



Enabling
& Transboundary Cooperation
& Integrated Water Resources Management
in the extended **DRIN RIVER BASIN**



6th Stakeholders Conference

Ohrid, 14-15 November 2018

Agenda

In the framework of:

Memorandum of Understanding
for the Management of the Extended Transboundary Drin Basin

GEF Project “Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources
Management in the Extended Drin River Basin”

ADA supported project “Promoting Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in
South East Europe, through the use of Nexus approach”

Day 1, Wednesday 14 November 2018

09.30 – 10.00 **Welcome – Opening Remarks**

- Ms. Ana Petrovska, State Secretary of MOEPP
- *High level representatives of the Riparians*
- *Ms. Anita Kodzoman, Programme Officer and Head of Energy and Environment Unit, UNDP Office in Skopje*
- *Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Adviser, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe*
- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GEF Drin PCU, GWP-Med*

10.00 – 10.05 **Purpose of the Meeting and Introduction to the Agenda**

- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GWP-Med*

10.05 – 10.45 **Coffee Break / Press conference**

High level representatives of the Riparians make statements to the media

Part 1. THE POLITICAL AND OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DRIN BASIN.

10.45 – 11.45 **Session 1.1**

OVERVIEW OF ACTIONS AND RESULTS

Session 1 will focus on the framework for the management of the Drin Basin i.e. the Drin Coordinated Action for the implementation of the Drin Memorandum of Understanding supported by the GEF Drin Project. A presentation will remind the political framework, provide an overview of the developments and results within 2018 as well as planned actions within 2019.

10.45-11.00 Report of activities implemented in 2018

- *Mr. Rizah Hajdari, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GEF Drin PCU Officer, GWP-Med*

11.00-11.15 Draft Action Plan for 2019

- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GEF Drin PCU Coordinator, GWP-Med*

11.15-11.45 Reflection from the representatives of the Drin Riparians and the participants

11.45 – 13:00 **Session 1.2**

THE DRAFT DRIN TRANSBOUNDARY DIAGNOSTIC ANALYSIS

A Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) is being prepared to: (i) Identify and assess transboundary basin management issues; (ii) Assess the environmental impacts and socio-economic consequences of each issue; (iii) Identify the immediate and underlying causes of these issues among the social and economic activities. Furthermore, the TDA should identify the related root causes/ drivers that ultimately create these issues. These could be information gaps on the existing environmental state, policy distortions, institutional and/or legal framework related deficiencies etc.

The TDA includes the necessary information that will enable countries to:

- Discuss and decide on the issues that will be addressed with priority.
- Negotiate and formulate a strategic programme of actions and interventions to address the causes and drivers that result in the identified issues.

A set of thematic reports are being prepared as basis for the TDA. The Socio-economic, Biodiversity and Institutional and Legal framework reports have been presented to the stakeholders and approved by the Drin Core Group. The Pollution and the Hydrology reports will be presented along with the main issues and the Causal Chain Analysis. The Nexus thematic report that is under preparation -the main findings will be presented and discussed in Part II of this Conference- will inform the TDA and the causal chain analysis. This will result in the SAP including actions to address causes that lie beyond the basin but affect the basin. Drin is among the pioneers globally in having a Nexus assessment being part of a TDA.

Moderator: *Mr. Novak Čadjenović, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GEF Drin PCU Officer, GWP-Med*

11.45-12.05 The TDA Thematic Report on Pollution - Assessment of the Pollution pressures in the Drin Basin

- *Mr. Novak Čadjenović, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GEF Drin PCU Officer, GWP-Med*

12.05-12.30 The TDA Thematic Report on Pollution - Assessment of the Pollution in the Drin Basin

- *Dr. Fotini Botsou, Environmental Chemist, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

