



DRIN DAY 2014

and beyond

Drin Basin Multi-Stakeholder Conference
10 – 11 December 2014
Tirana, Albania



Background

- GIZ supports the Drin MoU Process and the Drin Core Group Secretariat
- **GEF Project**
“Enabling transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the extend Drin River Basin”
 - **Component 5**
Stakeholder Involvement, Gender Mainstreaming and Communication Strategies
 - **Support** from GIZ through the Drin Day



What is the Drin Day?

- A light-hearted and celebratory event
- Follows the examples of Danube Day and Sava Day
- A day of environmental education & transboundary cooperation
- A day of participation especially of children and youth in a diverse range of activities like bike tours, cultural event, workshops etc.

- Aims:
 - to strengthen the emotional and respectful connection of the Drin inhabitants with the Drin Basin and its unique biodiversity
 - to inspire the public to act for the Drin Basin in their everyday lives



Danube & Sava Day - Impressions -





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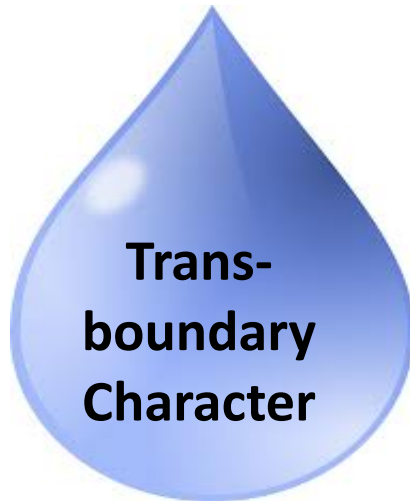
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What is special about the Drin Day?



- Implemented on one day in four countries with cross-border participation
 - Albania: Communities in northern Albania at the lower Drin
 - FYROM: Struga (with participation from Pogradec)
 - Kosovo: Peja/Prizren (with participation from Bayram Curri)
 - Montenegro: at the mouth of the Buna/Bojana river (with participation from Shkoder/Skadar)

- Thus, it strengthens the awareness that
 - the conservation of the river can only be successful through joining resources and efforts across borders
 - riparian share joint benefits and share a joint responsibility



Process

2013

- Tender with NGOs in four countries (AL, FYROM, MNE, RKS)
- Assessment of budgets and proposals from the NGOs
- Contracting and submission of final implementation plans and budgets

2014

- Preparation and implementation of the Drin Day 2014 by the NGOs
- Monitoring, documentation and lessons learnt



