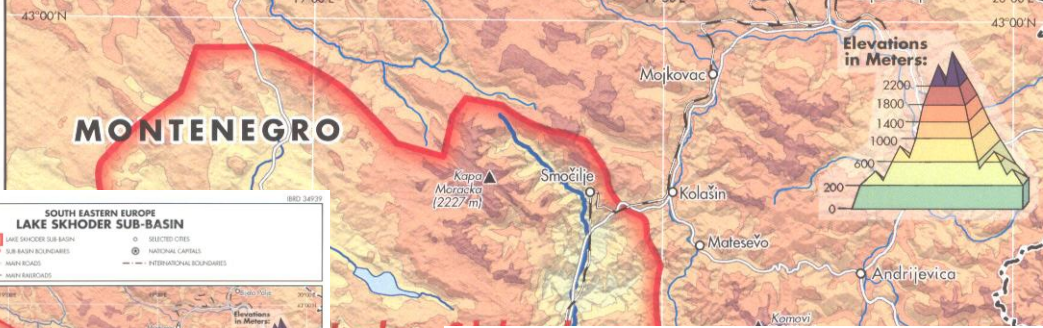


# Cooperation Process for the management of the Drin Basin

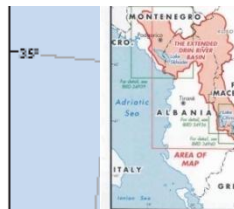
Tirana, October 2012

Drin Core Group



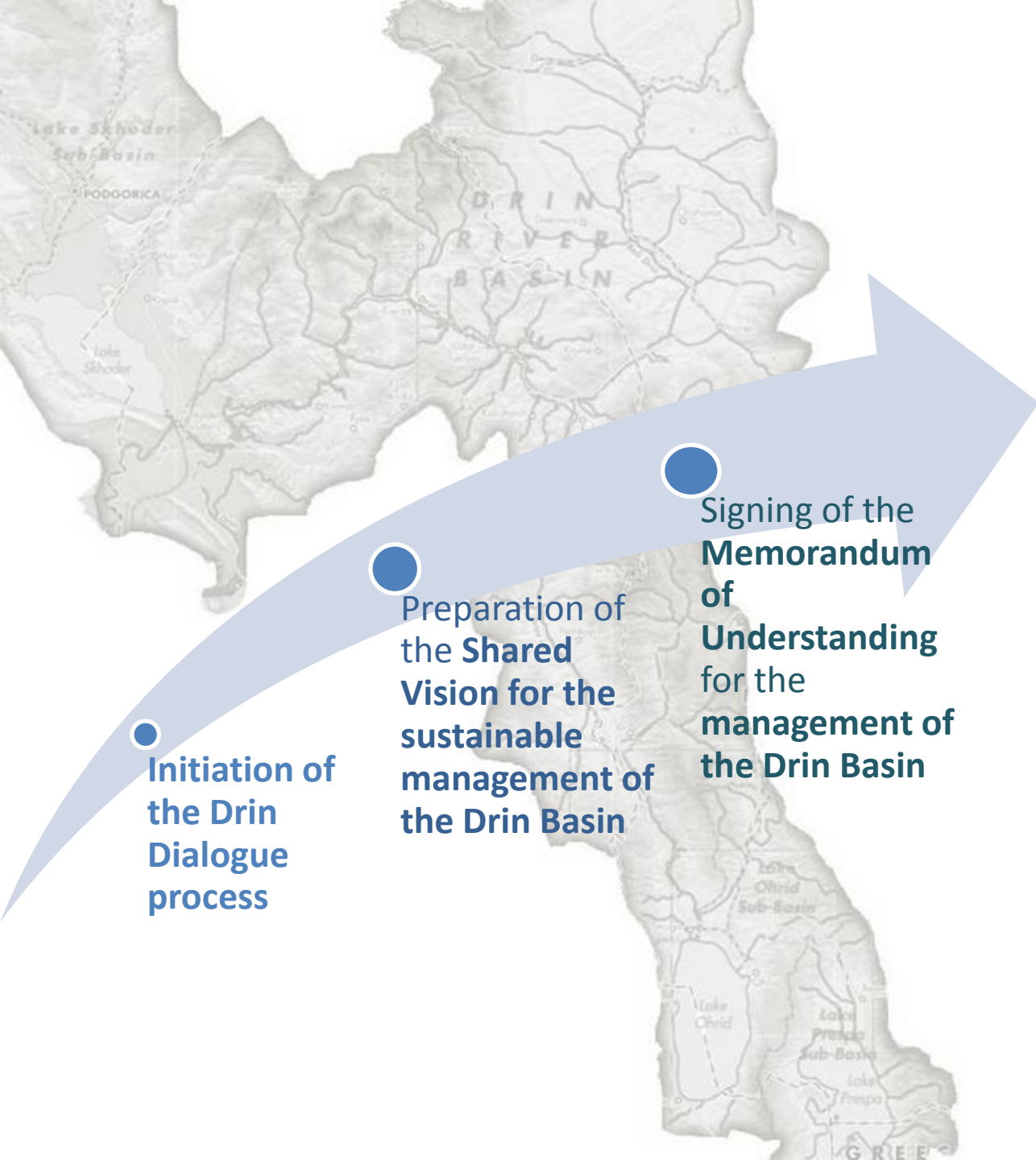


This map was produced by the Map Design Unit of The World Bank. The boundaries, colors, denominations and any other information shown on this map do not imply, on the part of The World Bank Group, any judgment on the legal status of any territory, or any endorsement or acceptance of such boundaries.



This map was produced by the Map Design Unit of The World Bank. The boundaries, colors, denominations and any other information shown on this map do not imply, on the part of The World Bank Group, any judgment on the legal status of any territory, or any endorsement or acceptance of such boundaries.



