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## **REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE WATER ALLOCATION**

*“SHARING EXPERIENCES ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATER ALLOCATION  
AND WATER SCARCITY”*

*Virtual (Kudo online platform), 5-6 October 2020*

### **AGENDA**

<b>DAY 1 (5 October)</b>	
<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>
<b>9:00 - 10:00</b>	<b>Online platform open for login and testing</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Péter Kovács, Head of River Basin Management and Water Protection Department, Ministry of Interior, Hungary &amp; former ICPDR President</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Michael Rupp, Team Leader Connectivity, Unit C2 "Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus &amp; Eastern Partnership", DG NEAR, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Matthew Griffiths, Senior Programme Manager, OECD</i></p>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<p><b>SETTING THE SCENE</b></p> <p><b>Presentations on context to the workshop and its intended outcomes</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Péter Kovács, Ministry of Interior, Hungary</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining equitable and sustainable water allocation</li> <li>• Bridging different approaches across borders</li> </ul> <p><i>Mr. Remy Kinna, Water Convention Secretariat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Water Convention’s historical and current work on transboundary water allocation</li> <li>• Overview of the Transboundary Water Allocation Handbook Project</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions in plenary</b></p>
<b>11:00-17:00</b>	<b>Issues and Challenges Water Allocation Can Address</b>
<b>11:00-12:45</b>	<p><b>Thematic topic discussions in plenary</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator : Water Convention Secretariat</i></p> <p><b>TOPIC 1 – Water Scarcity &amp; Drought</b></p> <p><b>Presentations on the thematic topic with case studies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Romania-Hungary: Regulation on low water management on transboundary watercourses (<i>Mr. Péter Kovács, Ministry of Interior, Hungary</i>)</li> <li>2) Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia: cross-border water supply arrangements (<i>Ms. Alma Imamović, Expert Advisor, Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry, Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>)</li> </ol> <p><b>Interactive discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary discussion on the presented case studies and generally related challenges and how they have been addressed.</li> </ul>
<b>12:45 – 13:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:45 – 15:15</b>	<p><b>Thematic topic discussions in plenary</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: OECD</i></p> <p><b>TOPIC 2a –Strategic planning to progress towards sustainable water allocation at the national level</b></p> <p><b>Presentations on the thematic topic with case studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting the scene: The role of national water strategies to define national water allocation policies (<i>Mr. Timothy Turner, international expert</i>)</li> <li>• Caucasus Case Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Azerbaijan’s National Water Strategy – a launchpad to a sustainable water allocation policy (<i>Mr. Rafiq Verdiyev, national expert</i>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Towards national water allocation policy in Georgia (<i>Ms. Eliso Barnovi and Mr. Zurab Jincharadze, national experts</i>)</li> <li>● Environmental flow monitoring: the peace keeper at the heart of the French strategy and tools for quantitative management (<i>Mr. Pierre-Henry de Villeneuve, International Office of Water; Mr. Emmanuel Balloffet, Regional Department of Environmental, Planning and Housing, France</i>)</li> <li>● Conclusions: OECD</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plenary discussion on the presented case studies and generally related challenges and how they have been addressed</li> </ul>
<b>15:15 – 15:30</b>	<b>Comfort break</b>
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Thematic topic discussions in plenary</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Slovakia</i></p> <p><b>TOPIC 2b – Sustainable environmental/ecological flows at transboundary level</b></p> <p><b>Presentations on the thematic topic with case studies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Case study of the spring ecological releases from the Dniester HPP cascade and the role of the Dniester Commission (<i>Ms. Olga Lisyuk, State Agency of Water Resources, Ukraine &amp; Mr. Radu Cazacu, Agency “Apele Moldovei”, Republic of Moldova</i>)</li> <li>2) Flow-related issues in the Drina River Basin: a case for joint action in the fields of water management, energy and environment protection (<i>Ms. Annukka Lipponen, Water Convention Secretariat</i>)</li> </ol> <p><b>Interactive discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plenary discussion on the presented case studies and generally related challenges and how they have been addressed.</li> </ul>
<b>17:00 – 17:15</b>	<p><b>Concluding remarks and logistics for Day 2</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Mr. Peter Kovacs, Ministry of Interior, Hungary</i></p>
<b>17:15</b>	<b>End of Day 1</b>

