

NATIONAL CONSULTATION DIALOGUE in Kosovo

1. General Data

Country	Republic of Kosovo
Organizer	Office of the Prime Minister, Republic of Kosovo
Date & Place	12 November 2014, Pristina, Kosovo
Participant	List of participants is attached to the report
Attachments	Photos on Flickr and presentations on SlideShare

2. Agenda

Objective

National Drought Dialogue in Kosovo took place on invitation of the Office of the Prime Minister, Republic of Kosovo in frame of the [Integrated Drought Management Programme](#) (IDMP). The main objective of the National Consultation Dialogue was to discuss drought management plan and to identify challenges. The dialogue involved around 35 participants from key actors dealing with drought issues on all levels - policy level (Office of the Prime Minister), institutes (Kosovo Hydrometeorological Institute), donor agencies ([GIZ Office in Pristina](#)), water companies ([Regional Water Company Hidromorava J.S.C. Gjilan](#)) and youth.

Agenda

Agenda is attached as annex.

Main points of discussion

- Institutional setting is a challenge as well as data gaps.
- There is a strong focus on water quantity issues. Cross sectoral cooperation and involvement of agriculture, energy and municipalities other relevant sectors.
- Lack of human resources at Hydrometeorological Institute.
- Need to establish an independent river basin authority and groundwater monitoring system including complex cadastre of groundwater.
- Large investments needed to replace ageing infrastructure, including analysis of drinking water pipes leakage.
- National competent authorities agreed to produce drought management plans as an integral part of the river basin management plan.
- Integrated risk assessment is needed for municipalities and water companies as well as early warning system.

3. Report (max 3000 characters)

Main goal of the dialogue was to identify challenges to move towards proactive drought management approach. The dialogue comprised three main parts. The first was from GWP and its experts, the second presentations from Kosovo and the last part was moderated discussion. Baton Begolli presented goals and chaired the meeting. The first block of presentations:

- GWP, its structure and Strategy towards 2020 by Natalia Alexeeva
- GWP Mediterranean (MED) flagship programmes and projects in the MED region and especially in the Balkans by Dimitris Faloutsos
- GWP Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) by Richard Muller
- Integrated Drought Management Programme in Central and Eastern Europe as a part of the global Water and Climate Programme by Sabina Bokal
- Drought Management Guidelines and steps in its preparation by Elena Fatulova
- Small water retention measures demonstration and Remote sensing agricultural drought demonstration projects by János Fehér

The second block of presentations:

- Drought monitoring and warning in Kosovo by Bakshim Kastrati
- Lessons learned from droughts that are strongly connected with water supply in Kosovo by Baton Begolli
- Drought Management Plan for Water Supply (GIZ Project) by Regional Water Company Hidromorava J.S.C. Gjilan. It is the only drought management plan in Kosovo. Guidelines for six regional water companies are under preparation.

After the drought in 2006, drought framework was prepared but it did not properly work during drought in 2013. Moreover, there were no learning lessons passed on. It was already a crisis and water was in some cases available only for two more months. Fortunately, in April 2014 there was enough precipitation to recharge all the aquifers back to the normal status. [Interministerial Water Council](#) was established as a committee of relevant Government Ministers chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister. It focuses on improvement of the situation in water sector through development of sectoral policies and action plans based on good practices. Monitoring is a major issue and lack of data because for early warning purposes, SPI index should be calculated continuously. There is Climate Change Framework Strategy (CCFS) for Kosovo but drought is not addressed sufficiently. So far, Technical Guidance on Preparation of Water Company Drought Risk Management Plans was tested in one of six Kosovo water companies.

4. Conclusions

Outcome of the public consultation

1. Which measures can help the introduction of effective drought risk management?
 - Establish independent basin management authority and system to monitor underground water.
 - Clearly define tasks for all institutions.
 - Operational monitoring system covering the whole country.
2. Which elements (components) of the drought management system require a special attention?
 - Drought Management Plan of water companies should have broader support – people are not aware of the situation. An example shows that SPI already indicated deficit in precipitation and beginning of drought but the water company cannot start with implementing measures because of negative feedback from people on reducing the water use, etc.
3. Drought Management Plan part of the river basin management plan?
 - Drought Management Plan being part of the river basin management plan is more realistic; however, there is no special policy in place supporting development of a separate Drought Management Plan.
4. Public participation
 - UNDP launched the [mobile phone application](#) to Reduce the Risk of Disasters.
 - Public participation is a legal requirement of EU Water Framework Directive, however, there is still a gap between water experts and those who communicate with general public.
 - Cooperation with other sectors is needed in the process – especially with agriculture.
 - Recently, European Environmental Agency published [Public participation: contributing to better water management](#).