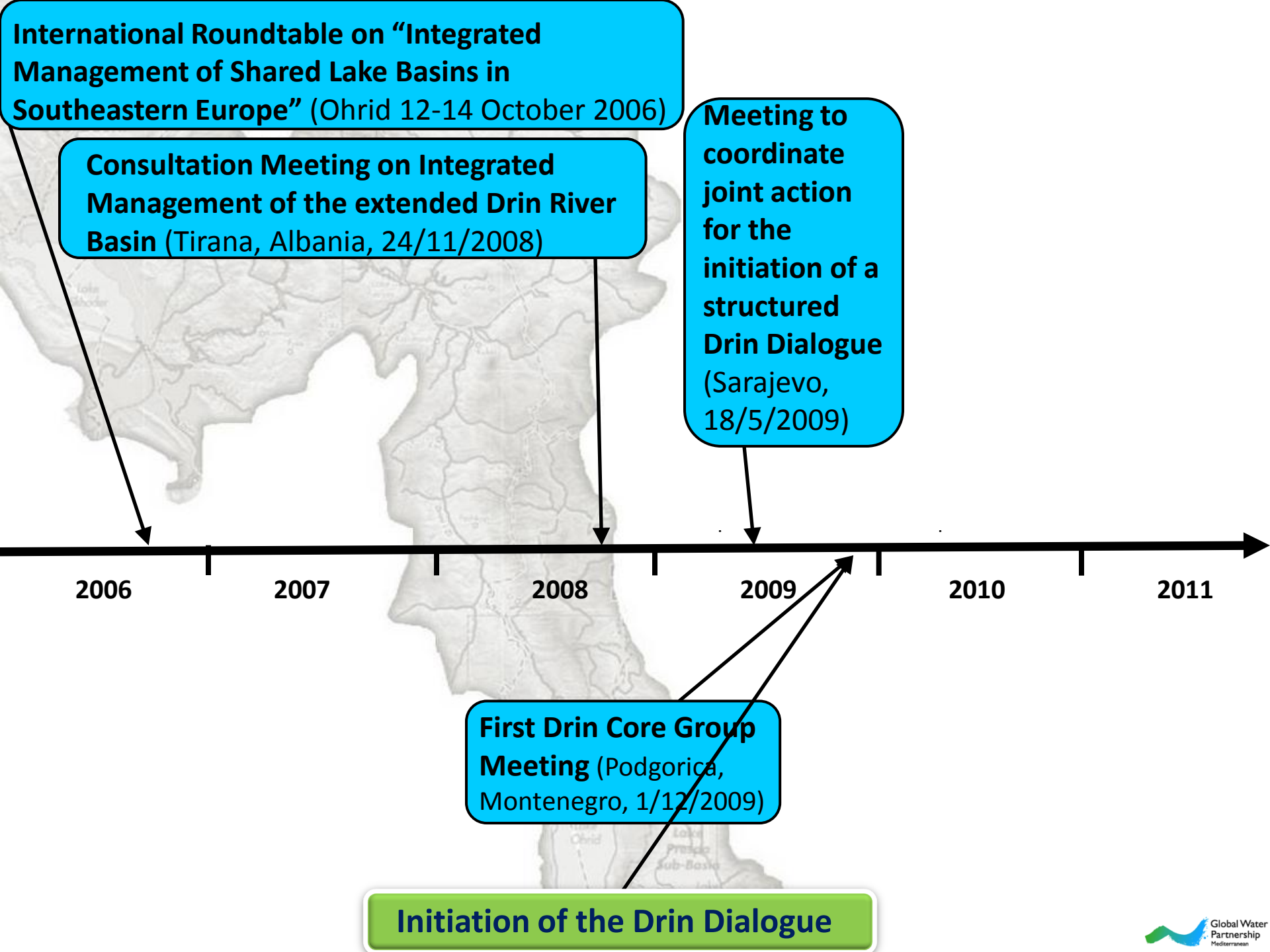


● Initiation of the Drin Dialogue process

● Preparation of the Shared Vision for the sustainable management of the Drin Basin

● Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the management of the Drin Basin

***Towards the enhancement of transboundary cooperation among the Drin Riparians for the sustainable management of the extended Drin River Basin***



**International Roundtable on "Integrated Management of Shared Lake Basins in Southeastern Europe"** (Ohrid 12-14 October 2006)

**Consultation Meeting on Integrated Management of the extended Drin River Basin** (Tirana, Albania, 24/11/2008)

**Meeting to coordinate joint action for the initiation of a structured Drin Dialogue** (Sarajevo, 18/5/2009)

**First Drin Core Group Meeting** (Podgorica, Montenegro, 1/12/2009)

**Initiation of the Drin Dialogue**

# Drin Dialogue process

The **Policy Framework** was provided *inter alia* by the:

- The **UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (UNECE Water Convention)**
- The **European Union Water Framework Directive (EU WFD)**
- The **Petersberg Phase II Process / Athens Declaration Process** (jointly coordinated by Germany, Greece and the World Bank - with the active participation of key regional organizations and bodies including UNECE, UNDP, UNESCO, GEF etc).
- Other compatible **Multi-lateral Agreements**

# Drin Dialogue process

*A coordinated and structured consultation process among the:*

- water resources management competent ministries of the Riparians,*
- the existing **joint commissions/committees** in the sub-basins and the*
- **stakeholders***

# Drin Dialogue process

**Main objective:** The development of a **Strategic Shared Vision** among the competent national authorities and stakeholders for the sustainable management of the Drin basin.



A topographic map of the Drin Basin, showing its extensive network of rivers and sub-basins. The map is overlaid with a semi-transparent white box containing text. Labels on the map include 'Lake Skadar Sub-Basin', 'FODGORICA', 'D R I N', 'Lake Ohrid Sub-Basin', 'Lake Ohrid', 'Lake Prespa Sub-Basin', 'Lake Prespa', and 'G R I E C E'.