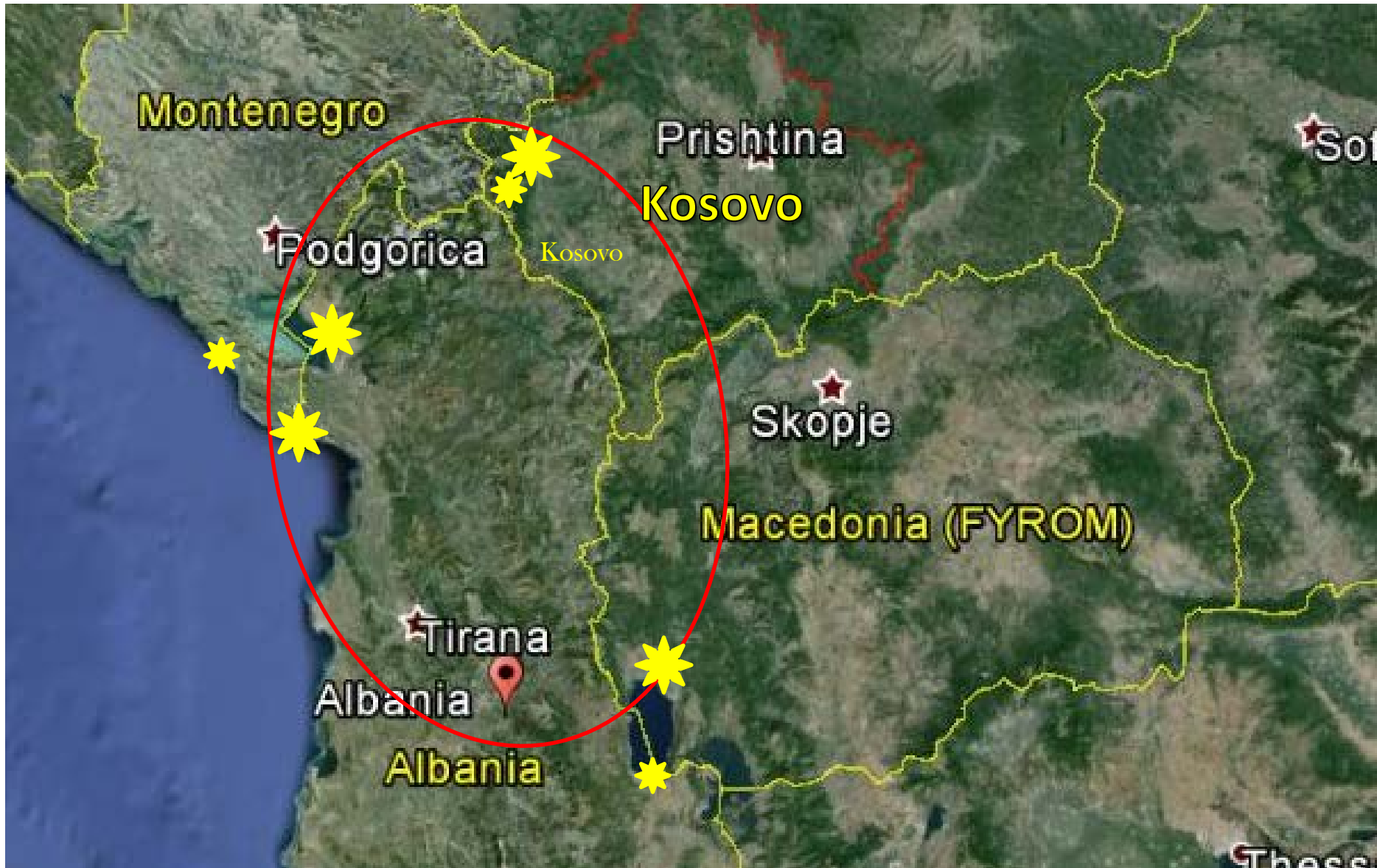
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Drin Day 2014

➤ Individual activities

- Local products fair
- Drawing/painting exhibition
- Environmental workshops for children, experiments, e.g. on water quality and climate change
- Sports events like kayaking, cycling, hiking

➤ Program on stage

- Programm with children: singing of environmental songs, recitations
- Awards ceremony for drawing/painting competition
- Cultural performances: local dancing groups, concert, environmental theatre

➤ Drin Bag:

Distribution and demonstration



What is the DRIN BAG?



➤ Educational and fun package for children and youth on the Drin River Basin, environment & climate change

➤ Following the example of the Danube Box

➤ Content:

- memory game with animals in the Drin River Basin & recycle and information game
- activity sheet with river ecosystem information and animal stickers
- folk tales to discuss the challenges of the Drin River Basin
- booklet with Drin Day information, figures, facts
- bookmark, cardboard ruler and thermometer
- leaflet on potential river's pollution sources & questionnaire on river's water quality
- map of the Drin River Basin





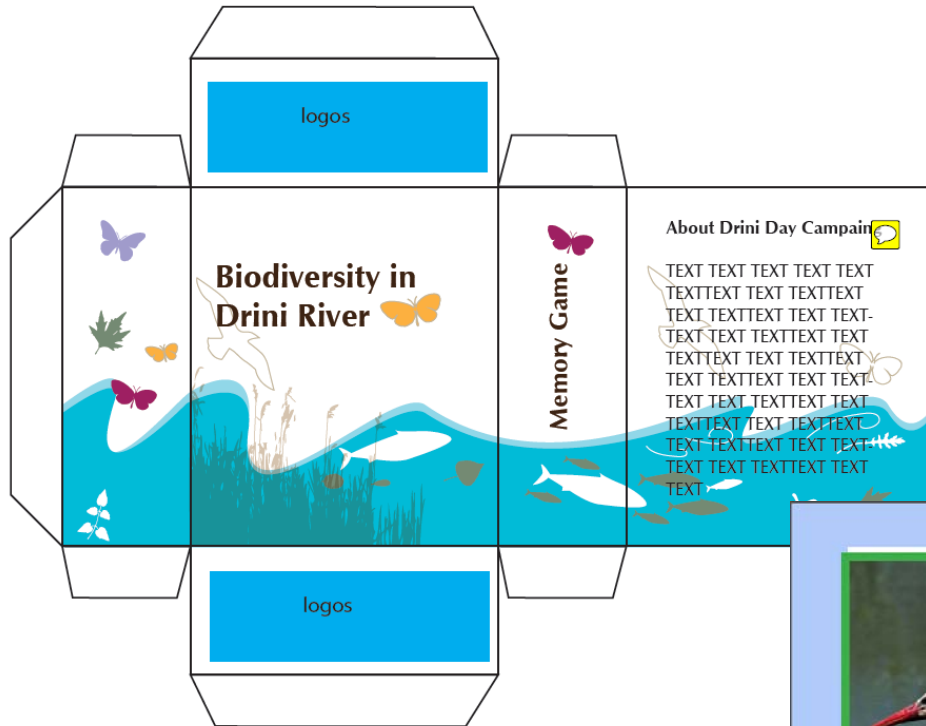
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Memory Game



