

Task Force on Water and Climate

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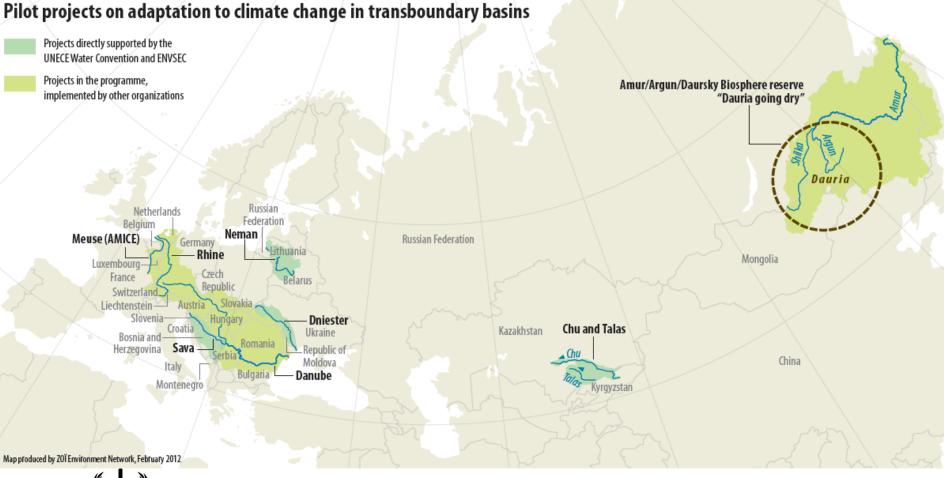
1. What has been done in this work area? The main achievements since 2009?

- Three international workshops / meetings of the Task Force
 - Wide representation of countries and organizations, also outside UNECE region
- Two meetings of the core group on pilots
 - 4 pilot projects working on vulnerability assessment



1^a. Pilot projects:







2. What are the main results and lessons learnt?

- Climate change can act as a driver for transboundary cooperation
- Joint bodies important in transboundary cooperation; sufficient mandate can also strengthen work of national authorities
- Plans are often in place but implementation requires political support
- Ecosystem-based adaptation is often relatively cheap, cost effective and has positive effects beyond the direct problem
- Benefits of adaptation (including avoided damage) up to 4 times the costs
- Use the direction rather that the magnitude of change for flexible options
- Communicate hope instead of fear; communicate facts, opportunities, alternatives and good examples
- Data availability and exchange still a problem

3. What is foreseen in the draft programme of work for 2013-2015?

- Continuation of the work of the Task Force
 - Pilots projects -> implementation
 - New pilot projects
- o Possibilities of expanding, also outside ECE region
- Establishing a global platform for exchanging experiences together with INBO (request by French Académie de l'Eau and UNESCO)
- Potentially a workshop on flood risk management in 2014
- Connect to the Adaptation Committee of UNFCCC as best practice

