18th meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) under the Water Convention, 19-21 June 2023

Item 6(c)
Activities of the Implementation Committee

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Overview

• Pre-meeting, 10 January 2023, online
• 15th meeting, 16-17 February 2023, mostly in person
• Field mission as part of advisory procedure:
  2 Committee members join the 2nd Meeting of the Albania-Montenegro Joint Technical Group, 25 April 2023, Shkoder
Advisory procedure Montenegro and Albania (1/3) – 15th Committee meeting

Joint consultations with Montenegro and Albania (16-17 Feb 2023)

• Committee appreciated establishment of Joint Technical Group and its 1st meeting in May 2022

• Committee shared examples of existing agreements and protocols in the field of the exchange of data and information and requested countries to share draft information-exchange protocol

• Committee expressed readiness to provide advice on the ground
Advisory procedure Montenegro and Albania (2/3) – Field mission

2 Committee members joined the Second Meeting of the Joint Technical Group (Shkodër, 25 April 2023)

- Albanian institutions expressed readiness to share information related to the operation of existing small HPPs
- Montenegro informed of availability of data from a recently drilled borehole
- Experts discussed ways to establish adequate monitoring of transboundary groundwaters
- Albania committed to provide comments on the draft protocol on cooperation prepared by Montenegro
- Montenegro committed to provide comments on the project documentation and EIA reports received from Albania
Committee members visit **Murras and Dobrinje small hydropower plants** together with delegations from Albania and Montenegro.
Advisory procedure Montenegro and Albania (3/3)
Second Meeting of the Joint Technical Group (Shkodër, Albania, 25 April 2023)

Committee urged both countries:
- Share all information available;
- Deepen dialogue at the expert level;
- Continue work on draft information-exchange protocol taking into account examples provided by the Committee;
- Approach donors to look for resources for bringing in additional monitoring capacities, developing a hydrogeological model and conducting additional studies
Information gathering (Albufeira Convention)

- December 2022: Letter to the Committee from Portuguese and Spanish organizations cooperating in the project “Reconnecting Iberian Rivers” about the implementation of the Albufeira Convention
- Pre-meeting of the Committee, 10 January 2023: The Committee decides to ask Portugal and Spain for their views as part of its information gathering function
- 13 and 15 February 2023: Replies received from Portugal and Spain
- 15th meeting of the Committee, 16-17 February 2023: Committee discusses information received, decides to continue information-gathering and formulates questions to Portugal and Spain
Thank you!

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