White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*)

The White Stork breeds in open farmland areas with access to marshy wetlands, building a large stick nest in trees, on buildings, etc. The White Stork's decline due to industrialisation and agricultural changes.



Green Frog (*Rana sp.*)

Green frogs live wherever shallow freshwater ponds, road-side ditches, lakes, swamps, streams, and brooks are found. Most often seen resting along the river pond's shore, they leap into the water when approached. Adult green frogs range from 5-10 cm.



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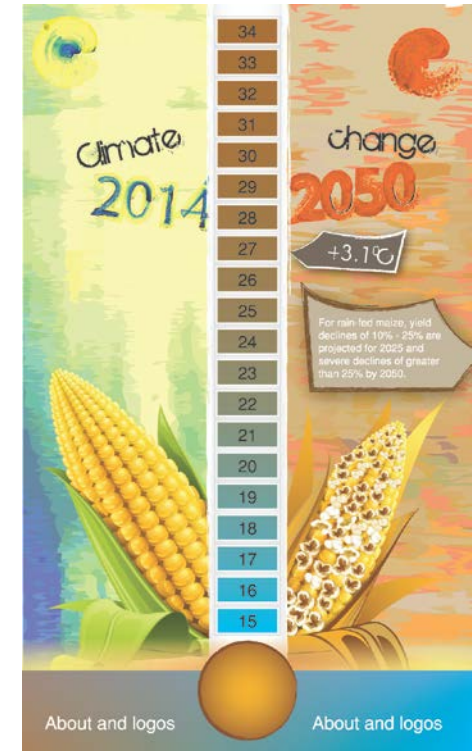


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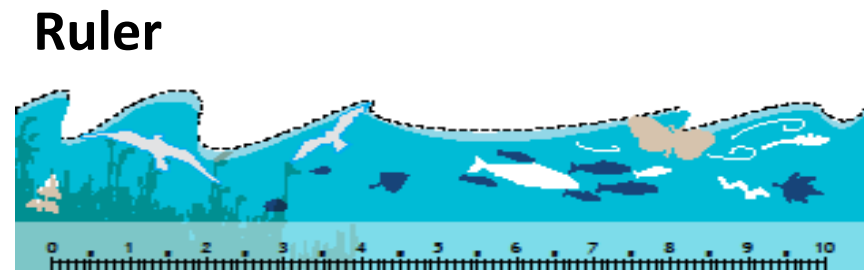
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Bookmark