<b>DAY 2 (6 October)</b>	
<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>
<b>9:00 - 10:00</b>	<b>Online platform open for login and testing</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Thematic topic discussions in plenary</b>

	<p><b>Facilitator: Finland</b></p> <p><b>TOPIC 3 – Sustainable hydropower operation</b></p> <p><b>Presentations on the thematic topic with case studies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Iron Gates: Romania-Serbia joint commission and its functioning, (<i>Mr. Gheorghe Constantin, Director, Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests, Water Resources Management Directorate, Romania</i>)</li> <li>2) The Vuoksi Discharge Rule : Finland-Russia: on balancing hydropower, flood protection and environmental needs (<i>Mr. Seppo Rekolainen, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland</i>)</li> <li>3) Cooperation in developing hydropower in the Ara(k)s Basin (<i>Mr. Eisa Bozorgzadeh, Ministry of Energy, Iran</i>)</li> </ol> <p><b>Interactive discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary discussion on the presented case studies and generally related challenges and how they have been addressed.</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	<b>Comfort break</b>
<b>11:45 – 13:15</b>	<p><b>Thematic topic discussions in plenary</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Serbia</b></p> <p><b>TOPIC 4 – Sustainable groundwater management</b></p> <p><b>Presentations on the thematic topic with case studies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Transboundary delineation, characterisation and monitoring of groundwater bodies in Belarus and Ukraine under the EUWI+, (<i>Ms. Olga Vasniova &amp; Ms. Olga Biarozka, 'Research and Production Centre for Geology', Belarus</i>)</li> <li>2) Model provisions on transboundary groundwater (<i>Mr. Alexis Kolliopoulos, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece</i>)</li> <li>3) Transboundary groundwaters (e.g. Dinaric Karst): vulnerability and groundwater balance (<i>Mr. Momčilo Blagojevic, Directorate for Water Management, Montenegro</i>)</li> </ol> <p><b>Interactive discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary discussion on the presented case studies and generally related challenges and how they have been addressed.</li> </ul>
<b>13:15 – 14:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:15 – 15:45</b>	<p><b>(BREAKOUT GROUPS) Thematic discussions in sub-regional groups on lessons learned for Water Allocation</b></p> <p><b>Facilitators : Water Convention Secretariat</b></p>

	<p><b><i>(Groups to nominate a country to be rapporteur for reporting back)</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Composition of sub-regional groups will be communicated separately</i></b></p> <p>AIM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange with co-riparians in sub-regions on the practical aspects of key thematic areas regarding issues and challenges water allocation can address, specifically: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Knowledge base for water allocation;</li> <li>2) Advantages and limitations of allocation and other approaches;</li> <li>3) Challenges and solution for formalising allocation arrangements;</li> <li>4) Mechanisms to try to ensure effective implementation of allocation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Discuss key recommendations and lessons learned on key themes within basins and examples of these recommendations and lessons</li> <li>• Share possible illustrative case studies to use in Handbook</li> </ul>
<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Comfort break</b>
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Reporting back from sub-regional groups</b></p> <p><b><i>Facilitator : Mr. Péter Kovács, Ministry of Interior, Hungary</i></b></p> <p><b><i>[Groups to nominate a country to be rapporteur for reporting back]</i></b></p> <p>AIM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share feedback and highlights of the sub-regional discussions</li> <li>• Share key recommendations and lessons learned on key themes</li> <li>• Share possible illustrative case studies to use in Handbook</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions in plenary</b></p>
<b>17:00 – 17:15</b>	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Alisher Mamadzhanov, Water Convention Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Péter Kovács, Ministry of Interior, Hungary</i></p>
<b>17:15</b>	<b>End of Day 2 and Close of Workshop</b>