
Promoting implementation through projects on the ground

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1a. What has been done in this work area? The main achievements since 2009

- Drin – Western Balkans
 - Strategic Shared Vision – MoU signed, now implementation starts
- Kura – Azerbaijan, Georgia
 - draft bilateral agreement negotiated
- Dniester – Republic of Moldova, Ukraine
 - draft basin treaty plus strengthened cooperation on information exchange, water and health, biodiversity, public awareness



1b. What has been done in this work area? The main achievements since 2009?

Central Asia

- Chu-Talas – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan
 - Broadened cooperation, Information generation and exchange, Public awareness
- Strengthening of regional cooperation
 - Basis for an enhanced institutional framework, Aral Sea Basin Programme 3, capacity building on international water law, work on information exchange
- Dam safety
 - Capacity building, national legislation, regional agreement, transboundary cooperation on individual dams
- Water quality
 - First framework for basin-level monitoring and cooperation



2. What are the main challenges and lessons learnt?

- Use political windows of opportunity
- National champions and drivers essential
- Funding important but limited amounts sufficient
- The Water Convention is an important framework also for non-Parties
- Long-term view necessary, one project not enough



3a. What are the ideas for the future work in this area?

- **Drin** – development of cooperation on the basis of the MoU signed
- Support to **Dniester** Commission in case the new agreement is signed
- **Kura** – support to finalizing the agreement and establishing a commission



3b. What are the ideas for the future work in this area?

- **Regional water cooperation** – GIZ phase 2: needs-based capacity building; support to regional dialogue
- **Dam safety** – national legislation, regional cooperation including on individual dams.
- Further development of the **Chu-Talas** cooperation as an important example for Central Asia

