



# **International Water Assessment Centre IWAC**

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**RECENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE WORK**

# **IWAC Work Plan for 2010 - 2012**

## **1. Projects**

### **1.1. Project „Capacity building in data administration**

**“Capacity building in data administration for assessing and monitoring transboundary water resources in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)”**,

**Two pilot areas:**

- The Dniestr River Basin: Ukraine and Moldova**
- Basins of the Aral Sea (Amu Darya and Syr Darya river basins) - 5 countries of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan) and Afghanistan.**

**IWAC is assisting in the preparation and implementation of the pilot projects.**

**Regional activities IWAC:**

- put online the 1st regional catalogue exploiting information from the 2 pilot areas;**
- produce a summary document underlining the experiments undertaken in the 2 areas;**
- carry out actions for communication and dissemination of the results**

## **1.2. Pilot projects on adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins**

**New pilot projects for adaptation to climate change in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, and in South Eastern Europe:  
Sava, Dniester, Neman, Chu and Talas.**

**Odessa 7-9 June 2010 also one special session concerning the implementation new  
“Climate Change” pilot project for the Dniester basin  
Meeting 8 November 2010 in Kiev**

**Workshop for Neman basin on 14 October 2010 in Minsk.**

**The field visit of UA & MO experts in Slovakia on 4 to 4 March 2011 (CC scenarios and mitigation measures)**

**Dniester pilot project meeting on 18 April 2011 in Chisinau**



## **1.3. National Policy Dialogues**

**IWAC is involved in implementing the National Policy Dialogue in Ukraine. The IWAC involvement in the organization of the NPD in the year 2011 including pilot activities in the basin of Prut and Siret.**

**Cooperation with ICPDR - Danube Delta and other relevant activities  
EU Danube Strategy**

## **1.4. Other projects**

**IWAC is participating in other activities in the implementation of the Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health.**

**UNECE project on water quality in Central Asia - expertise and participating in project meetings.**

**Similar activities are under preparation for Illy Balkhash project.**



## **1.5. Ongoing projects carried out by other organizations**

**IWAC is participating in the work of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)**

**The Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan was finalized and approved during the Ministerial Conference on 11 April 2011 in Uzhgorod, Ukraine.**

**The UNDP/GEF/ICPDR project “Integrating multiple benefits of wetlands and floodplains into improved transboundary management for the Tisza River Basin” is facilitating the preparation of the plan.**

**Transboundary cooperation between Ukraine, Slovakia and Hungary via the project “Making space of water in the Bodrog River Basin”, in which the Global Water Partnership Slovakia and IWAC play a leading role.**

**NATO Project in the Program “Science for Peace and Security”  
“Flood Monitoring and Forecast in Pripyat River Basin”  
Slovakia, Ukraine, and Belarus**



## **2. Second Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters**

**IWAC is assisting in all activities and regions.**

**The subregional assessment for  
Caucasus countries  
Eastern and Northern Europe**

**Central Asia - workshop on 13 to 15 October 2010 in Almaty**

**Western Europe - meeting on 8-10 February 2011 in Budapest**

**IWAC is cooperating with the Water Convention Secretariat in revising and finalizing the text of the sub-regional assessments.**

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## **3. Sharing of experience and capacity building.**

### **3.1 Trainings**

**The trainings are planned in the individual projects. On 7 to 11 December 2010 a study visit of six Georgian representatives was organized in IWAC on the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive.**

**A similar event for Armenian representatives is under preparation for the period 23 to 30 May 2011. Both events are partly cofinanced by the EU fund TAIEX.**

### **3.2 Internet site**

**So far, the IWAC website is mostly used passively. Exchange of knowledge, and sharing information and opinions via a “discussion forum” is expected.**

### **3.3 Exchange of experience**

**Exchange of experience is organized in the individual projects**

# Suggestions for future work

The work of IWAC is organized according to the actual workplan and additional activities that are requested by the Water Convention bodies. Some other activities and proposals are put forward for discussion and possible inclusion into the existing workplan for 2010-2012 (support from Slovakia side is available):

## 1. Database centre

Information on Water Convention transboundary basins in the UNECE region including also information from Assessment activities both on general and scientific level and/or other Water Convention projects, programmes.

## 2. Operation of regional catalogue

Based on French project „Capacity Building in Data Administration“ – extension to other basins and operation after the ending of the project

## 3. National Policy Dialogues

Moldova (Danube Strategy & UA)

Kazakhstan

## 4. New projects

Irtys, Balkhash, Dam Safety in Central Asia





**Thank you**