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NORTH MACEDONIA'S EXPERIENCE ON SDG 6.5.2 INDICATOR REPORTING

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Global Webinars on SDG indicator 6.5.2
Transboundary Water Cooperation

Supporting countries in preparing national reports for the
3rd reporting exercise - With a focus on Coordination



History

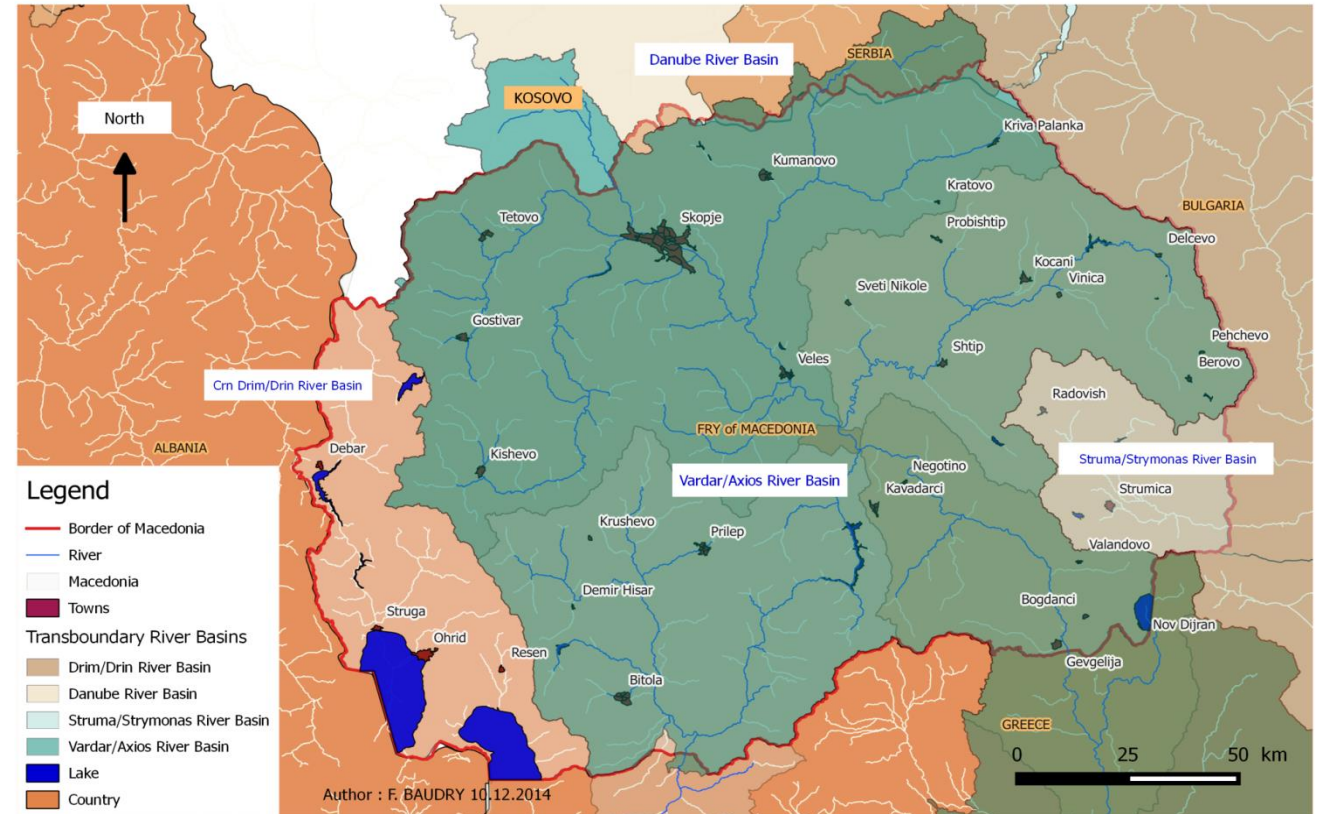


SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AS OF JANUARI 1991



SDG 6.5.2 (report in 2021) Indicator value for :
 Surface waters: 13.25% , Aquifers: 12.22%
 Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2: 12.93%

