

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Screening Workshop at Pilot – Drina River Basin**

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# Structure of the presentation

- Water Management Working Group – tasks
- Assistance in the development of transboundary river basin management plans: results
- Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD: results
- WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive: results



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# Water Management Working Group

## Activity 2.3: Water Management

- Task 2.3.1: Annual Meeting
- Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary river basin management plans
- Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD (cost recovery and cost-effectiveness considerations), including innovative systems of waste water treatment
- Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive – objectives, synergies and approaches



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## Task 2.3.1: Annual Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting 10 Feb 2014, Istanbul,  
Turkey

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting 10 March 2015, Podgorice,  
Montenegro



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# Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMPs (1)

## Approach and methodology

- Screening Workshops organised
- Exchange of experience
- Capacity building
- Screening templates
- Countries assessment



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## Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMPs (2)

### Outputs

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

Screening templates



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# Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMPs (3)

## Outputs

**1<sup>st</sup> Screening workshop** on Pilot Drina River Basin, 22- 23 June 2014, Podgorica, Montenegro **objectives:** 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Screening workshop** on Pilot Drina River Basin, 22- 23 September 2014, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) **objectives:** to highlight the 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; to discuss the cost-effectiveness of measures.



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# Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD (1)

## Approach

Economic Analysis **theme for regional training** selected:

**“Cost recovery through water pricing”**

Cost recovery **Sub theme** identified: **“Institutional and policy framework of water utility for cost recovery and efficiency”**

**Questionnaire for assessing training needs** on institutional and policy framework of water utility sector for cost recovery and cost efficiency organised

**Assessment report** on results

**Training** assisted by **TAIEX**



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# Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD (2)

## Approach

Regional Introductory Workshop on Economic Analysis in Accordance with WFD, Skopje, October 2014



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# Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (1)

## Approach

- Training on how to apply MSFD throughout initial assessment steps (data availability, selection of MSFD indicators and areas for assessment, etc.)
- Selection of one country specific theme related to the key points of the MSFD and ICZM
- Selection the topic for regional training
- Regional Introductory workshop on MSFD, 25 – 26 September 2014, Tirana, Albania



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# Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2)

**1<sup>st</sup> Regional Introductory workshop on MSFD, 25 – 26 September 2014, Tirana, Albania**

Two general topics supporting the implementation of MSFD with several sub-topics have been proposed:

**1) National approaches to Initial Assessment (IA), GES and Target determination.**

- A survey of the available data / information relevant for the initial assessment.
- Analysis of data and their possible aggregation. Identification of data gaps.
- Selection of the MSFD indicators that can be populated with the available data.
- Approaches to integrate assessments across indicators and descriptors;
- Selection of the areas for initial assessment.
- Facilitating the progress of integration among sectors within the coastal/marine environment and realisation of a common goal focused around sustainability.

**2) Methodologies for monitoring and assessment of specific descriptor:**

- Arranging common monitoring survey in order to share and minimize costs.
- Synergies between monitoring for different purposes to establish integration across descriptors and indicators, and across states.
- Monitoring survey methods, standardised sampling, and laboratory analysis for collection of data in a comparable way.
- Assessment and classification of the marine area.
- Estimation of primary and secondary indicators, options for statistical analysis for GES assessment for time-series based indicators; and options for statistical analysis for GES assessment for time-series based indicators.



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# Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (3)

For the regional training, two general topics have been proposed:

## **1) Streamlined procedure for development of PoM**

- Basic principles for the establishment of PoMs under the MSFD
- Technical specification of environmental targets as a basis for measures
- Gap analysis and identification of possible new measures
- Coordination with marine regions.

## **2) Landlocked countries: The role and approach for MSDF implementation.**



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# Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (4)

## Results

- The common understanding on main terms, definitions and principles of MSDF achieved.
- The basic and specific MSDF requirements clarified.
- Synergy, overlaps and differences between MSDF WFD and other Directives discussed.
- Issues on policy, institutional, organisational and other supporting frameworks of MSDF are more understandable.

## Proposal

- Due to complexity of MSDF, in future, 3 days should be foreseen for workshops/trainings.

## Next steps

- The questionnaire for selecting topic and determining details for regional training will be sent to the beneficiaries. The regional training is scheduled for May 2015.
- The country specific theme for tailored-made training shall be identified.



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# Some reflections on areas of improvement (1)

## General

- Proposal for a new approach: building on past achievements and consider areas of improvement
- Learning by doing - **practical application of various analysis** required for the development of the RBMP and related PoM, performing economic analysis of water use, or implementing 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)
- Encouraging **careful selection of case studies/applications** to “real life” tasks/situations
- **Analysis, synthesis and presentations of the countries inputs**
- Evaluation of the presented methodologies.



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# Some reflections on areas of improvement (2)

## How we will do it?

- Careful documentation of the topics, reference materials available, follow on EU developments
- Speakers interested and engaged in mobilizing the audience through **knowledge, skills and 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**.

### Specifically, on the WM WG tasks:

- RBMP/PoM - following the logical flow of WFD implementation steps
- Economic Analysis – better link with PoM
- MSFD - very complex, important to avoid duplication, integration issues essential.



# Thank you!



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