
International Water Assessment Centre

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Convention of the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

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

- The Second Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters was presented at the EfE Conference on 21-23 September 2011 in Astana. The active role of the IWAC in the preparation was evaluated positively.
- The project "Capacity building in data administration for assessing and monitoring transboundary water resources in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)"- two pilot sites - the Dniester River and Aral Sea Basin
- Pilot projects on adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins Dniester, Neman, Sava, Chu and Talas

Others:

- National Policy Dialogues
- Protocol on Water and Health
- Other projects
- Contribution to ongoing projects carried out by other organizations
- Sharing of experience and capacity building



2. What are the main results and lessons learnt?

- The close link to the Convention's and Protocol's programmes of work which gave coherence to IWAC
- The strong Slovak experience and competence - in particular in the SHMI - in transboundary cooperation, water management, extreme events, etc.
- The link to Slovak Foreign Affairs policy, in particular the involvement of Slovak embassies in the countries where projects were carried out
- Good synergy and cooperation with the UNECE secretariat
- Possibility to use IWAC funds to add to other sources of funding, to quick-start activities or to respond to new requests

At the same time, a number of challenges were encountered in the past triennium that need to be taken into account in future work:

- Due to internal changes in Slovakia, IWAC funding was irregular and unpredictable.
- Engagements in too many areas and directions might jeopardize the capacity of IWAC to fulfill all agreed tasks



3. What is foreseen in the draft programme of work for 2013-2015?

- **Programme area 1: Support to implementation and accession**
Participation on the work of the Convention and Protocol subsidiary bodies: Bureau, WG Monitoring and Assessment, WG Integrated Water Resources Management, etc. IWAC will organize and support two events yearly with participation of EECCA representatives
- **Programme area 2: European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues**
IWAC will support the National Policy Dialogues in Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Kazakhstan. IWAC will participate also in the NPDs in other countries with possible support to countries
- **Programme Area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins**
IWAC will participate in four pilot projects in the EECCA regions. IWAC will organize expert meetings in Slovakia for consultation and training on selected issues



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- **Programme area 5: Water-food-energy nexus**
IWAC will assist (similarly as in the preparation of the Second Assessment) in the preparation of the assessment study- proposition of the material, translations, regional meetings, and consultations
- **Programme area 6: Opening of the Convention outside the ECE region**
IWAC will assist in promoting of the Water Convention in countries outside the ECE region
- **Programme area 7: Promotion of the Convention and establishment of strategic partnerships**
IWAC will disseminate experiences among countries and regions, organize trainings, propagation actions and materials

