

## What we want to achieve

- Guidelines for preparation of the drought management plans within river basin management plans according to European Union Water Framework Directive
- National consultation dialogues to discuss preparation of drought management plans
- Compendium of good practices
- Drought information exchange platform
- Demonstration projects testing innovative solutions for better resilience to drought
- Capacity building trainings and workshops on national and regional levels

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*"We simply cannot afford to continue in a piecemeal mode, driven by crisis rather than prevention."*

Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization



Integrated Drought  
Management  
Programme  
in  
Central and Eastern  
Europe

## Need for regional and national drought policies

In terms of water resources management and climate change adaptation, countries in Central and Eastern Europe are sensitive to variability and changing precipitation patterns. Future climate scenarios in the region forecast increased frequency and severity of extreme weather events, which will result in the increase of droughts<sup>1</sup>.

Each time a drought occurs, many of the same issues are raised in the region, such as: How much damage was inflicted, on whom, and where? Who is going to pay for it? How can we prevent, or at least reduce damages and their costs in the future?

<sup>1</sup> IPCC Fourth Assessment Report: Climate Change 2007 (AR4)

## Working in partnership

Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe implements the Integrated Drought Management Programme in cooperation with the Drought Management Centre for South Eastern Europe and the Country Water Partnerships in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine. In addition, over 40 different organizations joined the programme:

- ~ Ministries and governmental agencies
- ~ Universities
- ~ Hydrological and meteorological services
- ~ Research institutes

### Connection with global level programmes

- ~ The global GWP/ WMO Integrated Drought Management Programme
- ~ GWP Global Water and Climate Programme



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## Drawing upon technical expertise and innovation

- ~ **Knowledge management:** best practices in early warning and drought planning management
- ~ **Guidance on technical and institutional aspects:** tools and methodologies to support better drought risk management and response
- ~ **Advocacy:** stakeholder participation in integrated drought management through regional and country dialogues
- ~ **Capacity building:** drought risk awareness raising through vulnerability assessments and risk mapping to develop preventive action against drought

## Drought -



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## From reactive to proactive drought management

A central goal of the Integrated Drought Management Programme is to increase the capacity and ability in the Central and Eastern European countries. By enhancing resilience to drought, it will be easier to adapt to climate variability and change.



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*because it affects you too!*