

Overview table of activities under the Water Convention by programme area

Activities	Products/outputs/results (2009/10-2012)	Lead & partners	Total costs
Programme area 1: Support to implementation and compliance			
Implementation and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal on the establishment of a mechanism to facilitate implementation of and compliance with the Water Convention =>Important step towards ensuring stronger implementation and compliance with the Convention. The mechanism will also be an innovative tool to prevent conflict and address existing differences in the implementation/interpretation of the Convention. It will complement and guide future assistance activities and could become an important source of guidance for interventions by other actors in particular bilateral and multilateral donors.	Lead country: Italy Legal Board	US\$106,000
Advise and assistance - Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on applicability of the Convention to groundwaters Model provisions for transboundary groundwater (in process) =>Improved guidance on the application of the Convention to transboundary groundwaters. The model provisions respond to a gap in transboundary water cooperation and should help riparian Parties develop agreements on their transboundary groundwaters.	Core group on groundwater Legal Board WGIWRM Secretariat	
Programme area 2: Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters			
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subregional workshops for 5 subregions (capacity building, networking) 2nd Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters published Visibility to 2nd Assessment through promotion on various forums Preparation for future assessments => The Assessment provides information, guidance and stimulus for governments and organization to improve the status of transboundary waters. Important basis for defining future work under the Water Convention. Its process of preparation allowed a broad exchange of experience in the region, the debate on emerging issues and built capacity on different aspects of transboundary water management.	Lead country: Finland IWAC UNESCO, UNEP, EEA, Ramsar, International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC), Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-MED), Regional Environmental Centres (RECs)	US\$931,000

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Programme area 3: Projects on the ground			
Pilot projects on water and climate change adaptation in transboundary basins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better understanding and agreement between riparian countries on likely climate change impacts and related vulnerability through the pilot projects: Chu-Talas, Dniester, Sava, Neman, as well as projects implemented by other organizations on the Rhine, Danube, Meuse and Dauria (implementation of the Climate Change Adaptation Guidance) Platform for exchange of experience, good practices and lessons learned: 3 workshops in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2 core group of pilot project meetings, web-based platform <p>=> Increased awareness on the importance of transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation as well as improved shared knowledge and experience in this regard through the pilot projects and platform. Moreover the cooperation on adaptation to climate change has in some cases been a driver for a general enhancement of the basin cooperation (e.g. Neman River Basin)</p>	<p>Lead country: Netherlands, Germany Finland, Switzerland ENVSEC, UNDP, UNEP, OSCE IWAC, WMO Danube Commission Rhine Commission Sava Commission Chu Talas Commission Project AMICE led by EPAMA WWF Russian Federation</p>	US\$770,000
Pilot projects on joint monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters, including data management and information exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to development of capacities in data administration and data exchanges Regional tools for information identification developed Experience gained from pilot projects (Dniester, Central Asian basins) <p>=> Data exchange at the root of transboundary cooperation.</p>	<p>Lead country: France, IWAC</p>	
Pilot projects on payments for ecosystem services (PES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilots: Lake Issyk-Kul, Armenia – proposed PES scheme developed for Hrazdan basin Dissemination of PES recommendations <p>=> Expanded experience on the application of PES</p>	<p>Lead country: Switzerland Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)</p>	US\$40,000
UNECE-GIZ Programme “Regional Dialogue and Cooperation on Water Resources Management in Central Asia”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 capacity-building activities, including regional conferences and national seminars on the Water Convention in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan Publication “Strengthening Water Management and Transboundary Water Cooperation in Central Asia: the Role of UNECE Environmental Conventions” (2011) produced in cooperation with other UNECE Convention secretariats Proposals for the further institutional development of regional water cooperation developed in dialogue with the Central Asian countries, presently under consideration by the Central Asian Governments <p>=> Improved understanding of international water law, in particular the Water Convention and other UNECE MEAs, strengthened capacity in Central Asian countries on the Water Convention, transboundary water cooperation, climate change and the Protocol on Water and Health.</p>	<p>Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS), CAREC</p>	US\$330,000

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Dam safety project in Central Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National legislation enacted in Tajikistan and further enhanced in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan • Draft regional agreement on the safety of hydro-technical installations in Central Asia developed • Cooperation on the safety of individual dams developed, e.g. safety assessment on the Kirov dam implemented by a joint Kazakh-Kyrgyz working group • Model technical regulation on the safety of hydro-technical installations developed • Several training activities organized <p>=> Increased security of dams in Central Asia and enhanced cooperation on the issue. Development of an intensified dialogue and a common understanding on the necessity of cooperation in this area</p>	IFAS	ca US\$495,000
Development of the regional cooperation to ensure water quality in Central Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic study on Water Quality in Central Asia produced • Cooperation Plan “Development of the regional cooperation to ensure water quality in Central Asia” agreed • National capacity on water quality management strengthened through provision of training and equipment • Regional Expert Group on Water Quality established • Parameters for joint monitoring developed, pilot monitoring done in cooperation between three countries <p>=> The project allowed the first serious regional discussion on water quality aspects and established a platform for sustained cooperation on this issue.</p>	CAREC	US\$430,000
Support to Chu Talas Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation on water installations broadened to other aspects of IWRM (stakeholder participation, integrated management of surface and groundwaters, etc.) <p>=> Enhancement of transboundary water cooperation in the direction of the application of IWRM principles which is a model for Central Asia</p>	OSCE	EUR 100,000
Central Asian Regional Water Information Base Project (CAREWIB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved availability of information on water and environment at the national and regional levels • Trainings organized to transfer experience to other subregions 	Scientific Information Centre of the Inter-State Commission for Water Coordination (SIC-ICWC)	ca US\$300,000
Afghan-Tajik cooperation (new project started in 2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to develop Afghan-Tajik cooperation on the environment and hydrology of the upper Amu Darya river basin (a bilateral meeting forthcoming in March 2012) <p>=> Progressive involvement of Afghanistan in cooperation with central Asian countries under the framework of the Water Convention</p>	SPECA (Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia)	US\$150,000 (2012-2013)