## "Strategic Shared Vision" for the management of the Drin Basin

Describe the vision regarding the management of the Basin in relation to its sustainable development including actions to address key issues as well as actions to enhance cooperation among the Riparians.

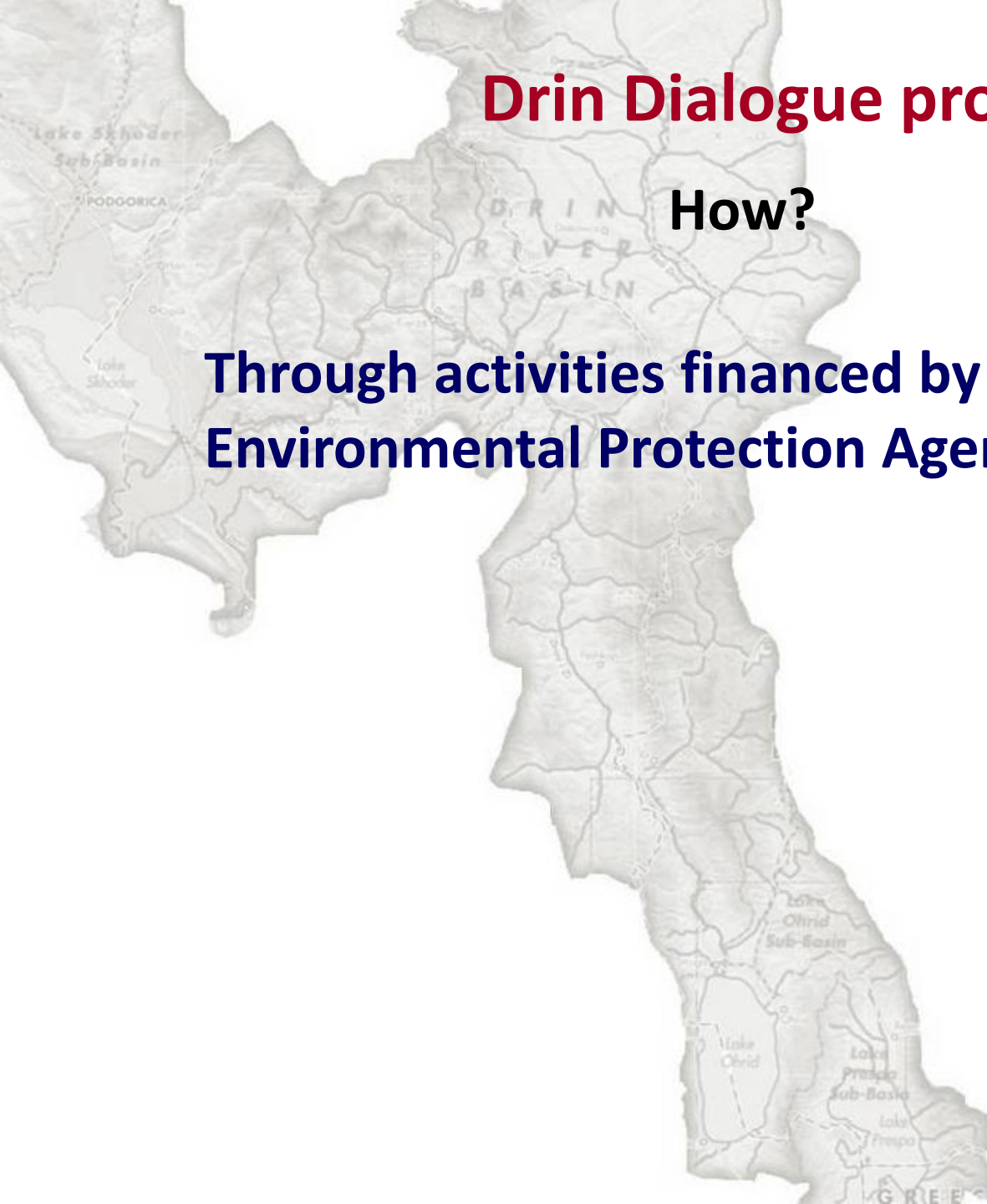
Based on the views and opinions of the stakeholders as identified through the Drin Dialogue Process.



# Drin Dialogue process

How?

Through activities financed by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency



# Drin Dialogue process

How?

