of the topics, reference materials available, EU developments
- Speakers engaged in mobilizing the audience through **knowledge, skills, attitudes**
- Mind the overload information - **fewer topics, but in detail**
- **Panels discussions organized right after TAIEX training presentations**
- Training materials: **written materials**, in preparation of the meetings, **handouts** with key points to guide the discussion
- Ensure **continuation in representation** of the target audience
- Shift towards **more cross cutting issues in enforcement**
- Emphasis on **integration issues** – to reduce burden on implementation through **streamlined info management and reporting.**



Results within the reporting period

Jan – April 2015

Task 2.3.1: 2nd Annual Meeting 10 March 2015, Podgorice, ME

- Work Plan 2015
- Introduction of the new pragmatic approach for reaching the ECRAN project objectives
- Presentation of topics for developing synergies for capacity building with other WGs
- Proposal for enhancing the ECRAN beneficiaries active involvement.



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Results within the reporting period

Jan – April 2015 (1)

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

3rd Screening Workshop, 11-12 March 2015 – main focus PoM development

Preparatory work

- Provided support through background documents for specific steps along PoM development
- Engaged ALL beneficiaries in the preparation of PoM for the Pilot Drina RB through planned inputs into the workshop

At the workshop

- Presentation and discussion of the methodology of preparing the PoM/ WFD
- Discussion of the needs of the countries and possible options of support, through the project activities, including training needs
- Making use of completed screening templates following the PoM methodology
- Revision of countries assessments of answers and track progress



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Results within the reporting period

Jan – April 2015 (2)

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

3rd Screening Workshop, 11-12 March 2015 – main focus PoM development

Results

- Enhanced understanding of the approach, topics, challenges and tasks, responsibilities
- Clarification of the needs of specific components in terms of background documents, screening templates assessments, training or workshops
- Key obstacles and related solutions identified
- Facilitated transfer of knowledge, experiences and lessons learned through capacity building activities and practical work
- Enhanced active engagement of participants.



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Challenges of the next period

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

- Supporting methodology for next steps of PoM preparation (P&I assessment, EI, measures)
- Countries inputs - screening templates for concluding emission inventories and for monitoring
- Continuation of the preparatory process of setting up the Drina PoM through further detailing of the methodology with new components of the PoM (EA)
- Organisation and delivery of **4th screening workshop** at pilot Drina RB, June Tirana, Albania

Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD

Subtask - Approaching for selecting the most cost-effective combination of measures in Drina JPM

- Supporting methodology
- Pragmatic approach to create a national data base in relation with water pricing policies
- Screening templates and Case studies prepared by beneficiary countries for the 4th SW, June 2015

Task 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD – objectives, synergies and approaches

- Preparatory work for Regional training, 20-22 May, Istanbul, Turkey
- Elaboration of Questionnaire on country - specific topics appropriate on the national level and relevant for the synergy WFD – MSFD, compilation of responses and assessment report
- Organisation and delivery of the **Regional training seminar** on WFD and MSFD held (in cooperation with TAIEX) and with participation of Black Sea Commission, May 2015, Turkey, Istanbul



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Thematic synergies with other WGs (1)

Strategic Planning and Investments Working Group (WG 1)

Regional Workshop on “Strategic Planning in Water Sector” (June 2015, in Podgorica, Montenegro) - to facilitate the transfer of knowledge on the need to prepare planning documents in the water sector to accommodate the EU directives requirements

The training will consider the main concerns due to different circumstances in the countries and various interpretations of implications of national legislation has on various water management aspects, including financing of the water related measures.

Main topics of the training

- Requirements for national planning docs as part of the Acquis: UWWTD, DWD, ND, FD
- The principles and requirements of EU water directives relevant for the discussion of sustainable financing in the water sector
- Key issues of environmental investment and financing planning
- Techniques and tools for prioritization of water investments based on a set of criteria reflecting not only environmental benefits, but also the cost effectiveness of measures.



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Thematic synergies with other WGs (2)

Environmental Assessments Working Group (WG 3)

A **Study visit** is planned in cooperation with the EIA WG (June/Sept 2015, in Czech Republic) to discuss the key links between the WFD and the EIAD, respectively the SEAD:

- the assessment approach required by the WFD, for those situations when likely significant environmental impacts are identified and then assessed according to the EIAD/SEAD
- the objectives of WFD and EIAD/SEAD to integrate the environment into decision-making process.

Main topics of the training

- Clarification of the legal relationship between the WFD, especially the RBMP and the PoM, and the assessment under the EIAD/ SEAD
- Discussion on the similarities and overlaps (extent, nature) - WFD, EIAD/ SEAD
- Examination of those potential duplications which are possible and synergy/coordination needs between authorities managing RBMPs, within river basins, with exemplification from Member State
- Identification of joint solutions to overcome different related problems
- Select 2-3 case studies, each with the potential to underline different sets of interlinkages, synergies and actions and overlaps between the WFD and EIAD/SEAD.



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