Thermometer





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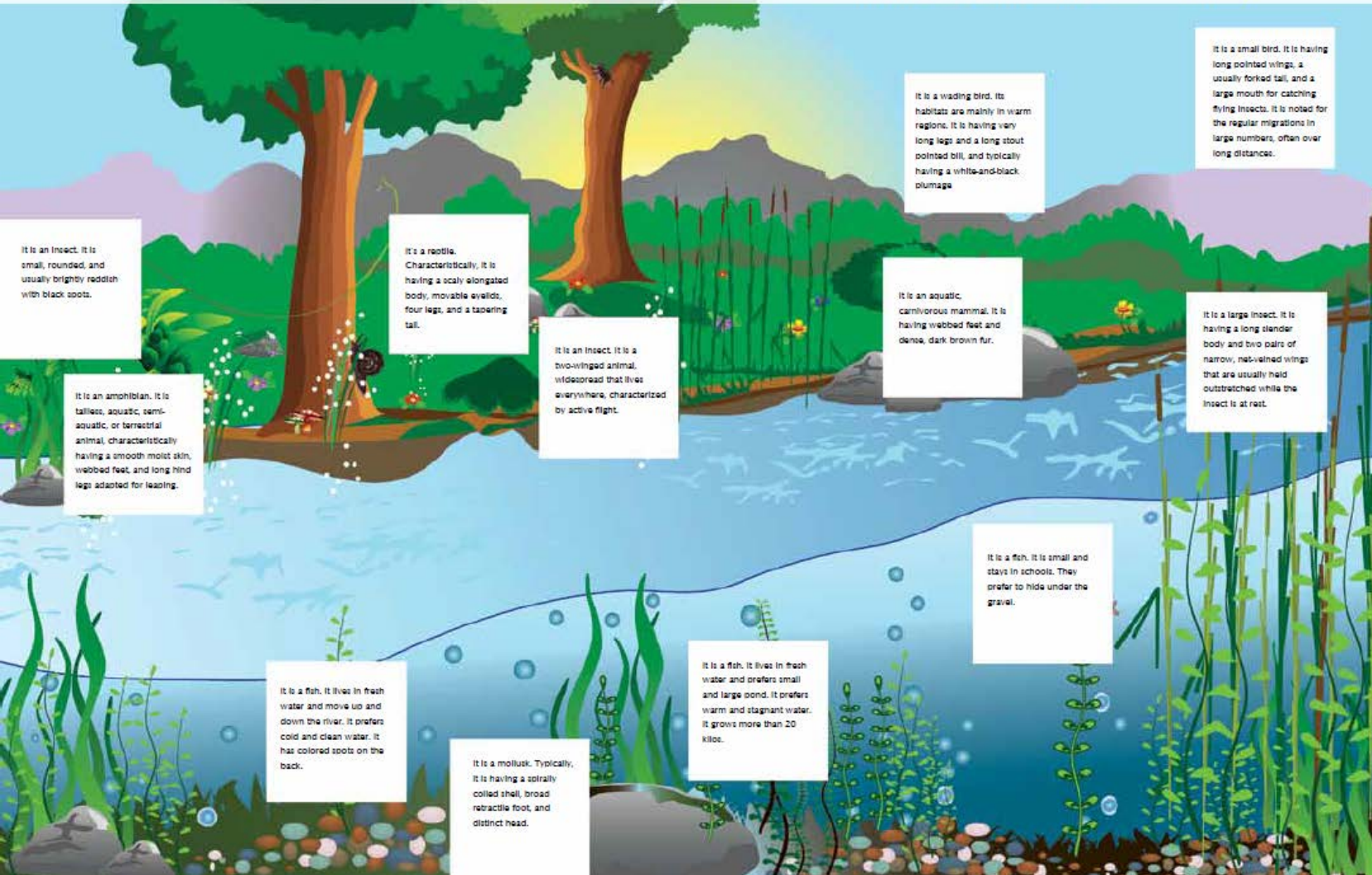


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Activity sheet: Food Chain in the River Valley



It is an insect. It is small, rounded, and usually brightly reddish with black spots.

It is an amphibian. It is tall, aquatic, semi-aquatic, or terrestrial animal, characteristically having a smooth moist skin, webbed feet, and long hind legs adapted for leaping.

It's a roach. Characteristically, it is having a oval elongated body, movable eyelids, four legs, and a tapering tail.

It is an insect. It is a two-winged animal, widespread that lives everywhere, characterized by active flight.

It is a wading bird. Its habitats are mainly in warm regions. It is having very long legs and a long stout pointed bill, and typically having a white-and-black plumage.

It is an aquatic, carnivorous mammal. It is having webbed feet and dense, dark brown fur.

It is a small bird. It is having long pointed wings, a usually forked tail, and a large mouth for catching flying insects. It is noted for the regular migrations in large numbers, often over long distances.

It is a large insect. It is having a long slender body and two pairs of narrow, net-veined wings that are usually held outstretched while the insect is at rest.

It is a fish. It lives in fresh water and move up and down the river. It prefers cold and clean water. It has colored spots on the back.

It is a mollusk. Typically, it is having a spirally coiled shell, broad retractile foot, and distinct head.

It is a fish. It lives in fresh water and prefers small and large pond. It prefers warm and stagnant water. It grows more than 20 kilos.

