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Place	Genève, Switzerland
Dates	25–27 June 2013
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Workshop on Water and adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins • 6th meeting of Task Force on Water and Climate under United Nations Economic Commission For Europe (UNECE)
Participants	Sabina Bokal , IDM Programme Manager, GWP CEE Vadim Sokolov , Regional Coordinator, GWP CACENA

1. Purpose of the trip

- to get information regarding the development of the Climate Change Adaptation – pilot projects,
- to map and learn the implementation of measures to adapt to climate change in transboundary basins that could be transferred to on-going program on IDMP

2. Programme

Day one, 25 June 2013

- Interactive workshops where participants were divided into several basins (according to their location).
- In small “basin” groups following issues were discussed:
 - linking transboundary adaptation strategies to national adaptation strategies,
 - transboundary climate change adaptation serving multiple purpose (increase understanding of the need for intersectoral cooperation).

Day two, 26 June 2013

- There were different round table discussions in small groups on specific tools for climate change adaptation in a transboundary context (“Market place of tools”)
- I have attended two different round table discussions:
 - Global Framework for Climate Services (WMO): The Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) is a global partnership of governments and organizations that produce and use climate information and services. It seeks to enable researchers and the producers and users of information to join forces to improve the quality and quantity of climate services worldwide, particularly in developing countries. IDMP products could also be later incorporated into this framework.
 - Knowledge management under UNFCCC: In this round table, a brief overview was provided of the evolving adaptation landscape under the UNFCCC and relevant knowledge and information needs, evolving role of the Nairobi work programme (introduction to the work programme and focus on current outcomes of SBSTA 38), current tools of implementation of the work programme to date in responding to needs from Parties (including engagement of partner organizations, technical workshops, publications, web-based interface, eUpdate).

Day three, 27 June 2013: Task force meeting

- Focus was on presentation of different pilot projects working on adaptation to climate change (Sava River Commission, Two Tunnels, etc.)
- Presentation on the background of the global platform for exchanging experiences on water and adaptation to climate change established in a light of the global opening of the Water Convention to all the United Nations Member States

- There was also discussion on future cooperation with global partners; among them also with GWP. Vadim Sokolov and I had given a short presentation on GWP Water and Climate Programme; with a special focus on regional activities in CEE region (IDMP) and CACENA region.
- Future possibilities for cooperation between UNECE and GWP: sharing knowledge and exchange of lessons between GWP and UNECE, facilitating exchange visits/study tours between UNECE and other GWP regions doing work on water and climate in Africa, Asia, etc.

3. Conclusions / next steps:

Conclusions of the workshop

- to connect water sector with other users
- to discuss adaptation strategies also outside water sector
- tools for climate change adaptation in a trans-boundary context should be effective at the end; also exchange of different tools is very important
- to establish good connection science – policy making