Programme of work for 2022–2024, terms of reference of the bodies established to implement it and resources needed for its implementation

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POW 2022-2024 developed in a consultive manner:

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Considerations and approach for POW 2022-2024

**Overall vision**: transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparian countries to promote sustainable development, peace and security

- The Convention has a long-term perspective, and its programme of work does too
- Convention work should respond to needs, but also reassess its focus over the years (weight and importance of programme areas vary over time) => **continuity with change**
- POW should be easy to communicate
- Global opening => Activities at national, regional/basin, global levels and need for **balance** between them
- Limited number of basin projects due to limited capacity in the secretariat (need to prioritize)
- Ensure synergies between activities under different areas
- Programme of work to be read together with strategy for the implementation at global level
Overall structure of the POW

Programme areas = key results for successful transboundary cooperation. Some topics, e.g., gender, to be mainstreamed in the overall POW

Overall objective: Transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparians in order to promote sustainable development, peace and security
Institutional structure

Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention

Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management

Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment

Task Force on Water and Climate & Global network of basins (CC adaptation)

Task Force on Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus

Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

Secretariat (UNECE)

Implementation Committee

Legal Board

IWAC

Bureau

Resources for meetings of Convention bodies:

WGIWRM (3 meetings) & WGMA (2 meetings), & the Bureau (4 meetings):

$738,000

MOP 10: $409,000

$1,147,000
Programme Area 1 (1/2)
Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation

PA responsible bodies: The WG IWRM, national focal points, the Bureau and the secretariat.

**Activity 1.1:** Increasing capacity for implementation of the Convention and supporting national processes towards accession

*Lead Parties:* Finland, France, Germany, Ghana and Hungary, *Budget:* $1,732,000.

1.1.1 Raising awareness and knowledge of the Convention

- Promotion of the Convention at up to 10 global and regional meetings, such as the World Water Forum.
- 2 training sessions for practitioners, 1-2 Convention-led workshops/training sessions on the global water conventions and international water law, contributions to training sessions organized by partners.
- Communication materials, including a study documenting the Convention’s impact in different regions (in AR, EN, FR, RU, SP)
- Suggestion: an event for parliamentarians

1.1.2 Supporting accession to and implementation of the Water Convention for new Parties

- Legal and technical support to countries in acceding to the Convention
- Support to implement the Convention e.g. implementation plans
- Up to 7 national capacity-building workshops, up to 4 regional, subregional and basin events in Africa, Asia and Latin America to prompt accession to the Convention
- Twinning of countries working on accession with Parties, or new Parties with experienced Parties
Programme Area 1 (2/2) – Activities 1.2 – 1.4
Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation

**Activity 1.2 Promoting and communicating the benefits of transboundary cooperation**

*Lead Parties: Estonia, Budget: $158,500.*
- Promoting the benefits of cooperation: design training modules and provide assistance to up to 3 basin-level projects carried out under activities 1.3, 3.2 or 4.1 or programme area 5.

**Activity 1.3 Supporting the development of agreements and the establishment of joint bodies**

*Lead Parties: Germany and Hungary, Budget: $352,000.*
- Develop *The Practical guide on the development of agreements and other arrangements* into an online toolkit
- 2 regional or basin workshops
- A few basin-level projects on the development of agreements and establishment/ strengthening of institutions + support to regional cooperation

**Activity 1.4 Implementation Committee**

*Budget: $205,500*
- Work governed by decision VI/1.
- Support to countries in implementing the Convention, including through advisory procedure
- Support the secretariat in assisting countries interested in accession
Programme Area 2
Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins

**Responsible bodies:** The WGMA

**Lead Parties:** Finland and Senegal

**Budget:** $561,000.

- Develop a publication based on good practices and lessons learnt in transboundary data exchange
- Update *Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters* (in AR, EN, FR, RU, SP)
- Up to 3 training or regional workshops/sessions on monitoring, information and data;
- Tailored assistance for developing joint or coordinated monitoring or information and data exchange - upon country request, pending availability of resources
Programme Area 3 (1/2)
Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water resources management at all levels

**Responsible bodies:** The WG IWRM & the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (activities 3.2 and 3.3)

**Activity 3.1** Promoting integrated water resources management in transboundary basins

*Lead Parties:* Estonia and Slovenia

*Budget:* $359,000.

- Up to 4 thematic sessions and up to 2 global workshops in 2022 & 2023 on different aspects of IWRM

**Activity 3.2** Supporting intersectoral dialogues and assessments through the application of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus approach

*Lead Party:* Finland, *Budget:* $1,221,000.

