

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes Task Force on Water and Climate First meeting Bonn, Germany, 22–23 November 2007

# DRAFT WORK PLAN OF THE TASK FORCE ON WATER AND CLIMATE 2007-2008

<u>Until 21 December 2007</u>: Collection of comments on the draft Guidance and on the draft Questionnaire

- Task Force participants, countries and stakeholders will be invited to provide in writing their comments on the draft Guidance and on the draft Questionnaire.
- Volunteering lead country(ies) will finalise the questionnaire taken into consideration comments received.

### 15 January – 1 March 2008: Survey

• The Secretariat will organise, through the Questionnaire, a survey among EECCA and SEE countries<sup>1</sup>. The survey will aim to collect needs and main aspects of adaptation measures in water sector in relation to climate change.

March - June 2008: Processing survey's outcomes and preparations for the workshop

- Volunteering lead country(ies) will process responses received from countries through a survey and will prepare a background document on the main findings to be considered at the workshop and at the next meeting of the Task Force.
- On the basis of the comments received and of the replies to the survey, volunteering lead country(ies) will prepare a second draft of the guidance to be considered at the workshop.
- The volunteering lead country(ies) and the secretariat with the support of a programme committee will define the workshop agenda and organization of work, as well as all other needed arrangements.

<u>Early July 2008</u> (date and venue to be defined): Workshop on adaptation measures in water management

 A workshop will be organised to share experiences on adaptation measures in water management and to discuss best practices. The workshop will also consider the outcomes of the survey and will discuss the second draft of the Guidance.

## July-September 2008: Further drafting the Guidance

• An editorial team will work on the text of the Guidance taken into consideration outcomes of the survey and of the workshop, as well as additional comments received from countries and stakeholders, as appropriate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Among those countries that were not included in the survey performed by Germany and the European Environment Agency in fall 2006

<u>Week of 20-24 October 2007:</u> Third meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (WG IWRM)

• The co-chairpersons of the Task Force will report on progress achieved to the WG IWRM and receive advice on the draft Guidance and on further work.

## By November 2008 (date to be confirmed):

• A combined workshop will be held back-to-back with the EXCIMAP workshop to promote the experience gained within the European exchange circles on flood forecasting (EXCIFF) and on flood mapping (EXCIMAP) to other UNECE countries.

## November 2008: Second meeting of the Task Force

• The second meeting of the Task Force will consider the outcomes of the survey and of the workshop. The meeting will discuss and further develop the draft Guidance and will define its further work.