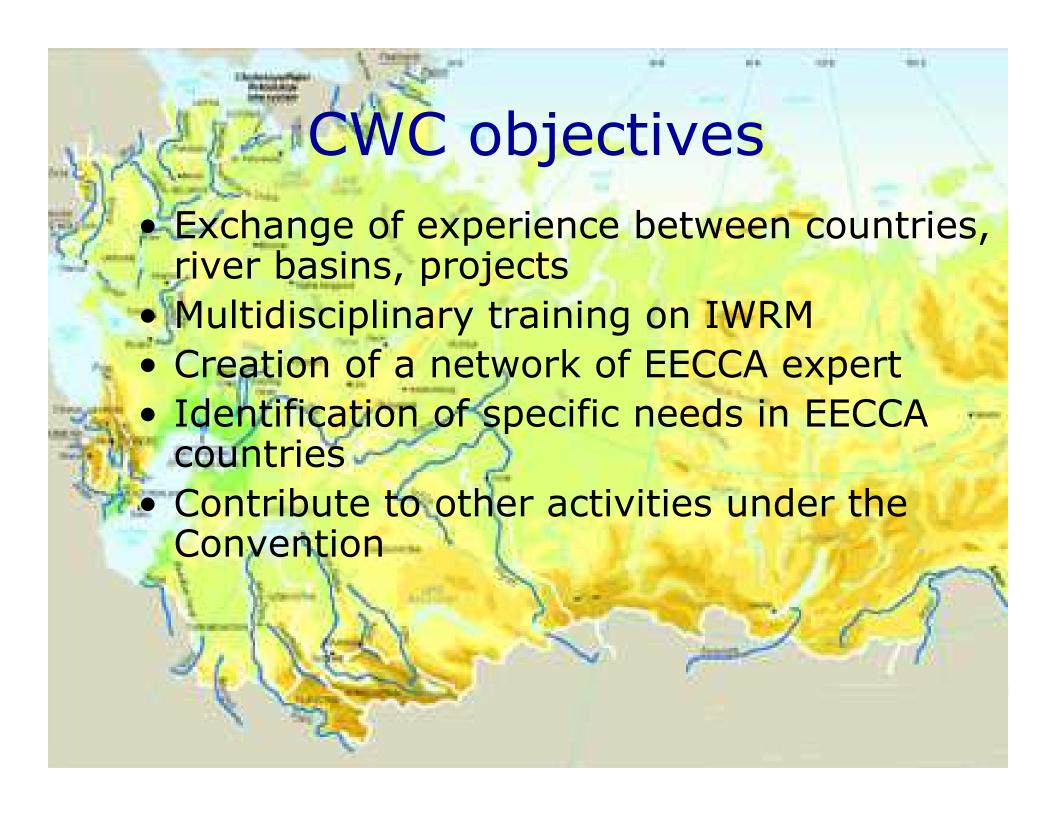


### **Capacity for Water Cooperation**

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### CWC workshops

- November 2004, Kiev:Legal aspects of transboundary cooperation
- June 2005, St. Petersburg: Information management and public participation
- October, 2005, Tbilisi: Joint Monitoring and assessment of shared water basins
- October, 2007, Almaty: River basin commissions and other institutions for transboundary water cooperation
- May 2008, Bucharest: Water and Health





## Outputs - deliverables

- Background document on the theme of the workshop
- Country inputs/questionnaires
- Website
- Publication with recommendations on the way forward





# Main conclusions from Almaty

- Joint bodies are often missing or weak
- Problem of mandate and scope of work
- Problems of institutions represented
- Problems of decision making power
- Public participation often missing
- Dispute settlements procedure
- Lack of human and financial resources
  - ... however some promising developments





# Main conclusions from Bucharest

- Need for better cooperation/integration between sectors
- Need for national roadmaps to set targets/targets dates
- Clear rules/legal framework and mandates for public participation
- Funding: Ministry of Finance + international assistance
- Strengthened capacity to avoid/respond to water related disease
- Education/raising awareness campaigns
- Political will to ratify and implement the Protocol





## Lessons learned from the CWC project

- Very supportive to the work under the Convention
- Useful to test Convention's products and to identify future priorities of work
- Format allows integration
- Mostly secretariat driven: absorbs remarkable resources





#### What's next?

- Continue to build on other activities under the Convention
- Next workshop theme? Floods and climate change? Second assessment? Others?
- Is it possible to have a workshop in 2009?
- How can the burden on the secretariat be reduced? Involvement of lead countries?
- What is the long-term strategy?

