

Annex I. Agenda of the 6th Drin Core Group Meeting

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30 May 2011

Ohrid

VENUE:

Hotel Slavija Spektar

Address: Nas. Sveti Stefan bb, 6000 Ohrid

TIME SCHEDULE:

Action	Time
Working Session I (Agenda Items 1,2,3,4,5, 6, 6.1)	10.30 – 13.30 (3 hours)
<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>13.30– 14.30</i>
Working Session II (Agenda Items 6.2,7)	14.30 – 16.00 (1 hour and 30 min)
<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>16.00 – 16.15</i>
Working Session II (Agenda Items 7, 8, 9, 10)	16.15 – 17.30 (1 hour and 15 min)

DRAFT AGENDA

Chair: *Mr. Dejan Panovski, Representative of the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, FYR Macedonia, in the Drin Core Group / Head, Black Drin River Basin District*

Co-Chair: *Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*

Rapporteur: *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Drin Core Group Secretariat / Programme Coordinator for SEE, GWP-Med*

1. Opening – Welcome (10 min)

Mr. Dejan Panovski

2. Tour de table – Opening brief statements by the members of the Drin Core Group

(10 min)

3. Adoption of the Agenda (5 min)

4. Purpose of the meeting (5 min)

5. Memorandum of Understanding for the management of the Drin Basin (MoU) – The Drin Core Group (30 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
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<p><i>This is the first meeting of the DCG as an official body for the coordination of actions among the Parties (to the MoU) for the implementation of the MoU.</i></p> <p><i>The Group will be reminded the main points of the MoU including the mandate of the DCG and its rules of operation.</i></p> <p>- Introduction: DCG Secretariat - Discussion (All)</p>	<p>- MoU - Report of the 1st Drin Core Group Meeting - Annex III</p>
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6. Action Plan for the implementation of the MoU for the management of the Drin Basin (60 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<p><i>Responding to the request of the Ministers, the DCG will discuss and agree on actions for the implementation of the MoU for the period 2012-2014 including objectives, timeframe etc.</i></p> <p>- Introduction: DCG Secretariat and UNECE - Discussion (All)</p>	<p>- Action Plan 2012-2014 for the implementation of the MoU</p>

6.1 Actions to be implemented during 2012 (60 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<p><i>The DCG will discuss and agree on actions for the implementation of the MoU during 2012:</i></p> <p><i>1. Establish sustainably functioning support structures:</i></p> <p><i>(a) In order to advance towards meeting the aim and objectives of the MoU, there is need for the DCG to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Establish support structures in response to the:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>mandate stemming from the MoU i.e. coordinate actions for the implementation of the MoU hence function as a de facto joint commission responsible for coordination and provision of advice to the Parties for the management of the Drin Basin;</i> - <i>additional current or future functions i.e. (i) steering committee of the two Projects financed by ENVSEC and SEPA; (ii) if accepted by donors, assist in the coordination of transboundary projects; (iii) be the governing body of the planned GEF funded project (if approved);</i> • <i>Sustain its functioning in 2012 in accordance to the MoU (until financing from GEF or other sources for the implementation of the MoU becomes available – see also point c below).</i> <p><i>(b) The establishment of Expert Working Groups has already been decided by the DCG with the aim to support the implementation of the MoU by (i) supporting the work of the DCG and strengthen its capacity to coordinate activities and; (ii) contributing to the deepening of cooperation among national institutions that will participate in the working groups:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Water Framework Directive implementation EWG</i> - <i>Monitoring and Information exchange EWG</i> - <i>Biodiversity and Ecosystem EWG.</i> <p><i>The DCG will discuss the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the three working</i></p>	<p>- Concept Note - ToR of the three working groups</p>

<p>groups.</p> <p>2. <i>Secure financial resources for the operation of the DCG and its Expert Working Groups, and in addition implement activities in compliance with the MoU.</i></p> <p><i>Financial support for an initial set of activities has been secured by the ENVSEC initiative and additional support will be provided by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. Further contributions have been secured by the service contract of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative, GEF MedPartnership and GWP-Med. Additional in-kind contributions will be provided by UNECE. Opportunities to obtain support by the European Commission and other donors will be investigated.</i></p> <p>- Introduction: DCG Secretariat and UNECE - Discussion (All)</p>	
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7. Regional projects related to the management of the Drin Basin (60 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<p><i>The DCG should foster cooperation, with the aim of coordinated action, among key actors active in the Basin including the European Commission, the UN agencies and programmes, IFIs and Banks and donor countries such as Sweden, Germany, etc. The DCG and its Expert Working Groups may become the reference point in this regard.</i></p> <p><i>GIZ supports the implementation of two regional projects focusing in the Drin area:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“Protection and sustainable utilization of the biodiversity in the area of Lakes Prespa, Ohrid and Shkoder”</i> - <i>“Climate change adaptation in the Drin River Basin”</i> <p><i>A coordination meeting for the first project will take place in Ohrid on 28-29 May 2012. A representative of the GIZ will inform the DCG about the outcomes of the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The DCG will discuss opportunities for operational coordination among initiatives and projects at the national and transboundary levels towards the sustainable management of the Drin Basin.</i></p> <p>Discussion: All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of the “Protection and sustainable utilization of the biodiversity in the area of Lakes Prespa, Ohrid and Shkoder” Project Document.

8. Study for the actions and steps necessary for the preparation of coordinated RBM plans for the parts of the Drin Basin extending in the territory of the Riparians(45 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<p><i>The overall status of water resources management as well as the stage regarding the implementation of activities related to the preparation of an RBM plan in the Drin Basin in each of the Riparians will be briefly assessed. This will allow the identification of the concrete steps to be</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ToR for the Study.

<p><i>followed to ensure that RBM planning in accordance to WFD is coordinated to the extent possible. The activity will be undertaken under the service contract of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative in coordination with GWP-Med (separately funded).</i></p> <p><i>The DCG will discuss with the aim to endorse the Terms of Reference for the study.</i></p> <p>Introduction: DCG Secretariat and UNECE Discussion: All</p>	
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9. Project proposal to be submitted to GEF for future funding (45 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<p><i>On-going efforts to secure financial support include the preparation of a project proposal to be submitted to GEF for financing. The proposed activities are aligned with the content and the provisions of the MoU. The proposal would be submitted for consideration for approval to the GEF within 2012.</i></p> <p><i>The DCG will be informed about latest developments in this regard and discuss action needed.</i></p> <p>Introduction: DCG Secretariat and UNECE Discussion: All</p>	

10. Wrap up-Any Other Business (15 min)