- Support for the operationalization of nexus (intersectoral) solutions in up to 4 regions/basins
- Printing a brochure
- Promotion and dissemination of the publication *Towards sustainable renewable energy investment and deployment: Trade-offs and opportunities with water resources and the environment,* continued cooperation with other ECE divisions
Programme Area 3 (2/2)
Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water resources management at all levels

**Activity 3.3** Supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation in a transboundary context


- A global session/webinar to build capacity and promote the use of the *Handbook on water allocation in a transboundary context*, + a brief for policymakers based on the Handbook’s main messages (in EN, FR, RU, SP)
- 2 regional workshops and 1 basin workshop on the options to address and reconcile sectoral water demands

**Activity 3.4** Supporting NPDs on IWRM under the European Union Water Initiative

*Lead Parties/org-s:* The secretariat, in cooperation with OECD, the European Commission, the EU member states and their entities, *Budget:* $2,642,000.

- Within *EUWI*, focus on the improvement of the legal, regulatory, administrative, technical and economic frameworks and water and health
- Policy packages to be produced as a result of dialogues led by *national steering committees*
- Promotion of exchange of experience between countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia and other regions through regional meetings
Programme Area 4
Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins

**Responsible bodies:** The WG IWRM & The Task Force on Water and Climate

**Lead Parties:** The Netherlands and Switzerland

**Activity 4.1:** Supporting development of transboundary adaptation strategies and implementation of priority measures,

**Budget:** $1,162,000

- Up to 3 basin-level projects on transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation
- **exchange of experience and good practice** through Global network of basins working on adaptation (with INBO), 2 meetings of the Task Force on Water and Climate, and 2 global adaptation workshops in 2022 and 2023.
- Communication with climate change and disaster communities and joint sessions and/or events with partners
- Develop an online compendium of good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

**Activity 4.2:** Supporting transboundary basins in financing climate change adaptation,

**Budget:** $448,000

- Up to 2 regional/basin training sessions/webinars and assistance to 1 or 2 basins on preparing bankable project proposals for climate change adaptation in TB basins
- Increase cooperation with global climate funds, such as the Adaptation Fund, GCF
Programme Area 5
Facilitating funding and financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development

Responsible bodies: The WG IWRM

Lead Parties: The Netherlands and Switzerland

Budget: $472,000

- Increase cooperation with financial institutions such as ADB, AfDB, EIB, etc.: contribute to their events & jointly develop a policy brief

- Support up to 3 basins, upon request

- 1 global workshop/event and up to 2 regional workshops to reinforce capacities on how to enhance resources mobilisation for transboundary water cooperation
Programme Area 6
Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2
and under the Convention

Responsible bodies: The WG IWRM & the WG on Monitoring and Assessment

Lead organisation: UNECE in cooperation with UNESCO

Activity 6.1: Supporting reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention, Budget: $567,000

- 3d reporting exercise: communications with countries, data collection, validation, and analysis for the preparation of global reports on indicator 6.5.2 and on the implementation of the Convention

- Online reporting system and database + guidance for countries

Activity 6.2: Promoting the use of the reports for enhancing transboundary water cooperation, Budget: $224,000

- Global, regional and national capacity-building and other acceleration activities, including in cooperation with partners, such as UN regional commissions or GWP to assist countries
Programme Area 7
Partnerships, communication and knowledge management

**Responsible bodies:** The WG IWRM, national focal points, the Bureau and the secretariat

**Activity 7.1: Cooperation with UN-Water, global and regional partners and other multilateral environmental agreements, Budget: $176,000**

- Strengthen cooperation and synergies with UN-Water, other UN agencies and bodies and relevant MEAs, including on the delivery of the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework

**Activity 7.2: Activities of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, Budget: $224,000**

- Promotion of guidance developed by the Joint Expert Group, development of a catalogue/web page for accidental water pollution events, a workshop on good practices for preventing accidental water pollution.

**Activity 7.3: Communication and Knowledge Management, Budget: $167,000**

- Communication materials - leaflets, brochures, and booklets on the Convention, media work, interviews and press releases, updates of the Convention website, newsletter, etc.
Overall resource requirements

- Total resources required for the entire programme of work: $12,040,500
- Total, including 7-13% overhead costs: $13,413,800
- 11% increase compared to POW for 2019-2021
- Some pledges but do not cover all resource needs
- Important to have clear indications on the financing of programme
Thank you!

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