

# Integrated Drought Management

## Programme in Central and Eastern Europe



**National Consultation Dialogues**  
*(activity 2.2)*

**Summary report from the first  
National consultation dialogues**

## 1. Summary report from the first National Consultation Dialogues (NCDs)

The National consultation dialogues (NCD) are organised within the Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP), which is undertaken by the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) Region of the Global Water Partnership (GWP). The general objective of IDMP is to “to support stakeholders at all levels by providing them with policy and management guidance through globally coordinated generation of scientific information and sharing best practices and knowledge for integrated drought management”.

The main objective of the NCD (Activity 2.2 of IDMP) is to support the process of development of the Guidelines for Drought Management Plans (Act 2.1 of IDMP). The intention is to open the national dialogues in individual countries with the aim to involve all key actors dealing with drought issues on all levels - policy level (ministries, state agencies), professional level (hydrometeorological services, universities ) and stakeholders level (farmers, households, energy companies, fisheries and others). The NCD should contribute not only to development of the Guidelines for Drought Management Plans (DMP), but also to encourage the national competent authorities responsible for the integrated water management in the effort to produce DMPs as an integral part of the River basin management plans (RBMPs) according to Water Framework Directive (WFD).

Within IDMP two rounds of the NCD are planned to organise in ten countries of the CEE region involved in the development of the Guidelines.

### *1.1. Objectives of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of NCDs*

The involved countries were invited to organize the first round of the NCD in the initial phase of IDMP with the aim:

- to gather the key national partners dealing with drought issues from relevant sectors, professional areas and effected stakeholders,
- to inform about the IDMP objectives and activities focused on drought management and mitigation measures,
- to collect information about the current status of the implementation of DMPs and measures within RBMP according to WFD needed for filling in questionnaires,
- to provide basic information on the general guidelines developed by member states under the coordination of the Commission in 2007 (Drought Management Plan Report Including Agricultural, Drought Indicators and Climate Change),
- to suggest further steps in development of the national drought risk-based management strategy and its implementation.

Each country elaborated Country report from NCD providing more detail information reflecting the current situation in the individual countries. One of the main outcomes of NCD was identification of the next steps needed in order to make the progress in drought management implementation. The main information from the first NCD are summarised in the Table below.

**Table: Summary information from the first National consultation dialogues**

Country	Date of NCD	Number of participants	Recommendations – next steps
Bulgaria	3/04/2014	41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To send a letter to Ministry of Environment and Water asking them to develop the drought indicators/indexes under the frame of desertification program.</li> <li>To arrange the next dialogue when the draft of the Guidelines for development of the Drought Management Plan is ready</li> </ul>
Czech Republic	3/12/2013	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To cooperate with all participating institutions regarding drought issue</li> <li>next meetings will be expanded by experts mainly from agricultural and water management field</li> <li>to invite all of them to the next consultation dialogue to discuss the guidelines together</li> </ul>
Hungary	3/12/2013	38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dissemination of the results through the CWP's webpage, media, circular letters.</li> <li>Complementing the list of relevant stakeholders.</li> <li>Set up new working relationship with the Ministry of the Interior (in charge of water management from 2014).</li> <li>Convening the second national consultation in September 2014.</li> </ul>
Lithuania	19/12/2013	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next meeting will be tentatively held at the end of March 2014</li> </ul>
Moldova	23/12/2013	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of project files for implementation of the strategy for agricultural development in Moldova, national climate change adaptation strategy etc,</li> <li>Development a list of projects and activities, which could contribute to soil moisture conservation practices</li> <li>Collection of data needed for project development organizing of joint event with Ukrainian counterpart in the Dnester basin</li> <li>-consultation meetings and dialogs in Moldavian part of the Dnester basin for identification of possible project files for implementation of the IDMP in Moldova</li> </ul>
Poland	9/01/2014	38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open letter addressed to National Water Management Authority. The letter will summarize conclusions and main ideas of</li> </ul>

			<p>discussion. Moreover, GWP will invite National Water Management Authority to cooperation and use of tools, knowledge and experience of experts united in GWP,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further workshops focused on development of catalogue of measures described in Methodology on drought risk management.</li> <li>• Confronting of Polish experience with the practices and approaches developed by the Project partners (Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary – if possible),</li> <li>• Development of an Internet platform as a tool of exchange of knowledge and tools / experience between water users, water authorities, and IDMP project experts. Results of platform operation will be presented during the second Draught Workshop and communicated to the National Water Management Authority</li> </ul>
Romania	27/02/2014	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To take into account drought impact on water quality and local users</li> <li>• To send written application to the Ministry of Health asking them to propose representative for future dialogues,</li> <li>• To arrange the next seminar at the data's to be decided and when such important data and projects results are produced and needs to be shared with all affected sectors and also with the decision makers to implement the recommended proposed solutions</li> </ul>
Slovakia	27/11/2013	41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To take into account drought impact on the nature and in this connection arrange contacts with the state nature protection institutions,</li> <li>• To send written application to the Ministry of the Environment asking information and data on drought impacts on water supply, ecological status of surface water bodies, mortality of fishes caused by drought ,</li> <li>• To arrange the next seminar at the beginning of June 2014 with the aim to present results of the Slovak case study and draft of the Guidelines for development of the DMP</li> </ul>
Slovenia	6/2/2014	46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen cross-sect oral cooperation at the horizontal level;</li> <li>• The interested public should be invited to the preparation of the Drought Management Plan and RBMP 2015 at its initial stage</li> </ul>

Ukraine	10/12/2013	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To continue the NPD on Droughts management and to discuss the adaptation measures in link and coherence with floods management issues.</li> <li>• Invite other stakeholders into this NPD.</li> <li>• It was proposed to organize the workshop on droughts for farmers in Poltava oblast</li> </ul>
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### 1.2. Outcomes of the first round of the NCDs

- Altogether 304 participants from ten countries of the CEE region attended the first NCD. The lists of the experts, responsible persons and people from NGO have been created by individual countries representing very valuable source for further communication on drought issues,
- The first NCD drew attention to the drought issues of the wide spectrum of interesting groups including representatives of ministries, agencies, professional institutions, environmentalists and NGOs,
- All countries support drought risk management approach based on production of Drought management plan in context of Water Framework Directive,
- The main recommendation given for the next steps is to strengthen cross-sectorial cooperation on the horizontal level, ensure participation of interested public and other stakeholders to the preparation of Drought Management plans,
- Some countries pointed out on necessity of data collection needed for effective drought management.
- Development of an Internet platform as a tool of exchange of knowledge and tools / and dissemination of the results through the CWP's webpage, media is widely recommended
- The second round of the NCD is jointly welcomed by all involved countries.

## 2. Objectives of the second round of the NCDs

The second round of the NCD should be organised within the second phase of the development of the Guidelines for Drought management plan (Guidelines). The main objective is to contribute to the completion of the draft of the Guidelines by:

- Elaboration of the written comments, proposals for adjustment, correction and amendments of the draft of Guidelines.
- Providing national experiences into the Guidelines annexes relating to the key elements of the DMP according to the templates undermentioned. Experiences gained in consultation dialogues (testing the guidelines at the national level) will provide additional feedback for the Guidelines.