

Drin Multistakeholders Conference

Drin Core Group

in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Extended Transboundary Drin Basin

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Project Preparation Work - PPG (if deemed necessary by proponents).

includes consultations, securing of cofinancing, preliminary assessments.



2013

Implementing Agency prepares the full Project **Document according** to IA standards and includes full Results Framework, description of activities, indicators, M&E Plan, commitment of cofinancing, and GEF **CEO endorsement** package.

GEF Secretariat reviews the PD for consistency with PIF, GEF CEO endorses. Funds are released to IA.

Early 2014





The project concept approved by the GEF Council for a total allocation of USD 4.5M grant funding



PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF)¹ PROJECT TYPE: Full-sized Project

TYPE OF TRUST FUND:GEF Trust Fund

PART I: PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Title:	Enabling transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the extended Drin River Basin				
Country(ies):	Albania, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro (Greece, Kosovo)	GEF Project ID: ²	4483		
GEF Agency(ies):	UNDP (select) (select)	GEF Agency Project ID:	4482		
Other Executing Partner(s):	UNOPS, UNECE, GWP-MED	Submission Date:	31 July 2012		
GEF Focal Area (s):	International Waters	Project Duration (Months)	48		
Name of parent program (if applicable): ➤ For SFM/REDD+ □	NA	Agency Fee (\$):	450,000		

A. FOCAL AREA STRATEGY FRAMEWORK³:

Focal Area Objectives	Expected FA Outcomes	Expected FA Outputs	Trust Fund	Indicative Grant Amount (\$)	Indicative Co-financing (\$)
IW-3 (select)	Outcome 3.1: Political commitment, shared vision, and institutional capacity demonstrated for joint, ecosystem-based management of water bodies	Output 3.1: National inter- ministry committees established; Transboundary Diagnostic Analyses & Strategic Action Programmes; Output 3.2: Demo-scale local action implemented	GEFTF	4,275,000	22,000,000
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Sub-Total			4,275,000	22,000,000	
Project Management Cost ⁴			GEFTF	225,000	500,000
			4,500,000	22,500,000	



The project aims at fostering the joint management of the shared water resources of the extended transboundary Drin River Basin, including coordination mechanisms among the various sub-basin commissions and committees (Lakes Prespa, Ohrid and Skadar)

The cooperation structure exists



THE DRIN: A STRATEGIC SHARED VISION

Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Extended Transboundary Drin Basin

> The project will strengthen the countries capacity and facilitate the full implementation of the Drin MoU

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The Strategic Results Framework is the central element of the project's design: for each Expected Outcome it defines

- Indicators of Achievement
- Baseline Conditions

- Sources of Verification
- Design Assumptions

• Targets



1. Strengthening of the institutional and legal frameworks for transboundary cooperation

2., 3. Reaching consensus among countries on key transboundary concerns and drivers of change (TDA), including climate change and variability and updating of the Vision

4. Testing environmentally sound approaches and technologies new to the region



5. Facilitating Countries commitment to the implementation of a program of priority actions (SAP)

6. Consolidating partnerships and commitment to joint cooperation mechanisms and SAP implementation.

7. Engaging Stakeholders and gender mainstreaming

8. Strengthening awareness and private sector participation

Outcome 1.

The operationalization and technical strengthening of the institutional and legal frameworks for transboundary cooperation will facilitate balancing of water uses and sustaining environmental quality throughout the extended Drin Basin.

Indicators / Targets

1. The three Drin Core Group (DCG) Expert Working Groups (EWG) become fully operational making it possible for the DCG to assume the full range of responsibilities stemming from the Drin MoU.

2. Inter-ministerial Committees (or equivalent bodies) established in each project country tasked with the coordination of country response to guidance of the DCG.

3. DCG members, DCG working group members, water and land managers, policy makers and other practitioners trained in surface/groundwater management, IWRM, implementation of international policy instruments (WFD, UNECE Convention), and other relevant disciplines and technologies.

Training Program may include:

integrated basin planning and management, GIS & spatial planning, EIAs and industrial site inspections, flood management, natural wastewater treatment systems, best agricultural practices, avoidance and containment of invasive species, environmental monitoring system design and management, enforcement of water quality standards, water abstractions, recharge area protection and biodiversity regulations, scenario building.



Outcome 2/3.

Consensus among countries on key transboundary concerns and drivers of change, including climate change and variability, reached through joint fact finding.

Indicators / Targets

The Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis of the Extended Drin River Basin, consistent with the RBM plans being prepared in accordance with the WFD in sub-basins, updating the Drin Vision and identifying main issues of transboundary concern and drivers of change, completed and approved by countries.

Outcome 4

Benefits to be derived from environmentally sound approaches and technologies new to the region demonstrated on the ground.

Indicators/Target

Program of Pilot Demonstrations, responding to the Drin MoU approved by countries, implemented.



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Outcome 5.

Countries commit to the implementation of a program of priority actions aimed at achieving the Vision.

Indicators / Targets

A Strategic Action Program (SAP with horizon 5 years) consistent with the updated Shared Vision and the Drin MoU, addressing main issues of transboundary concern and containing concrete actions at the national andr regional levels, adopted by countries.

Outcome 6

Donors and IFIs predisposed to support countries in sustaining joint cooperation mechanisms and SAP implementation.

Indicators/Target

Partnership Conference, aimed at raising awareness and interest of the international community and ODA providers on sustaining countries commitment to SAP implementation

Outcome 7.

Public support and participation to IWRM and joint multi-country management enhanced through stakeholder involvement and gender mainstreaming

Indicators / Targets

Stakeholder Involvement and Gender Mainstreaming Strategy defined and adopted by Drin Core Group.

Outcome 8

Awareness at all levels and private sector participation strengthened through higher visibility of the project's developments and targeted outreach initiatives.

Indicators/Target

Information, Communication and Outreach Strategy prepared and implemented.





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