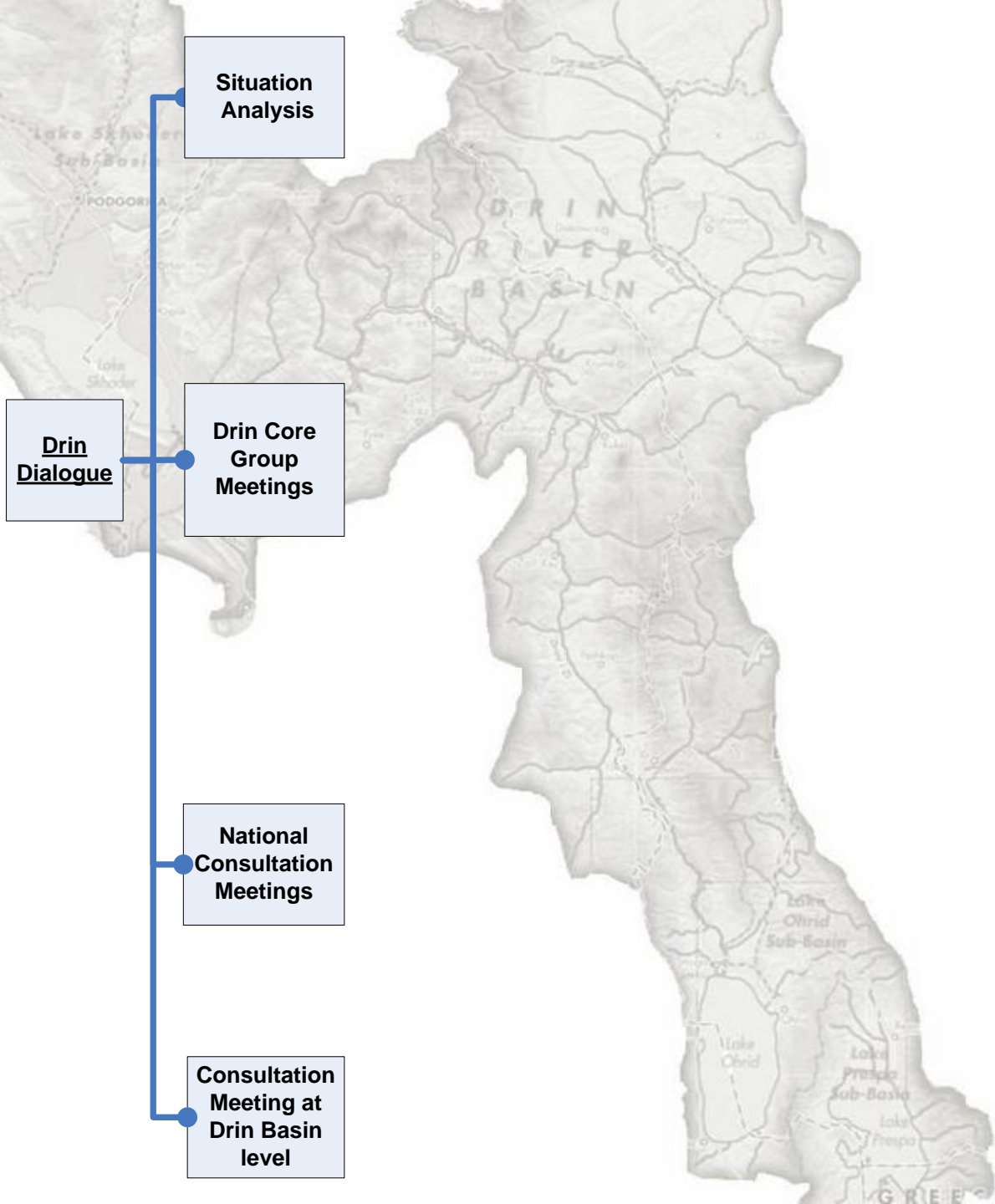
Activities

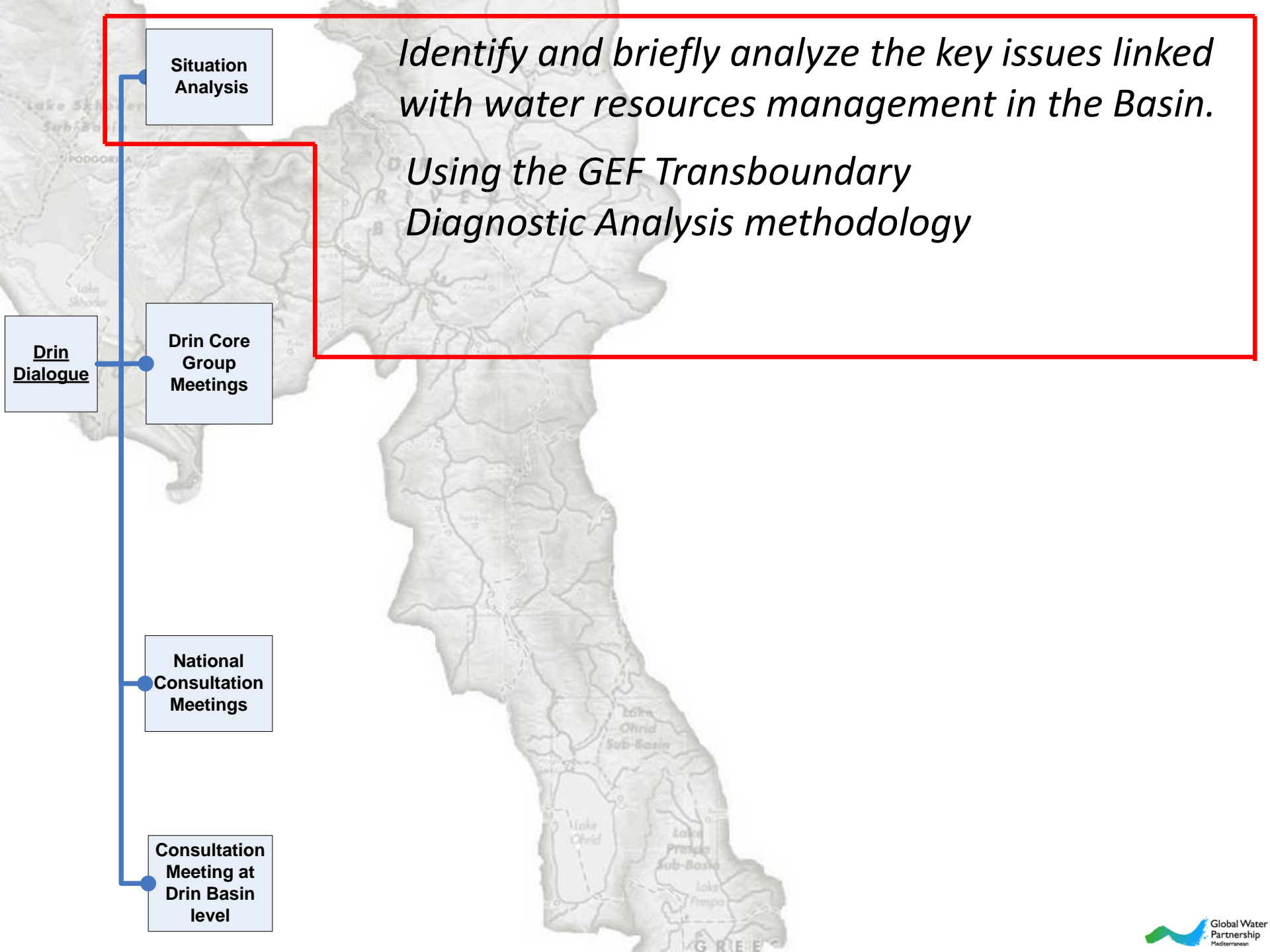
**Situation  
Analysis**

**Drin Core  
Group  
Meetings**

**National  
Consultation  
Meetings**

**Consultation  
Meeting at  
Drin Basin  
level**





**Situation Analysis**

*Identify and briefly analyze the key issues linked with water resources management in the Basin.*

