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UNECE

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

**1st Meeting of the Drafting Group on the Guide to Reporting under the Water Convention
and as a contribution to SDG Indicator 6.5.2**

**Relationship between reporting under the Water Convention and
the UN Agenda 2030 SDG Indicator 6.5.2. reporting:**

**Perpectives from a Party to the Water Convention
- Slovenia -**

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PERSPECTIVES FROM A PARTY TO THE WATER CONVENTION - SLOVENIA

1. UNECE Water Convention VS UN Agenda 2030 SDG 6.5.2. Indicator:
relations of the two reporting exercises
2. UNECE Water Convention – UN AGENDA 2030 SDG 6.5.2 Indicator:
synergies of the integrated reporting in application at the IWRM levels (e.g. national, bilateral, regional, UNECE / UN)
3. **Issues** to be regarded or included in the Guide



RELATIONS AND SYNERGIES OF THE REPORTING EXERCISES – COMPARISSON

	UNECE Water Convention	UN Agenda 2030
field of activity	narrow and specialised	extremely broad
content of reporting	complex and broad	narrow and calculated
content exchange	indicator 6.5.2. needed	WC content not needed

The UNECE Water Convention reporting and the UN Agenda 2030 Goal 6 Indicator 6.5.2. reporting **should be reported in an integrated way**, thus achieving maximum of synergies for all involved parties and purposes.



RELATIONS AND SYNERGIES OF THE REPORTING EXERCISES – SLOVENIA

	UNECE Water Convention	UN Agenda 2030
institution	MOE, SWA	MFA
type of team	specialists in transboundary IWRM and RBM planning	diplomats and generalists
support exchange	support not needed	support from sectors needed

By integration of the two reporting exercises we would:

- integrate scattered reporting practices and thus teams of the involved institutions,
- improve the common understanding of the TB IWRM issue in general,
- improve the RBM processes on national, bilateral and regional levels,
- avoid the duplication of work and efforts,
- avoid misunderstandings and consequent false reporting, etc.



ISSUES TO BE REGARDED OR INCLUDED IN THE GUIDE

- The integrated reporting exercise should serve and therefore be promoted and consequently perceived as a booster and a steering assistant for the implementation of the UNECE Water Convention and the UN Agenda 2030, thus also for countries interest. *(The integrated reporting exercise is not as just another administrative burden or even two of them.)*



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- Countries should be encouraged to use the new findings recognised through the integrated UNECE / UN reporting exercise at all levels of the IWRM (e.g. RBM processes) they are involved in, e.g. national, bilateral, regional, UNECE / UN etc.). (*Integrated reporting exercise is not an exclusive UNECE / UN contents.*)



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- Electronic reporting, when developed and applied, will accept no false inputs, therefore cooperation of neighbouring riparian countries in the reporting exercise is *a conditio sine qua non* – even yet in analogue, early stages of the reporting process. *(Countries should be clearly advised to do so and if for any reason needed, supported to do so).*



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- Robustness of the reporting process should be ensured and subjectiveness of the filling in the template should be avoided by applying available means to do so – e.g. vocabulary, definitions of terms, in-depth instructions, usage of transparent techniques of work, recommended ways of involvement of stakeholders etc. (*Persistency of the reporting quality is of a major interest of all involved parties.*)



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- Not only direct textual interpretations of the issues, but in addition case studies, good practice examples, graphs, figures, schemes, algorithms and other ways of explanations can make a useful guide, therefore they should be applied in the Guide wherever needed to support the common understanding. (*One picture is worth a thousand words*).



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Thank you for your attention!

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