Integrated Drought Management Programme in Central and Eastern Europe
National Consultation Dialogues

OBJECTIVE
Increase the capacity of the Central Eastern Europe region to adapt to climatic variability by enhancing resilience to drought.

RESULTS
- 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

4 Key principles of the programme
- From reactive to proactive approach
- Vertical planning & horizontally integrated sectors
- Knowledge base & sharing best practices
- Building capacity for integrated drought management

Process of preparation of the Guidelines

1. Review of existing Guidelines and legislative framework
2. Review of the current status of drought planning
3. 1st National consultation dialogues
4. Testing the Guidelines in national conditions
5. Development of the draft Guidelines
6. 2nd National consultation dialogues
7. Guidelines for the preparation of Drought Management Plans
8. 1st National consultation dialogues
9. Review of the current status of drought planning
10. Testing the Guidelines in national conditions
11. Development of the draft Guidelines
12. 2nd National consultation dialogues

How to integrate drought into planning process for development of the RBMPs?

Step 1 Develop a drought policy and establish a Drought Management Committee
Step 2 Define the objectives of a drought risk-based management policy
Step 3 Inventory of data needed for Drought Management Plan development
Step 4 Produce/update the Drought Management Plan
Step 5 Publicize the DMP to the public for comments and active involvement
Step 6 Develop a research and science programme
Step 7 Develop an educational programme

Step 8 Development of the RBMPs

Drought policy development and production of Drought management plan.