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# Promoting implementation through projects on the ground

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Convention of the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

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

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- Drin – Western Balkans
  - Strategic Shared Vision – MoU signed
- Kura – Azerbaijan, Georgia
  - draft bilateral agreement negotiated
- Dniester – Republic of Moldova, Ukraine
  - draft basin treaty plus strengthened cooperation on information exchange, water and health, biodiversity, public awareness



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

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## Central Asia

- Chu-Talas – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan
  - Broadened cooperation, Information generation and exchange, Public awareness
- Strengthening of regional cooperation
  - Basis for an enhanced institutional framework, Aral Sea Basin Programme 3, capacity building on international water law, national and regional (70% devoted solely to Water Convention)
- Dam safety
  - Capacity building, national legislation, regional agreement, transboundary cooperation on individual dams
- Water quality
  - First framework for basin-level monitoring and cooperation



## 2. What are the main challenges and lessons learnt?

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- Use political windows of opportunities
- National champions and drivers essential
- Funding important but limited amounts sufficient
- The Water Convention is an important framework also for non-Parties
- Long-term view necessary, one project not enough



### 3a. What are the ideas for the future work in this area?

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- **Drin** – development of cooperation on the basis of the MoU signed
- Support to **Dniester** Commission in case the new agreement is signed
- **Kura** – support to finalizing the agreement and establishing a commission



## 3b. What are the ideas for the future work in this area?

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- **Regional water cooperation** – GIZ phase 2: needs-based capacity building; support to regional dialogue
- **Dam safety** – national legislation, regional cooperation including on individual dams.
- Further development of the **Chu-Talas** cooperation as an important example for Central Asia