It is a fish. It is small and stays in schools. They prefer to hide under the gravel.





The Way forward

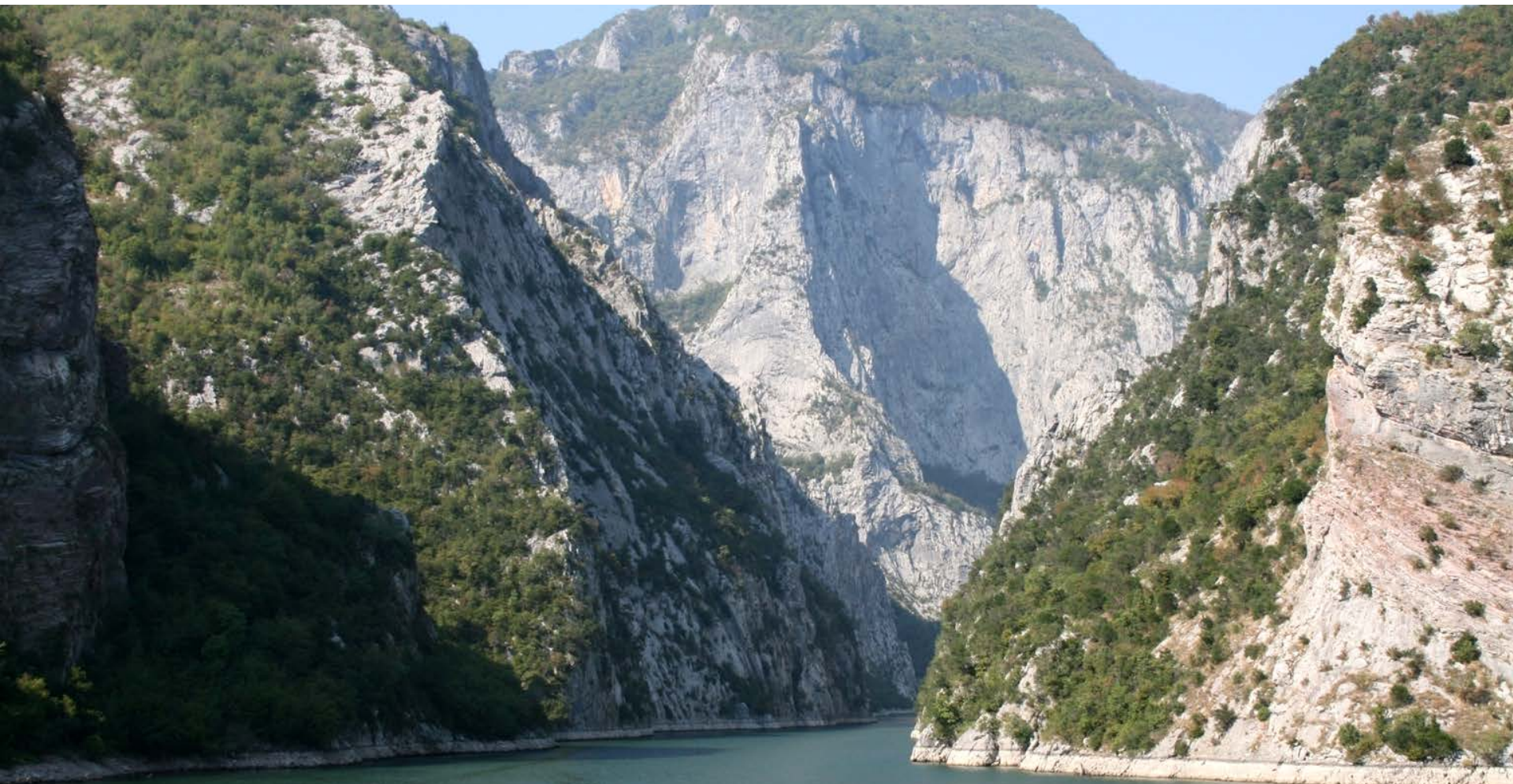
- Time setting: current proposals
 - *5 May 2014: symbolizes the five Drin Riparian (challenge: weekday, could be celebrated on the following weekend)*
 - *17 May 2014: weekend day, not too close to existing celebrations*

- Drin Day as an annual event under the GEF project?
 - option: different or additional venues, organisations and activities



Newest project proposal: the Drin Bus





Thank you for your attention!