

Coordinated Action in the Drin Basin - Drin CORDA GEF Drin Project

***IBC on Environment and Climate - Webinar on transboundary
water cooperation and coordination between
agencies and RCs to support transboundary cooperation
(based on examples from Drin and Drina river basins)***

Drin Coordinated Action

- **Shared Vision for the sustainable management of the Drin Basin**

→ **Memorandum of Understanding (Tirana, 25 November 2011)**

Ministers of the water and environment management.

- The goal: management of the Drin Basin.

- The main objective of the Drin MoU is to:

“**Promote joint action** for the coordinated integrated management of the shared water resources in the Drin Basin, as a means to safeguard and restore, to the extent possible, the ecosystems and the services they provide, and to promote sustainable development across the Drin Basin”.

- MoU → **institutional structure (2012).**



**MoU
Governing Body**

Meeting of Parties

Ministers responsible for water and environmental management

Coordinating Body

Drin Core Group

- Ministries from Riparians responsible for water and environmental management
- Prespa Park Management Committee
- Lake Ohrid Watershed Committee
- Lake Skadar-Shkoder Commission
- UNECE
- Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean
- Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development

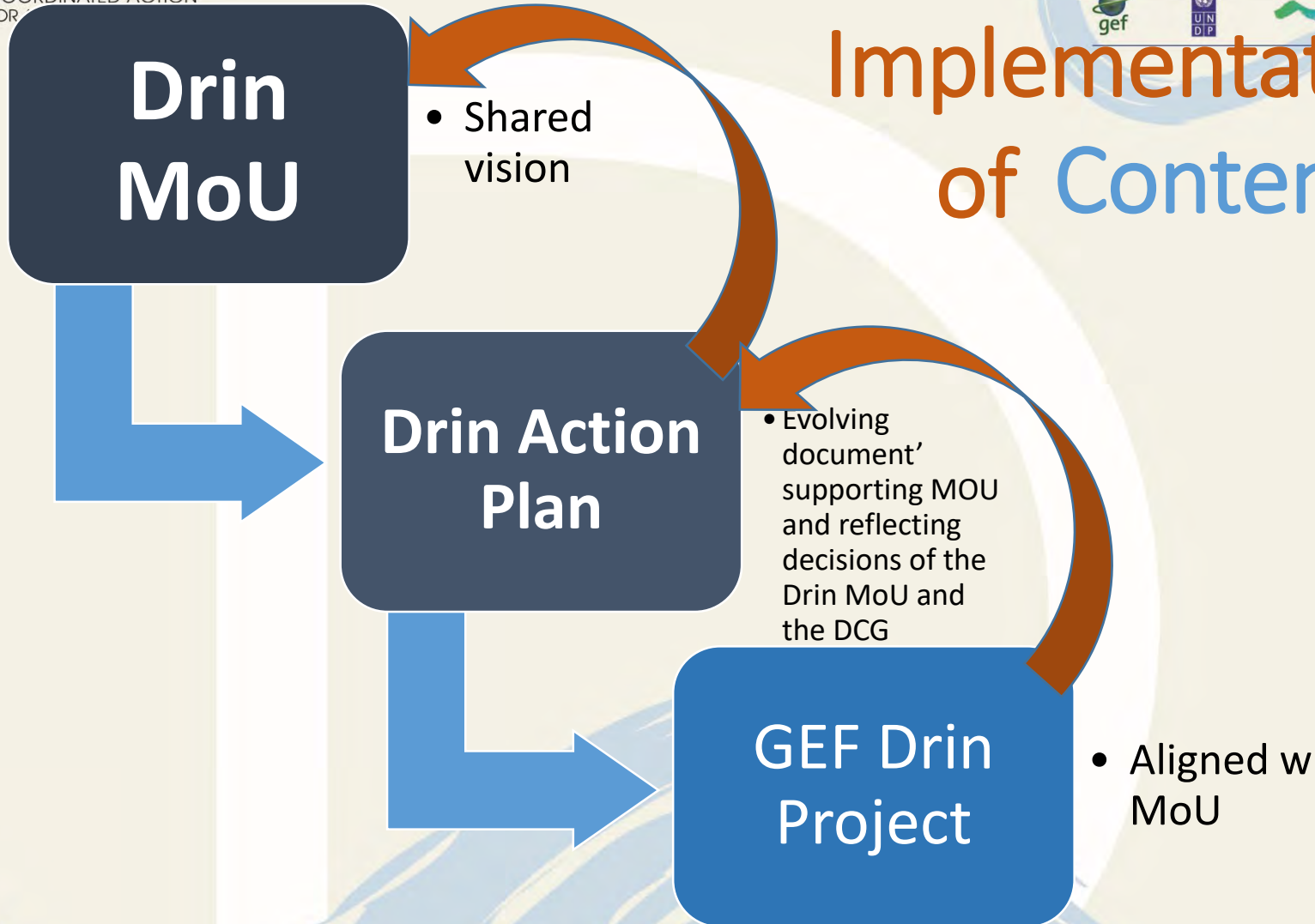
*Drin Core Group
Secretariat*

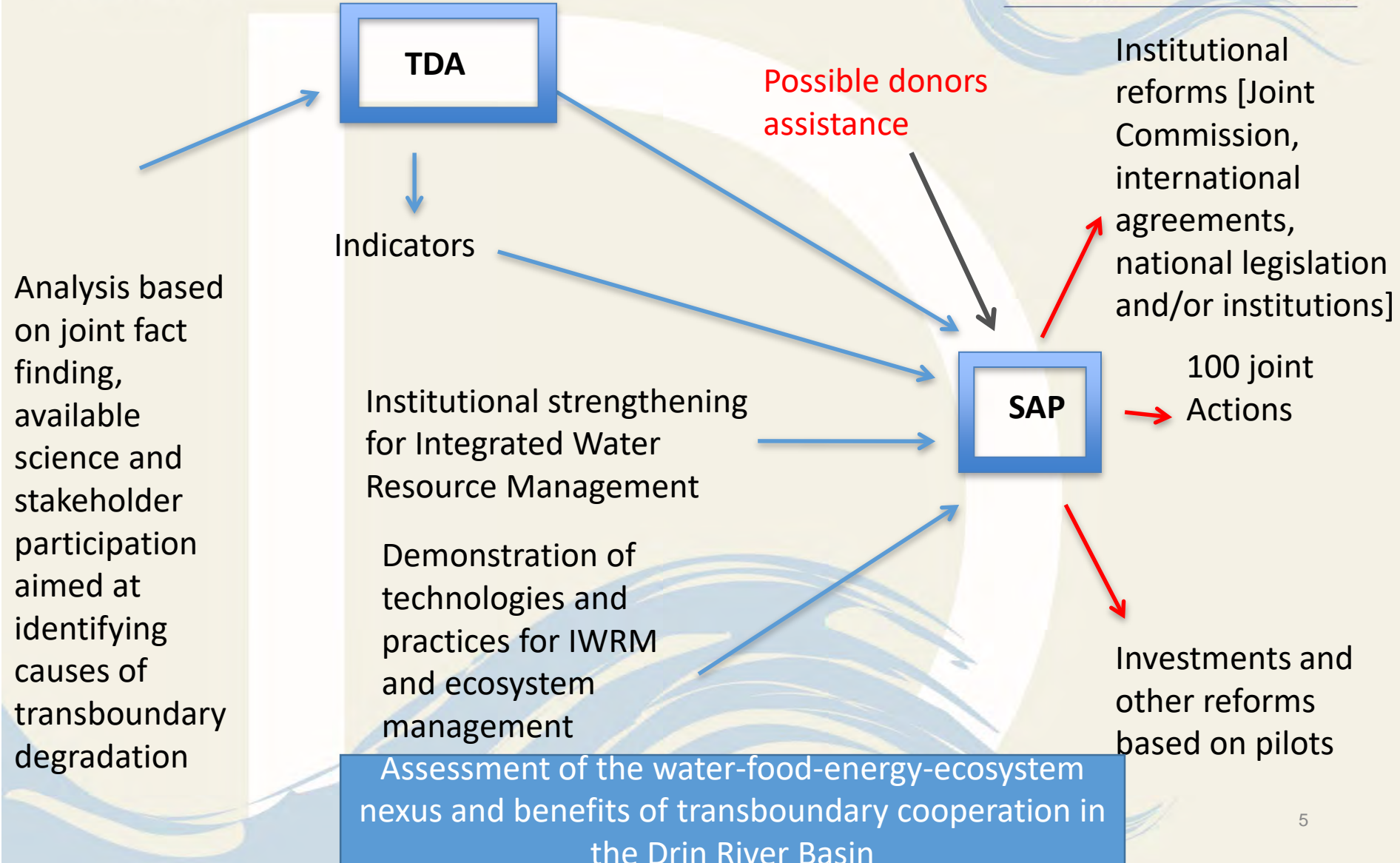
Expert Working Group on WFDI

Expert Working Group on MIE