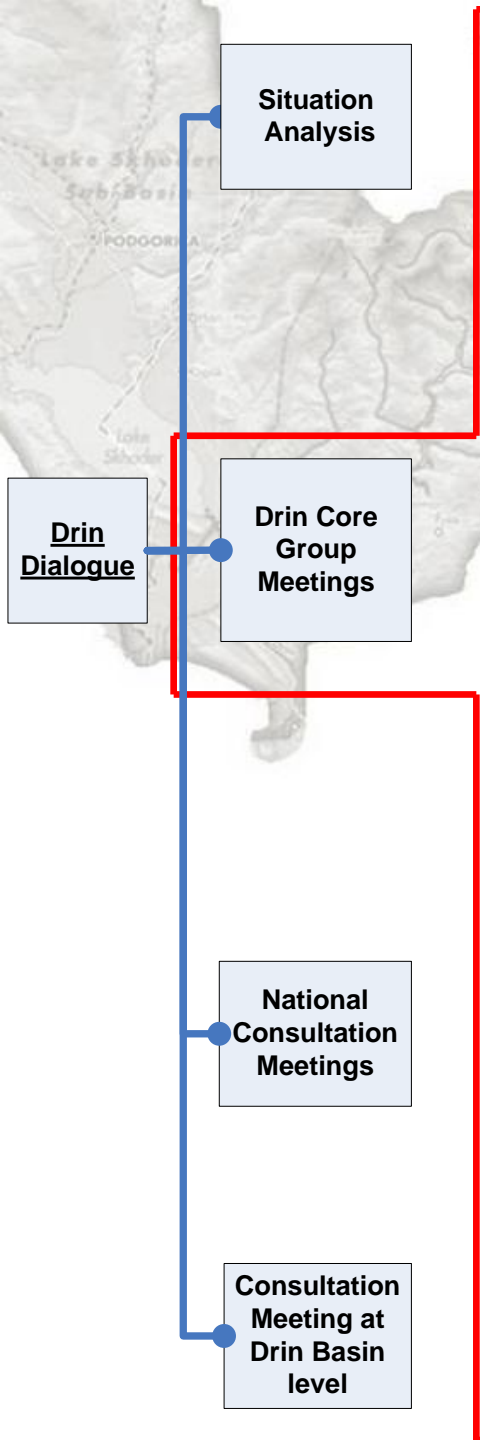
*Using the GEF Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis methodology*

**Drin Dialogue**

**Drin Core Group Meetings**

**National Consultation Meetings**

**Consultation Meeting at Drin Basin level**



## The coordinating body of the Drin Dialogue

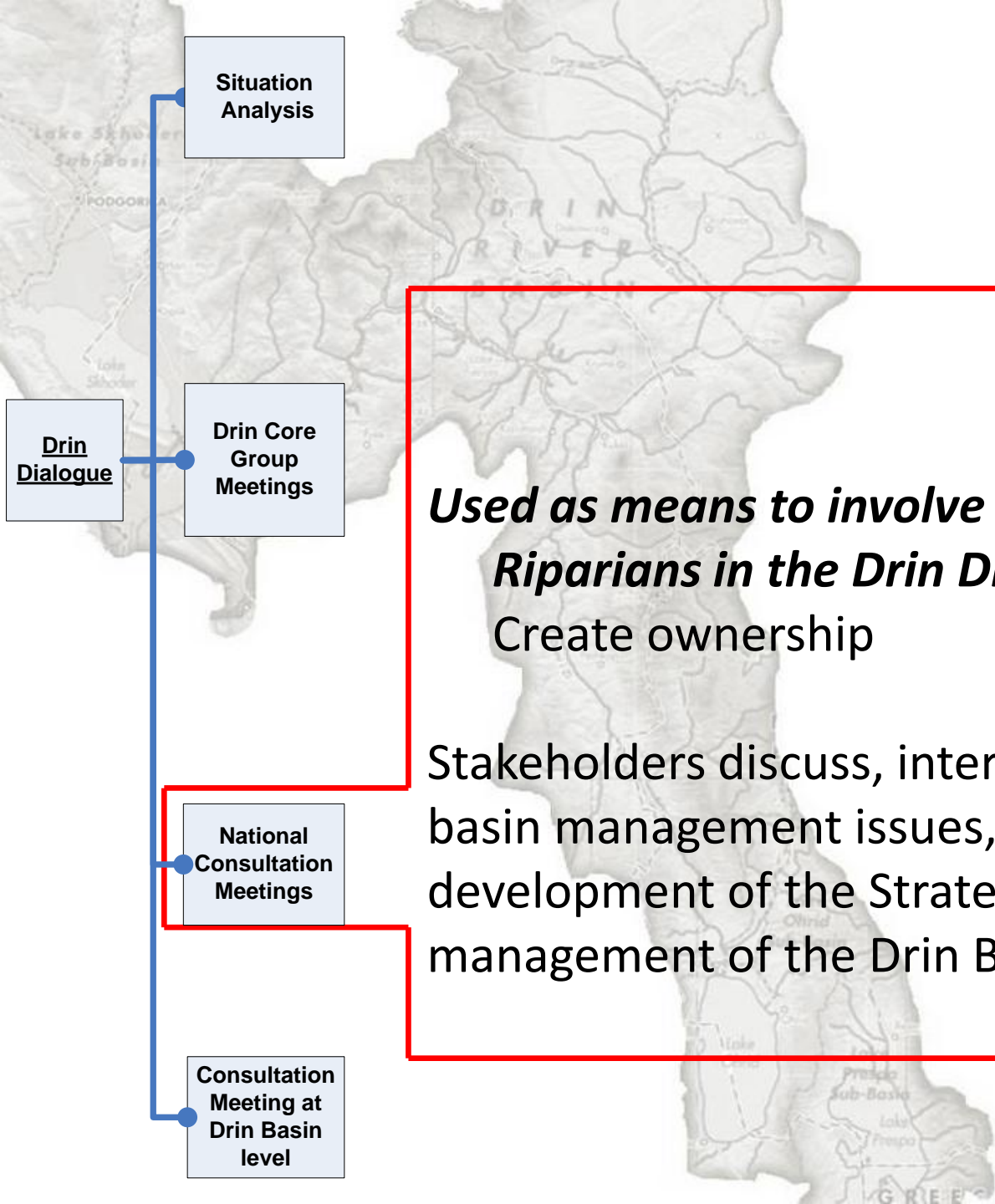
### A. Members:

