Drin Coordinated Action

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Towards the enhancement of transboundary cooperation among the Drin Riparians for the sustainable management of the extended Drin River Basin

Initiation of the efforts to establish cooperation at the Drin Basin level (2006)


Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the management of the Drin Basin (Tirana, 25 November 2011)
Drin Dialogue Process
2009-2011

A coordinated and structured consultation process among the:
- water resources management competent ministries of the Riparians,
- the existing joint commissions/committees in the sub-basins and the
- stakeholders

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Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Extended Drin Basin (2011)

• 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”

Provides the political framework for cooperation
Defines the context of cooperation

"Strategic Shared Vision" for the management of the Drin Basin possibly complemented by a Plan of Action for the promotion of multilateral coordination/cooperation
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2011 - 2015 - present

• The Drin Action Plan (DAP) was prepared to facilitate implementation of the Drin MoU and operationalize the Drin Coordinated Action.

• This is considered an ‘evolving document’ and has been subject to updates and amendments in accordance with the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Drin MoU and the DCG.

• The DCG and its Secretariat guides the implementation of the DAP. The DAP is already being implemented using resources made available by various donors active in the basin.
1. Establishing and sustaining an Institutional Structure at the Drin Basin level

1.1 Meeting of Parties
1.2 Drin Core Group
1.2.1 Secretariat of the Drin Core Group
1.3 Expert Working groups

2. Draft Action Plan for the implementation of the MoU

3. Cooperation with national and regional projects related to the management of the Drin Basin

4. GEF project “Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Extended Drin River Basin”
MoU Governing Body

Meeting of Parties
Ministers responsible for water and environmental management

Coordinating Body

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 Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development

Drin Core Group Secretariat

Expert Working Group on WFDI
Expert Working Group on MIE
Expert Working Group on BE
Objective

To promote joint management of the shared water resources of the extended transboundary Drin River Basin, including coordination mechanisms among the various sub-basin commissions and committees (Lakes Prespa, Ohrid and Shkoder/Skadar).
The GEF Drin Project

Project proposal prepared by Drin Core Group, UNDP/GEF, UNECE and GWP-Med

- UNDP is the implementing agency
- GWP-Med (GWP) and UNECE are the executing partners.

Project Management Unit in Tirana
- Project Staff and offices in Ohrid, Podgorica, Pristina and Athens

The GEF Drin Project:
• will serve the implementation of the MoU
• is tightly linked to the existing institutional setting
• activities are directly linked with the activities in the Drin Action Plan.
Drin MoU

Drin Action Plan

GEF Drin Project

Implementation of Content
Shared Vision
Drin MoU

Drin CORDA MoU

GEF Drin Project

RBM Sub-Basin Plans
SIDA - Drin Mng.
- Albania
- Kosovo

UNDP - Prespa

WB - Buna/Bojana

IUCN - CB

GIZ: CSBL ACC

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| **Outcome 1.**  
Consensus among countries on key trans boundary concerns and drivers of change, including climate change and variability, reached through joint fact finding |
| **Outcome 2.**  
Visioning process opens the way for systematic cooperation in the management of the transboundary Drin River Basin |
| **Outcome 3.**  
Countries and donors commit to sustain joint cooperation mechanisms and to undertake priority reforms and investments |
### Outcomes

**Outcome 4.**
The operationalization and strengthening of the institutional and legal frameworks for transboundary cooperation will facilitate balancing of water uses and sustaining environmental quality throughout the extended Drin Basin.

**Outcome 5.**
Benefits demonstrated on the ground by environmentally sound approaches and technologies new to the region.

**Outcome 6.**
Public support and participation to IWRM and joint multi-country management enhanced through stakeholder involvement and gender mainstreaming.
Outcome 7.

Political awareness at all levels and private sector participation strengthened through higher visibility of the project’s developments and targeted outreach initiatives.
Institutional strengthening for Integrated Water Resource Management

TDA

Indicators

Possible donors assistance

SAP

Institutional reforms (Joint Commission(?), international agreements, national legislation and/or institutions)

Harmonized monitoring of Status Indicators

Investments and other reforms based on pilots

Other inputs

Institutional strengthening for Integrated Water Resource Management

Demonstration of technologies and practices for IWRM and ecosystem management

Strategic Communication and Stakeholders involvement

Possible donors assistance

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Component 1: Consolidating a common knowledge base

Component 2: Building the foundation for multi-country cooperation

Component 3: Institutional strengthening for Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM)

Component 4: Demonstration of technologies and practices for IWRM and ecosystem management

Component 5: Stakeholder Involvement, Gender Mainstreaming and Communication Strategies

4. GEF project “Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Extended Drin River Basin”
Component 1: Consolidating a common knowledge base

Outputs

- Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA).

- Drivers and Indicators
  - (study of, and agreement on the “main drivers of change” and on the “indicators of current conditions (status indicators”).
  - The Drin Core Group will approve both drivers and indicators.

- Monitoring and Information Management System (IMS).
Component 2:
Building the foundation for multi-country cooperation

Outputs

- A Shared Vision.
  - Based on the Shared Strategic Vision described in the MoU

- Strategic Action Program (SAP)
  - formulated and endorsed (horizon 5 years) addressing main issues of transboundary concern.

- Partnership Conference
  - consolidates international support for the implementation of the priority actions identified in the SAP.
Component 3: Institutional strengthening for Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM)

Outputs

- **National level Inter-ministerial Committees** (water, environment, energy, agriculture, spatial planning, treasury) established.

- **SAP** - reviewed and endorsed into national actions and policies by the national Interministerial Committees.

- **Training Program** for ministries, practitioners, local authorities etc.

- **“Joint Commission”** for the Extended Drin Basin established and capacitated to foster:
  - cooperation among existing Joint Bodies in Lakes.
  - coordinated management of the Basin
  - implementation of SAP
Component 4: Demonstration of technologies and practices for IWRM and ecosystem management

Outputs

- A program of on the ground pilot demonstrations designed, and implemented. E.g.
  - IWRM practices and water use efficiency measures;
  - Reduction of nutrient loads
  - Land Use Planning / Groundwater protection
  - Extreme Climatic Events
  - Sustainable Tourism
  - Flood Management Plans, etc.
Component 5: Stakeholder Involvement, Gender Mainstreaming and Communication Strategies

Outputs

- Stakeholder Involvement Strategy; and
- Gender Mainstreaming Strategy.
- Information, Communication and Outreach Strategy – implemented.
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Thank You!

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