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Extrabudgetary project:

Enabling transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the extended Drin River Basin

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT

1. Project title: Enabling transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the extended Drin F Basin	liver
2. Expected timing/ duration: October 2012 – December 2016	
3. Objective(s) and brief summary of the project:	
 The project has the following objectives: Strengthen the institutional structures for transboundary cooperation Establish science-based common understanding about the basin and key transboundary issues Raise capacity of experts and officials of the Riparians to jointly manage transboundary water resources Raise awareness of the public and the key stakeholders at the national and transboundary level Assist in the implementation of the MoU on the Shared Vision on the Sustainable Management of the Drin Basin signed the Drin riparian countries in 2011. 	by
 The project will be implemented by UNECE in cooperation with UNDP and Global Water Partnership Mediterranean. Its material activities will include the following: Analysis and consultations leading to proposals on the strengthening of institutional structures for transboundary cooperation Participatory development of a transboundary diagnostic analysis Capacity building of experts and officials on transboundary water management Selected components of defined activities in the MoU/Shared Vision on the Sustainable Management of the Drin Basin 	in
4. Expected results/impact of the project:	
 Institutional structures for transboundary cooperation strengthened Joint understanding of the basin and key transboundary issues Strengthened capacity of experts and officials leading to a more efficient and sustainable management of transboundar water resources Raised awareness of the public and the key stakeholders on steps needed for a sustainable development in the Drin Basi Partial implementation of the MoU/Shared Vision on the Sustainable Management of the Drin Basin 	
5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:	
Beneficiaries: Drin Riparian countries (Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Greece and Kosovo (UN administered territory); Target group: Government officials and experts, water users	
6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:	
Section 16, Economic Development in Europe, Subprogramme 1. Environment, Sub-programme 1 (Environment): (b) strengthened implementation of ECE regional environmental commitments by member states, (d) improved environmental governance and performance in countries with economies in transition; The work will be part of the UNECE Water Convention Work Programme and will support the beneficiary countries in the implementation of this Convention.	al
7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff): 1 month annually	
8. Estimated extra budgetary resources:	
Donors Global Environmental Fund 500,0 UNDP 11.	000 ¹

Date

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9. Submitted by Division:

¹ A project application is approved by the Global Environmental Fund (GEF) Secretariat. After approval by the GEF board the project will be implemented by UNDP, UNECE and Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean. It is tentatively planned that some of the funds will be channeled through UNECE.