- Representatives of the Ministries of the Riparians competent for water resources management
- Representatives of the joint bodies in place (Prespa, Ohrid, Skadar/Shkoder)
- UNECE
- GWP-Med
- MIO-ECSDE

### B. Observers

Swedish EPA; EC; UNDP/GEF

GWP-Med is the Secretariat providing technical and administrative support.



Situation Analysis

Drin Dialogue

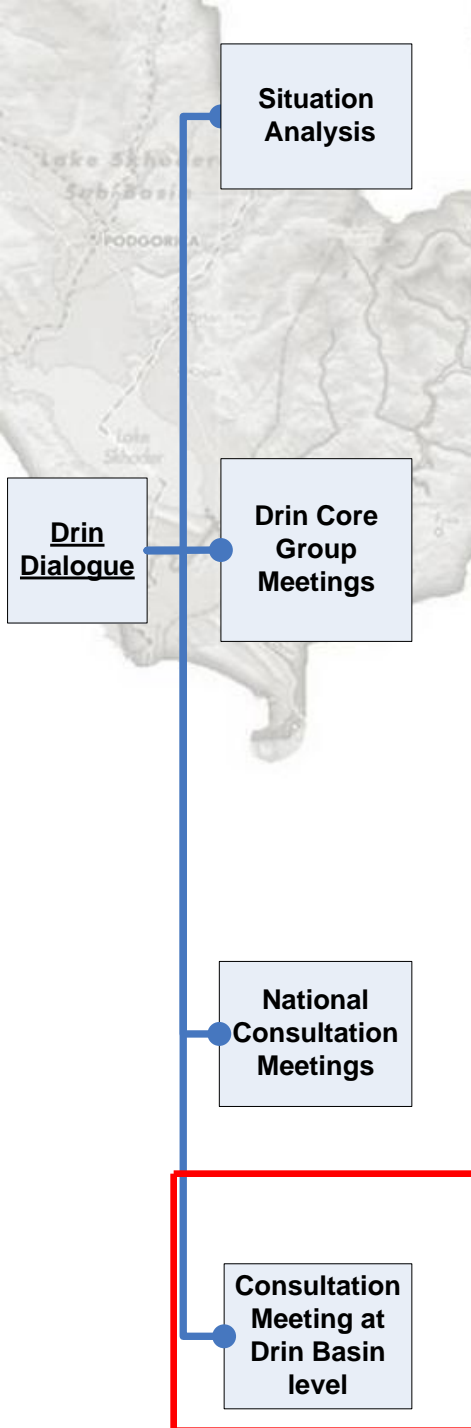
Drin Core Group Meetings

National Consultation Meetings

Consultation Meeting at Drin Basin level

***Used as means to involve the stakeholders of the Riparians in the Drin Dialogue – Create ownership***

Stakeholders discuss, interact and elaborate on basin management issues, and facilitate the development of the Strategic Shared Vision for the management of the Drin Basin.



Situation Analysis

The final step of the Drin Dialogue.

It built on the outcomes of the:

