



Item 6
Increasing awareness of and accession to the
Convention and application of its principles drawing
on the benefits of cooperation

Statements



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on Monitoring and Assessment (26-28 April 2021)



Item 6 (c) Implementation Committee

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STATEMENT

Following the last meeting of the implementation committee of the water convention and in the framework of the bilateral agreement for transboundary water resources management the upcoming meeting was planned to be held on March. Since both parties were not ready on these time it was postponed to 15 of April. The meeting was held on online mode due to COVID-19 situation. At the meeting of the Albanian-Montenegrin Commission for Water Management of Shared Interest was expressed common commitment of cooperation for the settlement of all issues and exchange of mutual information.

It was agreed on the continuous exchange of mutual information regarding UNESCO Project “Design and testing of a multi-purpose groundwater monitoring network in Albania and

Montenegro” . The nomination of the members of technical group will be decided in the upcoming communication.

As to implementation of the project “Climate adaptation, integrated flood risk management in the transboundary Drin River basin” it was agreed on the establishment of technical groups. It was clarified that no embankments have been built on existing quotas, only rehabilitation of them has been done. Quotas review was suggested for an agreed reference.

About Activities on the Grnçar River it was explained that ADF project is related to the construction of the road for its protection. Montenegrin party stated has done only removal of the materials.

Related to Cross-border monitoring working groups It was agreed to organize a joint meeting for defining the specific tasks.

For a better management of the Shkodra Lake basin with the Buna River was proposed application for joint projects for the promotion of tourism and water resources. Concerning the quotas of Lake Shkodra, was clarified that no larger amount of water has been discharged. For the wastewater treatment in the Buna River was agreed the exchange of mutual information.