

# Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

## Implementation Committee

Twelfth meeting  
4–5 February 2021

### Provisional time schedule (Geneva time) (rev 02/02/2021)

Tentative timing	Item	Comments
<b>Thursday, 4 February 2021</b>		
12.30	Connection opens	Committee members are invited to connect in advance.
13.00–14.00	<p><b>1. Introduction to the modalities for working virtually</b></p> <p><b>2. Adoption of the agenda</b> (as contained in document ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2020/3/Rev.1<sup>1</sup> with adjustments as indicated in this Provisional time schedule)</p> <p><b>3. Advisory procedure (closed)</b></p> <p>Based on the information received from Albania and Montenegro as Parties taking part in advisory procedure WAT/IC/AP/1, the Committee will agree upon issues to be clarified during the upcoming consultations with the delegations of Albania and Montenegro.</p>	The Committee is present.
14.00–15.30	<p><b>Consultation session with the delegation from Montenegro</b></p> <p>(a) The Chair will make an introductory statement outlining the objectives of the consultation session;</p> <p>(b) The Chair will invite the delegation to make an introductory statement and inform the Committee of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any developments related to the planned construction of additional small hydropower plants on the Cijevna/Cem River in Albania;</li> <li>• Any developments in bilateral cooperation between the two countries.</li> </ul> <p>(c) The Committee will consult the delegation with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope of and modalities for possible assistance from the Committee in setting up a joint monitoring and assessment framework for surface waters, groundwaters and ecosystems in the Cijevna/Cem River basin;</li> <li>• Scope of and modalities for possible assistance from the Committee in facilitating the exchange of information related to the Cijevna/Cem River basin.</li> </ul> <p>(d) The Chair will invite the delegation to make any additional remarks.</p>	The Committee and Montenegro are present.
15.30–16.00	Break	

<sup>1</sup> <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/twelfth-meeting-implementation-committee>

16.00–17.30	<p><b>Consultation session with the delegation from Albania</b></p> <p>(a) The Chair will make an introductory statement outlining the objectives of the consultation session;</p> <p>(b) The Chair will invite the delegation to make an introductory statement and inform the Committee of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any developments related to the planned construction of additional small hydropower plants on the Cijevna/Cem River in Albania;</li> <li>• Any developments in bilateral cooperation between the two countries.</li> </ul> <p>(c) The Committee will consult the delegation with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope of and modalities for possible assistance from the Committee in setting up a joint monitoring and assessment framework for surface waters, groundwaters and ecosystems in the Cijevna/Cem River basin;</li> <li>• Scope of and modalities for possible assistance from the Committee in facilitating the exchange of information related to the Cijevna/Cem River basin.</li> </ul> <p>(d) The Chair will invite the delegation to make any additional remarks.</p>	The Committee and Albania are present.
17.30–18.30	The Committee will agree on the issues to be clarified and messages to be sent to two countries in the following session	The Committee is present.
<b>Friday, 5 February 2020</b>		
13.30	Connection opens	Committee members are invited to connect in advance
14.00–16.00	<p><b>Joint consultation session with participation of the delegations from Montenegro and Albania</b></p> <p>(a) The Chair will welcome the delegations, inform of the outcomes of previous day consultations and the considerations of the Committee;</p> <p>(b) The Committee will consult the delegations on the possible steps in operationalizing the bilateral cooperation of the two countries with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up a joint monitoring and assessment framework for surface waters, groundwaters and ecosystems in the Cijevna/Cem River basin;</li> <li>• Facilitating the exchange of information related to the Cijevna/Cem River basin.</li> </ul> <p>(c) The Chair will invite the delegations to make any additional remarks.</p>	The Committee, Albania and Montenegro are present.
16.00–16.30	<p><b>Advisory procedure – Discussion on follow up steps</b></p> <p>The Committee will discuss any follow up steps to the advisory procedure.</p>	The Committee is present.
16.30–16.45	<b>Break</b>	
16.45–18.00	<p><b>4. Contribution of the Committee to activities under the Convention</b></p> <p>The secretariat will outline the ways for the Committee to contribute to the development of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transboundary Water Allocation Handbook,</li> <li>- Checklist on the development of legal frameworks for transboundary water cooperation;</li> <li>- Second progress report on the Convention</li> </ul>	

**5. Promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance**

Ms. Dinara Ziganshina will inform the Committee of her participation on behalf of the Committee in two online events:

- Launch of the FAQs publication (17 November 2020) organized by the secretariat;
- International Water Law and Transboundary Cooperation (3 December 2020) organized by the Geneva Water Hub and Diplo Foundation.

Mr. Martins Paparinskis will inform the Committee of the preparation of the academic event (22 April 2021) to promote the Water Convention and the Implementation Committee.

**6. Programme of work and calendar for the next meeting(s)**

The Committee will discuss its future programme of work until the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Tallinn, 29 September–1 October 2021), with special regard to the preparation of its report to the Meeting of the Parties and the draft decision on implementation for potential adoption by the Meeting of the Parties.

It will discuss and agree upon the dates of its next meeting, most likely in May 2021.

**7. Any other business**

**8. Presentation of the main decisions taken, modalities for preparation of the meeting report and closing of the session**