

**“LAUNCH OF THE SECOND PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSBOUNDARY
WATER COOPERATION - GLOBAL STATUS OF SDG INDICATOR 6.5.2
AND ACCELERATION NEEDS”**

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WHERE IS ALBANIA?



HYDROGRAPHY OF ALBANIA



28 784 km²-TERRITORY



43 305 km²-HYDROGRAPHIC
BASIN



152 RIVERS AND STREAMS



250 LAKES



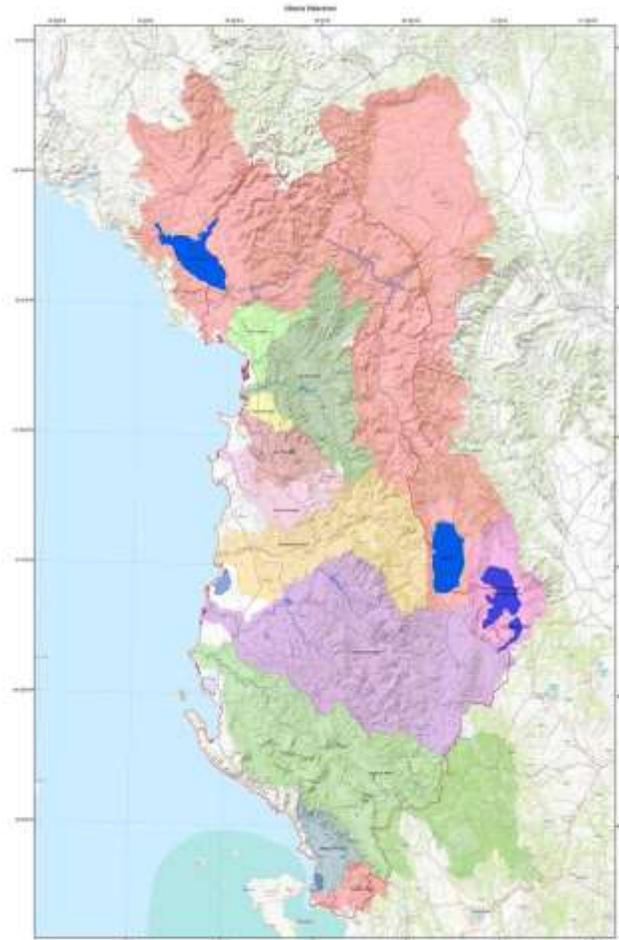
650 RESERVOIRS



1 500 km² LAGOONS



478 km COASTLINE



DRIN-BUNË



MAT



ERZEN



ISHEM



SHKUMBIN



SEMANI



VJOSA

THE KEY FACTORS THAT HELPED TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION AND ENSURE THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN PLACE



- Framework agreement between the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and the government of Montenegro “On mutual relations in transboundary water resources management”, signed in 2018.
- Memorandum of Understanding - Drini a common vision, for the sustainable management of the Drin basin. Cooperation Agreement between Albania, Greece, Republic of North Macedonia, Kosovo and Montenegro (25.11.2011).
- willingness of the parties.

PROPOSALS FOR WAYS OF COOPERATION



- Continuous effort in joint projects implementation for the conservation and monitoring of water resources;
- Establishment of Cross-border monitoring working groups;
- Regular and timely exchange of data and complete and accurate information related to all water related issues;
- Joint efforts to ensure the necessary financial resources (including international or other assistance) from internal and international sources for the implementation of projects in the cross-border water management sector ;
- Assistance of mechanism to facilitate the implementations of Conventions and their related requirements.

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DIKTAS PROJECT AND THE INCREASED INFORMATION SHARED ON AQUIFER FOR THE 2ND MONITORING



- This project helped to improve transboundary cooperation between Albania and Montenegro for the sustainable management of groundwater resources in the area, and comply with European Water and Groundwater Framework Directives (EU WFD and EU GFD) requirements.



MAKING THE MOST OF THE SDG 6.5.2 MONITORING PROCESS TO ADVANCE TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION BY 2030



- Encouragement of operational arrangements for water cooperation.
- Joint Initiatives and Support of international mechanisms to facilitate water dialogues and management practices, establishment of transboundary water commissions, institutional mechanisms and other cross-border bodies.
- Initiatives for continuous information exchange and development of monitoring systems;
- Sharing knowledge and experience on the benefits of transboundary water cooperation, improving financing for transboundary water cooperation and increasing capacity-building initiatives.



Thank You!

