

Albanian institutional arrangements for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health

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on target setting and reporting
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Case summary

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- * Overcoming challenges
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Consultation Process and advices

- * In October 2015, Albania underwent the Consultation Process at the end of which it was advised to:
 - ***Establish a mechanism for ensuring inter-sectoral coordination between the responsible authorities.***

National coordination arrangement

Group on integrated management of water policy
(established by prime minister Order)

National Water Council

Technical Secretariat of the National Water Council

Developing partners

Local government

Private stakeholders

Civil society

Think Tank

(sub-thematic groups established by prime minister Order)

Water for people

Water for food

Water for environme

Water for industry

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Sectoral coordination arrangement

Composition and scope of sub-thematic group

Water for people

The main scope

Water supply

Sewerage

Waste water treatment

Composition:

Min. Transp. & Infrastructure (leader)

- Ministry of Urban Development
 - Ministry of Health
 - Ministry of Environment
 - Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship
 - Ministry of European Integration
- (members)**

At least:

high-level officials

mid-level officials

When necessary, at the request of the Chairman, the meeting can be attended by representatives of other institutions of central and local government, business, civil society and academia.

Why is it a good practice?

- * **This new sectoral approach aims to ensure inter-sectoral coordination, which is a guaranty for:**
 - a high level management structure to ensure preparation, implementation, monitoring and integrated regulation of the policies in water sector;
 - a coordinated action with regard to the implementation of the Protocol's provisions;
 - a regular exchange of information on its implementation.

Overcoming challenges

- * *The process of institutional arrangement has been a smooth process, since in its programme, the government has given a high priority to water sector.*

Challenges:

- * Completion of the EU *Acquis Communautaire* approximation ;
- * Cases of overlapping of the responsibilities among different institutions related to water management;
- * Human resources capacity building, mainly in local level;
- * Lack of an integrated monitoring system;
- * Financial capacity.

Success factors and lessons learned

- * Political will;
 - * Formalization of the inter-ministerial cooperation;
 - * Involvement of all responsible ministries;
 - * Involvement of high-level and mid-level officials;
 - * Involvement of other institutions of central and local government, private actors, civil society etc.
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- * Analysis of the situations highlighted problems of formulating and implementing of policies in important sectors of the country's economy. This brought the need for a new approach to the coordination of sectors and sustained work .

How to replicate this practice?

- * Formalization of the cooperation between responsible ministries;
- * Using of existing mechanisms instead of creating new ones;
- * Involvement of all related stakeholders to insure more responsive and accountable outcomes.