



Future programme of pilot projects under the Convention

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Objectives of pilot projects

- Support countries, especially EECCA and SEE-countries in implementing IWRM in transboundary context
- Assist countries in implementing the Convention and the EU WFD under a changing climate
- Help to apply the knowledge generated under the Convention and to share experiences, lessons learned and good practices
- Ensure implementation of different Guidance documents developed under the Convention

Thematic areas of pilot projects based on Guidance documents

- Water and adaptation to climate change, incl. transboundary flood management, based on:
 - Guidance on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change
 - Model Provisions on Transb. Flood Management
- Joint monitoring and assessment, incl. Data management and information exchange, based on:
 - Guidelines and Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment
- Payments for ecosystem services, based on:
 - Recommendations on PES in IWRM

Focus of the pilot projects

- Focus on EECCA and SEE, but also link to activities in EU-countries
- Focus on one or several of the steps in the Guidance documents, e.g. for climate change pilots:
 - Legal and institutional frameworks
 - Joint impact / vulnerability assessment
 - Joint planning of measures
 - Feasibility study for measures
- Specific focus to be defined by the basin

Procedure



- Responsibility mainly with the countries, thus need for commitment by all riparian countries
- Projects to start in 2010 and last 2-4 years
- Implementation and sharing of experience in 2010-2012, Reporting at MOP-6
- Cooperation with partner organizations (e.g. EC, ENVSEC) and build on ongoing activities

Funding



- Budget will vary from basin to basin
- Funding sources:
 - National budget
 - Funding from existing or new international projects
 - Bilateral / multilateral assistance
- Pilots on climate change adaptation will be part of ENVSEC
- Funding also needed for coordination and support structure

Possible basins which expressed some interest

- Eastern Europe: Dniester basin (Ukraine, Moldova)
- Central Asia: Chu Talas Basin (Kazakhstan, Kyrzgyzstan)
- South-Eastern Europe: Sava River basin (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia)
- Caucasus: Kura basin (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia)

For all: build on already ongoing projects and studies

Management of the Programme of pilot projects

- WGMA and WG IWRM will review progress
- Pilot projects on climate change to be facilitated by Task Force on Water and Climate in cooperation with relevant bodies under EC
- Pilot projects on monitoring and assessment to be implemented by IWAC and International Office for Water
- IWAC and Convention Secretariat to provide support

Platform for exchanging experience



WHY?

Exchange of experience and lessons learnt is crucial, especially for climate change adaptation

HOW?

- Link to other activities under UNFCCC, EU, etc.
- Website, newsletter, periodic meetings, collection of good practices, further research etc.
- Initial kick-off workshop for pilot projects in 2010

Next steps



- Already done: preliminary discussions with some interested basins and potential donors
- Adoption of the programme (at the MOP)
- Confirmation of interest from countries
- Confirmation of partners
- Fund-raising
- **=>Start of activities planned for early 2010**
Analysis of already ongoing/ planned activities in the pre-selected basins