Transboundary River Basins and riparian countries

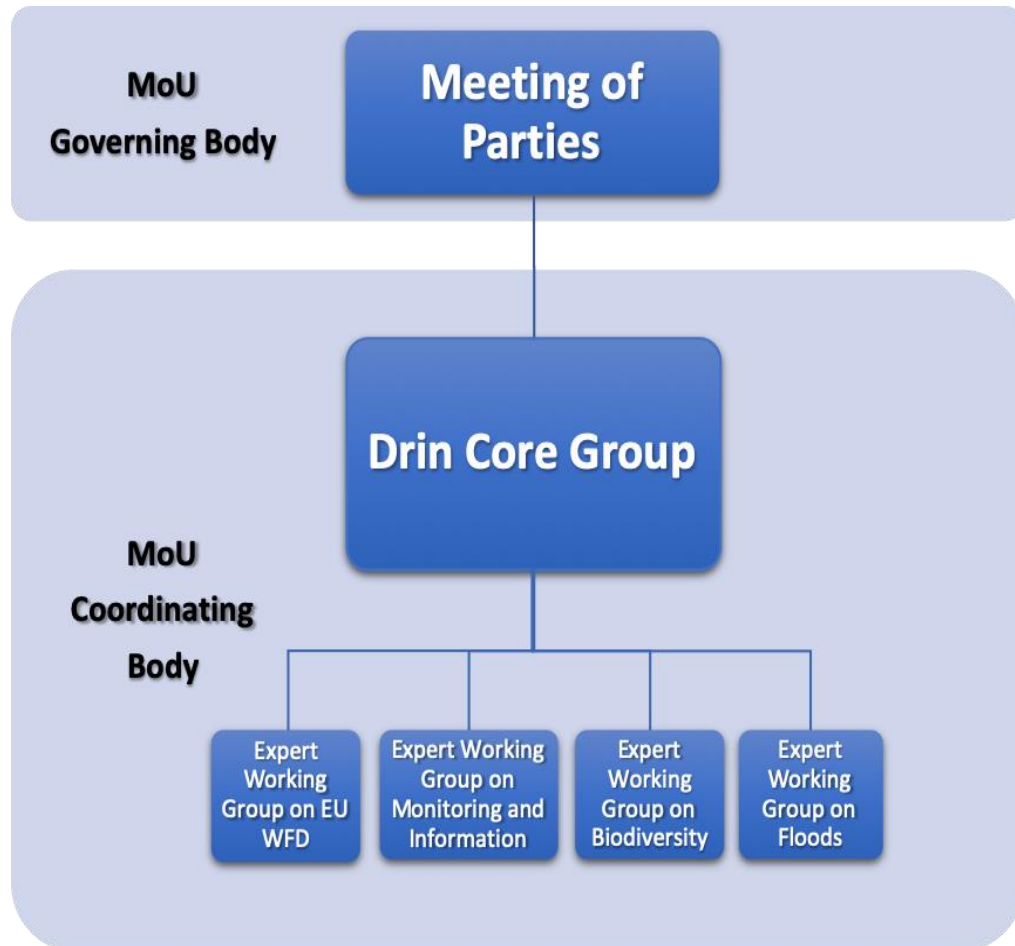


Signed Agreements for Transboundary Water cooperation

1. **“Declaration of the Prime Ministers on creation of the Prespa Park and the Environment protection of the Prespa lakes” signed in 02.02.2000;**
2. **“Agreement on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Prespa Park Area” signed between the three littoral countries (NMK, AL, GR and the EU) in February 2010;**
3. **“Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the extended transboundary Drin basin” signed between riparians (NMK, AL, KS, MNG, GR) Tirana, 25.11. 2011;**
4. **“The Strategic Action Programme” for implementation of MoU including the steps and activities to address the main transboundary problems was endorsed on 24.04.2020**
5. **“Agreement for Sustainably Manage Fish Resources of Lakes Ohrid and Prespa between Albania and North Macedonia”, signed in 02.12.2020;**

Reporting process: Involvement of stakeholders, consultation of neighboring countries/basin organisation

Drin Basin Management structure



Bilateral Committee for Ohrid lake (North Macedonia & Albania)

Government Representatives
Local Government Representatives
Civil Society Representative
Joint Committee Secretariat Representatives

Prespa Park Management Committee - Joint Bodies

The High-Level Segment (HLS) (art. 9),
Ministers of Environment of Greece, Albania, North Macedonia and the
EU Environment Commissioner

The Prespa Park Management Committee (PPMC) (art. 10),
25 nominated representatives to the PPMC (including observers) and

The Working Group on Water Management (WGWM) (art. 14)
12 nominated representatives to the WGWM (including observers)

“Operationalisation” of the cooperation for the Prespa Lakes

Inaugural kick-off **Meeting of the High-Level Segment (HLS)** of the Agreement for the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Prespa Park Area, on 29 June 2021,

The **1st Meetings of The Prespa Park Management Committee (PPMC)** and the **Working Group on Water Management (WGWM)** on 23 - 24 June 2022, in Pyli, Greece.

The **2nd Meetings of The Prespa Park Management Committee (PPMC)** and the **Working Group on Water Management (WGWM)**, on 31 January 2023.

Agreed results:

- The Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for the Sustainable Development of the Prespa Park;
- Draft Workplan of the PPMC for the first semester of 2023;
- Draft Road Map for the implementation of joint priorities for water management and
- Draft amendments to the WGWM ToRs.

In frame of this WGWM, in March 2023, a **Task force on Data exchange** was established.



SDG 6.5.2 reporting benefits for Transboundary Water cooperation

The main challenges in SDG 6.5.2 Reporting process:

- Lack of inter-sectoral cooperation at the national level
- Lack of relevant data and information on groundwaters and aquifers
- Insufficient human and technical capacity

The main achievements :

- Improved data and information system on groundwaters and aquifers
- Increased inter-sectoral cooperation
- More stakeholder engagement
- Synergy with SDG 6.5.1 reporting process

Instruments:

- **UNECE Water Convention,**
- **Protocol on Water and Health,**
- **EU Water Framework Directive,**
- **National Law on Waters**

Political will

What is needed?

- Sign of new Agreements with neighbor countries (draft Agreement with Albania)
- Establishment of the River Basin Commissions (Drin Commission...)
- Sustainable management structures (Joint bodies)
- Financing of the Joint bodies and ...

Thank you for your attention!