

# Virtual workshop on financing transboundary water cooperation and basin development

## Session 5, Thursday 17 Dec, 3.00-4.30 pm (CET)

### Questions for Ukraine and ZAMCOM representatives :

- 1) What challenges do you experience in mobilizing domestic financial resources for transboundary water cooperation and basin development which include:
  - Costs for cooperation processes and joint institutions
  - Costs for development activities and projects (monitoring, basin planning, infrastructure development)
- 2) Did your country/organization approach a MDB/Facility to get additional support and what type of support was it (TA, grants, loans)? In what extent has this support complemented your country/organization's funding effort for transboundary water cooperation and basin development activities?

### Questions for GEF, IDB, CIWA:

#### *Question for all IFIs/MDBs:*

- **CIWA:** How does CIWA, Trust Funds of the World Bank, support transboundary waters and groundwaters cooperation and sustainable basin development taking into consideration the multiple needs (from water use for irrigation, household consumption, protection of the basin ecosystem, navigation, industrial use etc.) ? Do you have concrete examples, for instance in the areas of basin monitoring and information systems, development of sustainable master- and investment plans and the preparation for infrastructure investments?

- **GEF:** The GEF also provides targeted support through its well-known international waters program to support transboundary river and groundwater basin development: what opportunities do you see for transboundary water cooperation and basin development in the context of COVID-19 recovery?

- **IDB:** IDB recently developed a transboundary waters program which includes 4 pillars including sustainable financing: what concrete support does it include? Could you highlight what you would recommend to countries/ basins wishing to develop a project proposal for financing transboundary water cooperation?

### Joint open question to all speakers:

- How do you see legal frameworks/agreements (such as the Water Convention or regional agreements) as a possible catalyser to promote cooperation and further attract investments and funding in the basin?