Expert Working Group on BE

Implementation of Content



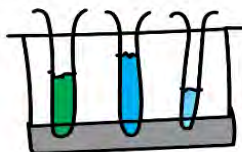


Implementation of pilot interventions



Implementation of stress reduction measures (to feed into SAP implementation)

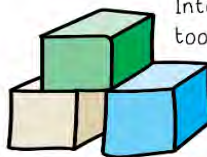
"NO REGRET" Pilot Activities



Design and testing of a
multi-purpose (transboundary)
groundwater monitoring network
at Skadar/Shkoder Lake
• Albania • Montenegro •



Lake Ohrid Watershed
Management Plan
• Albania • North Macedonia •



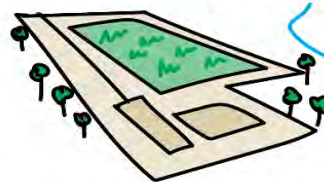
Integrated modelling
tool for Shkodra City
• Albania •
best Waste Water
Treatment Plant



Production of
fire-briquettes
from Skadar/Shkoder Lake
using excess biomass
• Montenegro •



Assessing the feasibility
of applying micro-insurance
schemes in flood prone areas
• Albania • Montenegro •
• North Macedonia •



Constructed Wetland
in Kramovik
• Kosovo* •

Partnerships and Cooperation

UNDP Albania – GWP Med Project Cooperation Agreement in place since 2015

UNDP Albania – UNECE UN to UN Agency agreement

All contributing to:

- Lifting the management from single water bodies to the hydrological interconnected system of the Drin Basin, leading from the sharing of waters among Riparians and conflicting uses, to the sharing of benefits among stakeholders in an area that is physically, culturally and historically interconnected.
- Improve the information exchange among countries for informed decision-making managing trade offs among Water, Food, Energy and Environment