12.30-13.00 Questions and Answers

13:00-14:00 ***Lunch break***

- 14:00-15.30** 14.00 -14.20 The TDA Thematic Report on Hydrology and Hydrogeology
- *Dr. Elias Dimitriou, Geologist - Environmental Scientist, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Institute of Marine Biological Resources and Inland Waters*
- 14.20-14.35 Questions and Answers
- 14.35-15.00 Priority Transboundary issues and problems in the Drin Basin and their causes – The Drin Causal Chain Analysis
- *Dr. Peter Whalley, TDA Consultant, GWP-Med*
- 15.00-15.30 Questions and Answers / Reflections from the representatives of the Drin Riparians and the stakeholders
- Question to the plenary: Are the identified transboundary issues, problems as well as their causes correct and relevant? Are there other significant ones that should be considered?*

15.30-15.50 *Coffee break*

15.50-17.45 **Part 2. THE WATER-FOOD-ENERGY-ECOSYSTEMS NEXUS IN THE DRIN BASIN**

Session 2.1 Setting the stage

- 15.50-15.55 Introduction - Objectives and expectations, background and inputs
- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Drin Core Group Secretariat, GEF Drin PCU Coordinator, GWP-Med*
- 15.55-16.05 Presentation on the methodology for the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus assessment
- *Ms. Annukka Lipponen, UNECE*
- 16.05-16.25 An overview of the preliminary identification of intersectoral dynamics
- *Ms. Lucia De Strasser and Stephen Stec, UNECE*
- Question to the plenary: Are the identified interlinkages correct and relevant? Are there other significant ones that should be considered?*

Session 2.2 Nexus dynamics in the Drin River Basin

- 16.25-17.45 Exploring the nexus components and their interlinkages
- Moderator: Ms. Lucia De Strasser, UNECE*
- Discussion in groups:
- The participants will break into three discussion groups: (i) Hydro-power operations and flooding; (ii) Forestry and biomass; (iii) Agricultural production and trade. The groups will elaborate on the*

following questions:

- *What kind of effects are there across sectors? Please detail: one sector requiring inputs from another or having impacts – positive or negative.*
- *What might be relevant policy questions that the assessment could help to answer? Are there specific trade-offs and/or synergies that deserve particular attention in your country?*
- *Who should be involved in the nexus dialogue at policy level (to address the issues discussed in your group)? Please think about country as well as basin and regional level policy.*

17.45-18.45 **Cocktail – Introduction of the Drin GIS portal**
(Session for informal exchange and dialogue among participants)

19.30 ***Evening Reception***

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Part 2. THE WATER-FOOD-ENERGY-ECOSYSTEMS NEXUS IN THE DRIN BASIN (continued)

09.30–12.00 **Session 2.2 Nexus dynamics in the Drin River Basin(continued)**

Moderator: Ms. Lucia De Strasser, UNECE

09.30-10.45 Exploring the nexus components and their interlinkages (continued)

Presentation of the group work and plenary discussion about the intersectoral issues and their relative importance. The nominated rapporteur for each of the groups will report back to the plenary about the findings, presenting the group's understanding of its set of focus intersectoral issues in the Drin.

Session 2.3 The sub-basin context and relevant trends

Moderator: Ms. Annukka Liponnen, UNECE

Facilitated Panel Discussions aim to bring up the interlinkages in relation to the main strategic orientations, the key policies and sectoral goals.

10.45-11.30 Energy-Water Panel

- Representatives of the responsible authorities of the Energy Sector and Water Sector in Drin Riparians

11.30-11.45 *Coffee Break*

11.45-12.30 Agriculture-Environment Panel (addressing (ii) forestry and biomass and (iii) agricultural production and trade)

- Representatives of the responsible authorities of the Agriculture Sector, Environment Sector in Drin Riparians

12.30-13.15 Discussion in plenary on:

- What are the possible effects of identified intersectoral issues on implementing the development plans and achieving envisaged sectoral goals?

13.15–13.45 Further steps of the nexus assessment

13.45-14.15 Conclusions

14.15 – 14.30 **Session 3. WRAP UP AND CONCLUSION – CLOSING REMARKS**

Representatives of Governments of the Riparians, Respective Ministries