

# Capacity for Water Cooperation

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# CWC objectives

- Exchange of experience between countries in river basins, projects
- Multidisciplinary training on IWRM
- Creation of a network of EECCA expert
- Contribute to other activities under the Convention

# CWC workshops

- November 2004, Kiev: Legal aspects of transboundary cooperation
- June 2005, St. Petersburg: Information management and public participation
- October, 2005, Tbilisi: Joint Monitoring and assessment of shared water basins
- October, 2007, Almaty: River basin commissions and other institutions for transboundary water cooperation
- May 2008, Bucharest: Water and Health



# Outputs - deliverables

- Background document on the theme of the workshop
- Country inputs/questionnaires
- Website
- Publication with recommendations on the way forward



# Lessons Learned

- Very supportive to the work under the Convention
- Useful to test Convention's products and to identify future priorities of work
- Format allows integration between sectoral approaches
- Mostly secretariat driven: absorbs remarkable resources
- Strong cooperation with international partners (OSCE, UNDP)



# What's next?

- Continue to build on other activities under the Convention
- Continue cooperating with important partners
- Next workshop theme: Floods and climate change? Transboundary groundwaters? Others?
- Reduce burden in the secretariat by involving lead countries