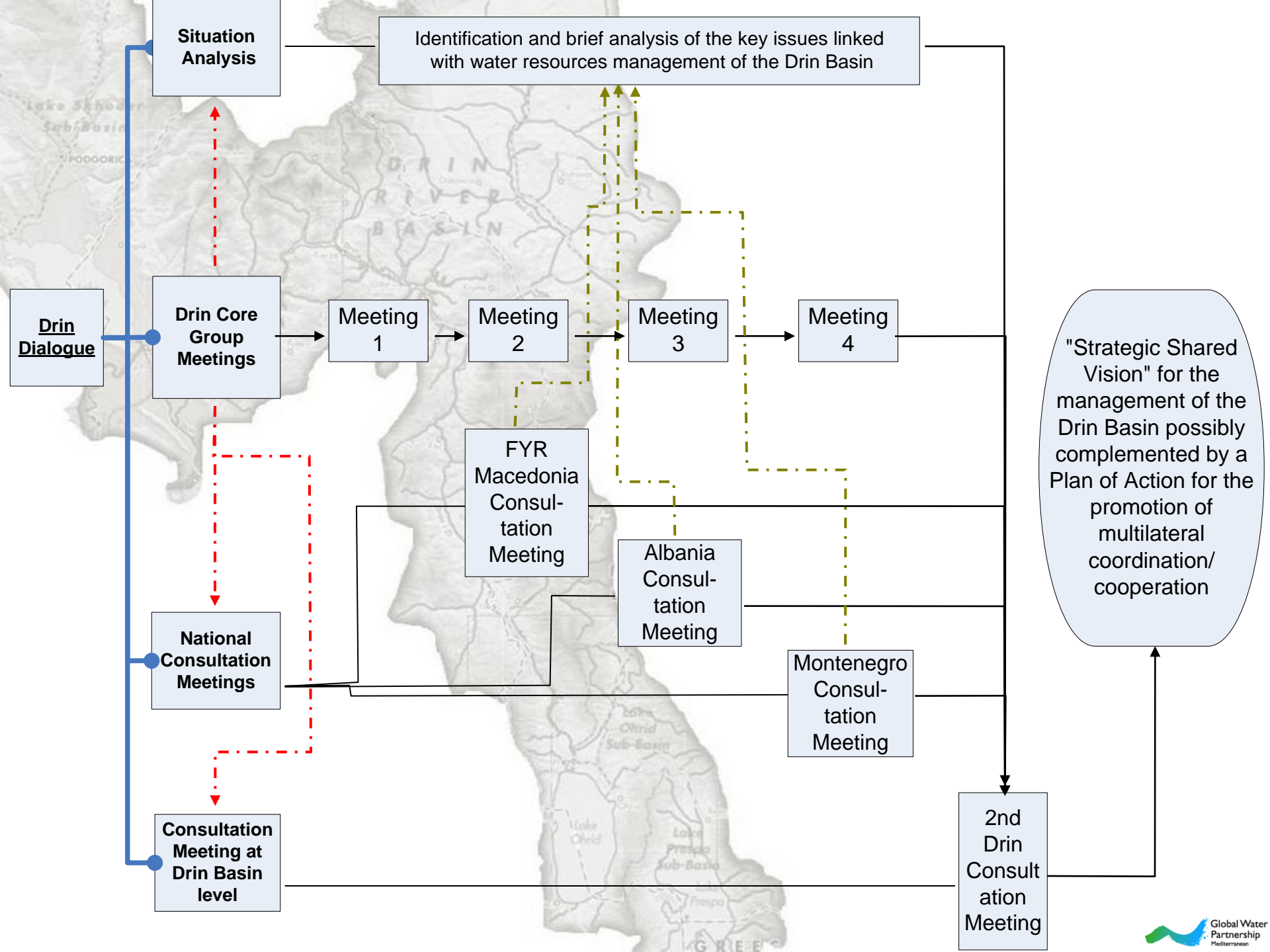
- Three National Consultation Meetings; Work of the Drin Core Group.

**Who?** Representatives of Riparians' national authorities and other key national and local stakeholders.

Drin Core Group Meetings

National Consultation Meetings

Consultation Meeting at Drin Basin level



**Situation Analysis**

Identification and brief analysis of the key issues linked with water resources management of the Drin Basin

