

Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process

**Protection and Sustainable Use of Trans-boundary Waters
in South East Europe**

International Roundtable on Transboundary Waters Management

PROGRAM

15 - 16 December 2011

Zagreb, Croatia

15 December 2011 - Thursday

09:30 – 09.50 Welcome Address

- *Ms. Ruzica Drmic, Director of Water Policy and International Projects, Ministry of Regional Development Forestry and Water Management, Croatia*
- *Mr. Fritz Holzwarth, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany*

09.50 – 10.30 Introductory Remarks

- *Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE*
- *Mr. Mish Hamid, Project Manager, UNDP / GEF IW-LEARN*
- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Programme Coordinator for SEE, GWP-Med*

10.30 – 11.30 SETTING THE STAGE

Moderator: Mr. Fritz Holzwarth, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany

10.30 State of Transboundary Water Resources Management in the SEE - Mapping the issues

- *Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE*
- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Programme Coordinator for SEE, GWP-Med*

11.00 A Regional Dialogue for the TWRM in SEE under the Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process since 2005 - Experiences and achievements

- *Mr. Fritz Holzwarth, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany*
- *Mr. Dejan Panovski, Member of the Drin Core Group*

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00– 13.00 ADDRESSING UNDERLYING FACTORS

Climate change and variability introduces a varying level of uncertainty in IWRM planning process. Coastal and Marine environment protection is one of the outcomes that river basin management plans should foster as all transboundary rivers flow into the sea. The Roundtable will discuss to which degree these two important factors influence IWRM planning at transboundary level in SEE as well as how related considerations can be taken into account in the planning process. The presentations will introduce the participants to the related realities in the SEE and will provide the background for the discussions.

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12.00 Climate Variability and Change

- *Ms. Lučka Kajfež Bogataj, Professor, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*

12.15 Coastal and Marine environment protection

- *Mr. Ivica Trumbic, Project Manager, GEF/UNEP MedPartnership, UNEP/MAP*

12.30 Reflections on the presentations - Panel interaction with participants

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch Break*

14.30 – 18.00 THEMATIC BLOCK 1 - EMERGING CHALLENGES

The Roundtable will discuss two of the main challenges in the SEE that planning process at transboundary level should take into consideration/address: Energy and Floods.

Energy Security

Moderator: Ms. Ruzica Drmic, Director of Water Policy and International Projects, Ministry of Regional Development Forestry and Water Management, Croatia

14.30 Presentations

- *Mr. Erjon Kalaja, Hydraulic Engineer, Professor at Vitrina University Albania / World Bank Consultant*
- *Ms. Angela Klauschen, Freshwater Policy Officer, WWF Mediterranean Programme*

15.00 Plenary Discussion

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break*

Extreme phenomena - Floods

Moderator: Mr. Nikola Marjanovic, Director, Serbian Waters

16.15 *Presentations*

- *Mr. Enrique Cifres, Advisor, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations*
- *Ms. Marina Babic Mladenovic, Jaroslav Czerny Institute, Serbia*
- *Mr. Dragan Zeljko, Deputy Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the International Sava River Basin Commission*

17.00 Plenary Discussion

17.45 – 18.00 Conclusions

End of Day 1

20.00 *Evening Reception*

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09.00-09.05 *Reflection on Day 1*

- *Mr. Thomas Stratenwerth, Head of Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany*

09.05 – 13.30 THEMATIC BLOCK 2 - TOWARDS ENHANCED COOPERATION

The Roundtable will discuss about the tools available to enable enhanced cooperation in SEE: (i) the EU integration, the international and regional institutions, the multilateral agreements; (ii) the on-going projects and processes.

The Enabling Environment

Moderator: Mr. Thomas Stratenwerth, Head of Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany

09.05 Institutions and Legal Frameworks

- *UNECE Water Convention, Mr. Marco Keiner, Director Environment Division, UNECE*
- *Regional Cooperation Council, Mr. Miroslav Kukobat, Head of Unit, Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure, RCC*

09.45 Reflections on the presentations – discussion

10.15 – 10.45 *Coffee Break*

The Tools / approaches

Moderator: Mr. Mish Hamid, Project Manager, GEF IWLEARN

10.45 - Implementation of the WFD in Croatia

- Mr. Danko Bjondic, Croatian Waters*
- *Protection and Sustainable Use of the Dinaric Karst Transboundary Aquifer System - Approach and Experiences of a GEF-UNDP-UNESCO regional project, Mr. Holger Treidel, Programme Specialist, UNESCO-IHP*
- *The Prespa Agreement, Ms. Lito Papadopoulou, Transboundary Prespa Park Officer, Prespa National Forest Management Body, Greece*
- *GEF/World Bank, Neretva and Trebisnjica River Basin Management Project, Mr. Damir Mrden, Director, Water Agency for Adriatic Sea River Basin, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- *SEIS, Mr. Dejan Lekic, Assistant Director Serbian EPA, focal point to the European Environmental Agency*
- *ICZM / IWRM, Ms. Marina Markovic, Programme Officer, UNEP/MAP - PAP/RAC*

11.45 Reflections on the presentations – discussion

12.00 – 14.00 THEMATIC BLOCK 3 – THE WAY FORWARD

12.00 Discussion – the Regional Dialogue for the TWRM in SEE - the way forward

13.00 Conclusions

- *Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Programme Coordinator for Southeastern Europe, GWP-Med*
- *Mr. Thomas Stratenwerth, Head of Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany*

13.30 Conclusive Remarks

- *Mr. Mish Hamid, Project Manager, GEF IWLEARN*
- *Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med*
- *Mr. Marco Keiner, Director Environment Division, UNECE*
- *Mr. Thomas Stratenwerth, Head of Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany*
- *Ms. Ruzica Drmic, Director of Water Policy and International Projects, Ministry of Regional Development Forestry and Water Management, Croatia*

14.00 End of the International Roundtable