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Transboundary water management in South-Eastern Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved cooperation on the Drin through the Drin Dialogue project: the five Drin River Riparians signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a Shared Strategic Vision for the Sustainable Management of the Drin River Basin in Nov. 2011 => The activity lays the basis for sustainable institutional framework for cooperation in the whole Drin Basin	Donor: Sweden GWP-MED	US\$160,000
Dniester basin cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to cooperation in the Dniester basin Draft basin treaty plus strengthened cooperation on information exchange, water and health, biodiversity, public awareness => The draft agreement is under consideration by the Governments of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. When ratified, it will represent a model of progressive cooperation and management of transboundary waters for all countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia	Partners: OSCE, UNEP, ENVSEC	ca US\$400,000 in the latest phase.
Kura basin bilateral cooperation, Accession of Georgia to the Water Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to Azerbaijan-Georgia transboundary water cooperation: bilateral Georgia-Azerbaijan transboundary water agreement has been drafted and is being negotiated Support to Georgia's accession to the Water Convention => The draft bilateral agreement between Georgia and Azerbaijan tries to address a gap in cooperation in the Caucasus and could pave the way for other similar agreements, thereby strengthening cooperation in the sub-region	Partners: OSCE, ENVSEC	EUR 80,000
Programme area 4: Sharing of experiences and capacity-building			
Capacity-building and exchange of experience on technical issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on Forests and Water in Drylands in July 2011: knowledge and experience shared between Central Asia and Mediterranean on the relationship between water and forests in drylands International conference on Europe-Asia Transboundary Water Cooperation in December 2011 => Improved dialogue and shared experience on the management and protection of transboundary waters along the border of Europe and Asia	Switzerland FAO for the Workshop on Water and Forests in Drylands	US\$150,000
Capacity for Water Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Forthcoming: CWC Workshop on transboundary groundwater management for EECCA countries in Central Asia + a document/publication) 	Lead: Secretariat Partners (groundwater): UNESCO, OSCE	US\$80,000

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Programme area 5: European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues (NPDs)			
EU Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues (NPDs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPDs implemented in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan , the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan • “policy packages” (legislative acts, strategies, ministerial orders and plans for implementation); support to their implementation through pilot projects and technical assistance: e.g. in Turkmenistan an interagency high-level expert group completed an analysis of needs in enhancement of legal and institutional basis for water management, in Tajikistan 4 new legal acts elaborated and a Roadmap of the NPD IWRM prepared, in Kyrgyzstan preparation of a River basin management plan for the Chu River initiated, in Azerbaijan the National Water Sector Strategy drafted; <p>=>Strengthened IWRM through policy reforms and creating an intersectoral forum for water issues in the above countries in line with the principles of the Convention, the Protocol on Water and Health, the EU WFD and other UNECE and EU instruments</p> <p>=> Improved coordination of activities by different actors in the countries where NPDs are ongoing</p>	Lead: secretariat, European Commission, Romania and OECD	US\$1,030,000
Programme area 6: Water and industrial accidents			
Protocol on Civil Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on what national legislation is required to implement the Protocol in light of differences between the Protocol and other civil liability instruments 	Lead country: Hungary, Switzerland, Bureaux to the Water Convention and to the Industrial Accidents Convention	US\$20,000
Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology for joint contingency planning being developed; two meetings (May 2011, October 2011), • Workshop on Sandoz+25 held in November 2011 in Bonn, Germany • Existing shortcomings regarding the prevention of accidental water pollution by chemical substances identified and recommendations for further actions developed 	Lead country: Germany, Hungary Industrial accidents Convention	US\$42,000 (2011-2012)
Programme area 7: Cooperation with the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health			
Cooperation with MoP to the Protocol on Water and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of health aspects into the climate change activities under the Water Convention (invitation of experts, presentations in workshops) • Ratification and implementation of the Protocol on Water and health is promoted in the NPDs 		US\$5,000

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Programme area 8: Promotion of the Convention			
Promotion of the Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness of the Water Convention • Dissemination of information on activities (e.g. Support to participation of non-UNECE countries to meetings) • Presentations on the Convention and achievements in international meetings such as World Water Week • Substantive input to the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Background document, programme, Astana Water Action, 4 side events etc.), • Significant contribution to the 6th World Water Forum to the regional and thematic processes • New brochure and inlays in the light of the opening of the Convention in 2012 • UN-Water: co-leadership of the Thematic Priority Area on Transboundary Waters: development of the UN-Water Activity Information System • Preparation of draft regional chapter for the 4th World Water Development report 	UN regional commissions, UNESCO, UN-Water, the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia (ICWC), the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), the International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network (IW: LEARN), GWP, and many others	US\$65,000