**Drin Core Group Meetings**

Meeting 1

Meeting 2

Meeting 3

Meeting 4

**National Consultation Meetings**

FYR Macedonia Consultation Meeting

Albania Consultation Meeting

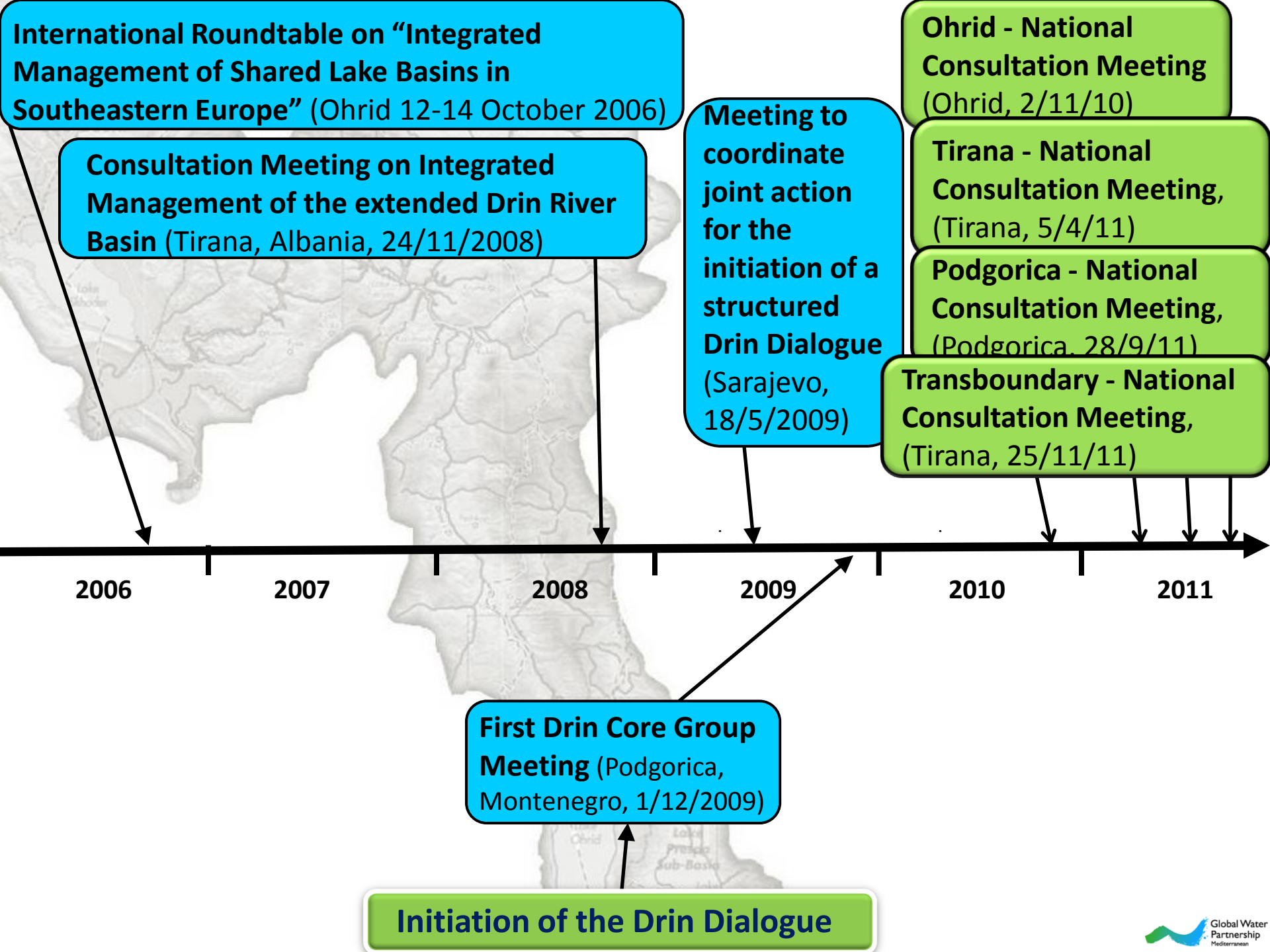
Montenegro Consultation Meeting

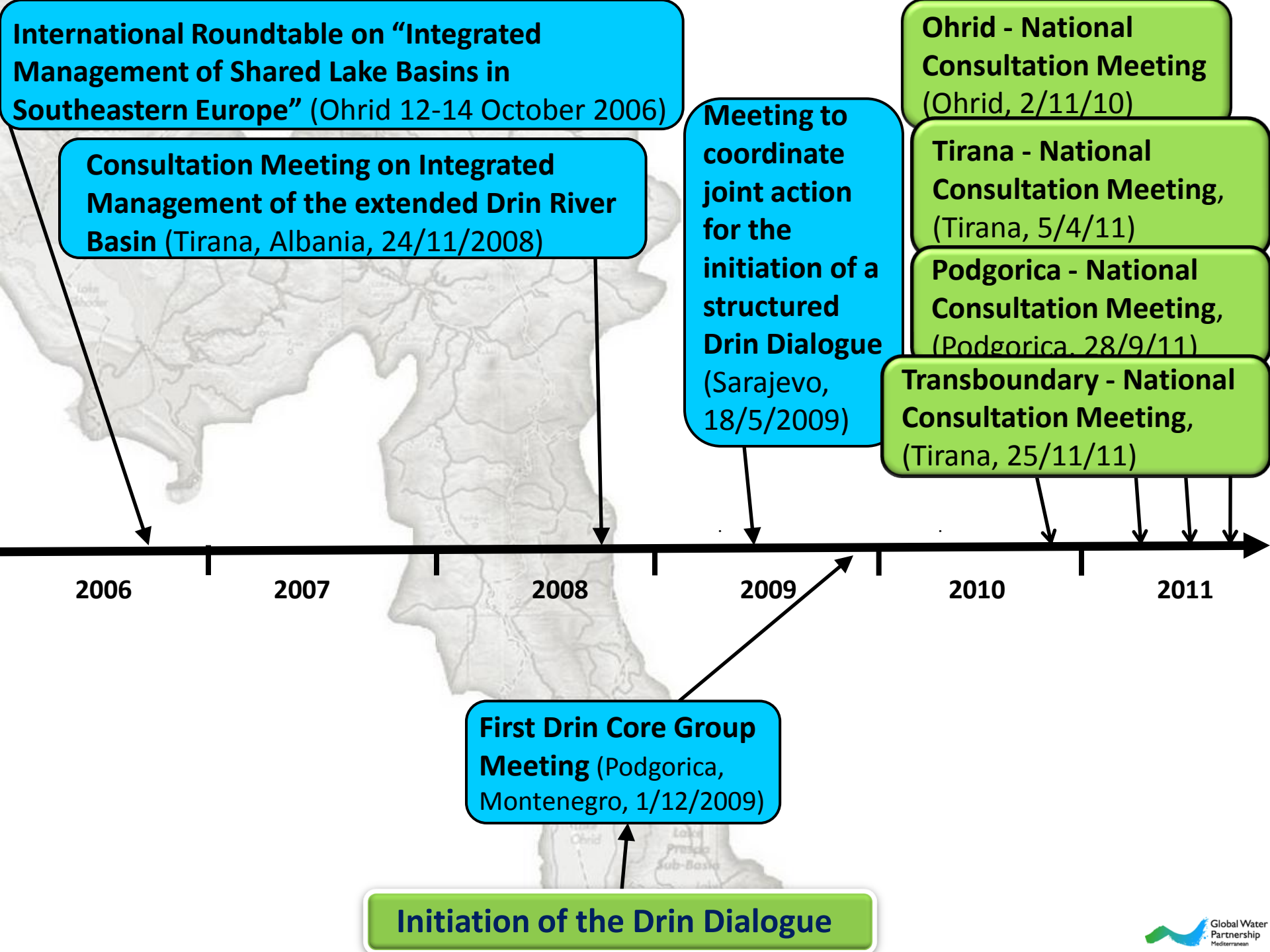
**Consultation Meeting at Drin Basin level**

2nd Drin Consultation Meeting

"Strategic Shared Vision" for the management of the Drin Basin possibly complemented by a Plan of Action for the promotion of multilateral coordination/cooperation



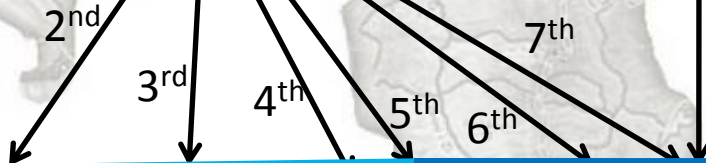




**Meeting of the Parties to the MoU,  
(Ministerial Meeting, (Tirana, 11/12)**

**Drin Core Group Meetings  
(2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>)**

- Characterization of the Basin (WFD) – Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis
- Monitoring – System for exchange of information
- Cooperation on flood risk preparedness and management
- Preparation of an Agreement
- Preparation of coordinated management plans (beyond 2015)
- Etc.



2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

**Drin Ministerial  
Declaration** (Ohrid, 18/4/11)

**Drin MoU** (Tirana, 25/11/11)

**Action Plan for the Drin MoU**

**Initiation of the Drin Dia**

**Implementation of the Drin MoU**

# Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Extended Drin Basin (Tirana, 25 November 2011)

