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# Water and Ecosystems

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

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Projects (P) and workshops (W)

- P: Lake Issyk-Kul region, Kyrgyzstan
- P: Hrazdan River Basin Armenia
- P: River Vecht (NL-D)
- W: Ukraine
- W: on Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) and green economy?
- W: on Forests and Water in drylands: A Virtuous Cycle



## 2. What are the main challenges and lessons learnt?

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- Still an unfamiliar concept
- Awareness raising, information
- Local political will
- Demonstration through more pilot projects and upscale
- Exchange of information at national and international levels
- More implication of private sector through PPPs



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

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- More information at all levels
- Projects in more regions, including non ECE
- Projects on transboundary basins
- Cross-sectoral approaches between water, biodiversity and forests experts
- Partnerships with other organisations
- Increased information at national and international meetings