Brief information about actual status of production of DMP

Drought Management Plan was developed in the frame of GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) project for water company Hidromorava Gjilan. Guidelines for development of plans for six remaining water companies in Kosovo are currently in preparation.

Proposals for further steps

Share documents on Integrated Drought Management Programme for possible IDMP Kosovo project development.



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**Kosova Drought National Dialogue
Contact List**

Institution - Organization	Contact Person	Position		
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Water Resources				
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	Hazir Cadraku	Water Policy Division		
Kosova Environmental Protection Agency	Ilir Morina	Chief Executive		
	Letafete Latifi	Director, Inst. Hydrometeorology		
	Bashkim Kastrati	Hydrologist		
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Mitrovica region				
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GWP MED	Dimitris Faloutsos	Project Manager		
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GWP CEE	János Fehér	Technical Expert		
GWP CEE	Richard Muller	Regional Coordinator		

National Consultation Drought Dialogue

Draft Agenda

Venue: Pristina, Kosova

Date: 12 November 2014

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 – 09:10 **Opening speech and introduction**
Bujar Bukoshi (DPM, tbc), Martina Zupan (GWP CEE) and Vangelis Constantianos (GWP Med)
- Session 1** **Global Water Partnership and its activities**
- 09:10 – 09:20 **1.1 Presentation of the GWP**
Natalia Alexeeva (GWPO)
- 09:20 – 09:25 **1.2 Presentation of GWP Mediterranean (MED)**
GWP MED
- 09:25 – 09:30 **1.3 Presentation of GWP Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)**
Richard Muller (GWP CEE)
- Session 2** **Drought Management in CEE and MED**
- 09:30 – 09:40 **2.1 Integrated Drought Management Programme in CEE**
Sabina Bokal (GWP CEE)
- 09:40 – 10:10 **2.2 IDMP guidelines for preparation of the Drought Management Plans**
Elena Fatulova (GWP CEE)
- 10:10 – 10:30 **2.3 Drought demonstration projects: Remote sensing agriculture drought monitoring methods and Small water retention measures**
János Fehér (GWP CEE)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break**
- Session 3** **Current Situations and Gaps in Drought Management in Kosovo**
- 11:00 – 11:30 **3.1 Presentation by Ministry of Environment of Kosova on their current status regarding drought plans/policies**
Hazir Çadraku (Water Department, Ministry of Environment & Spatial Planning)
- 11:30 – 12:00 **3.2 Drought monitoring and forecasting**
Bashkim Kastrati (Kosovo Hydrometeorological Institute)
- 12:00 – 12:30 **3.3 2014 Drought Lessons Learned & Recommendations**

Baton Begolli (Inter-Ministerial Water Council)

12:30 – 13:00 3.4 Guidance on Preparation of Water Company Drought Risk Management Plans in Kosova
Mumin Morina (Technical Director, Regional Water Company Hidromorava)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

Session 4 Way forward

14:00 – 15:00 4.1 Discussion on Drought Risk Management Strategy in Kosova
“interactive workshop” with following questions:
4.2.1 Which measures can help the introduction of effective drought risk management?
4.2.2 Which elements (components) of the drought management system require a special attention?
4.2.3 How should the public participation be organized to improve management of drought risks?
4.2.4 Is it important for you to include DMP into RBMP?

15:00 – 15:45 4.2 Input from stakeholders on presentations and follow up
tbc

15:45 – 16:00 4.3 Outcomes of the Dialogue
Rapporteur to present outcomes of the discussion

15:45 – 16:00 4.4 Closing remarks and end of the workshop
Representative of Kosovo
Natalia Alexeeva