

**Expert Working Group on  
Monitoring and Information Exchange,**

of the

**Drin Core Group**

within the framework of the  
*Memorandum of Understanding for the  
Management of the Drin Basin*

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Expert Working Group on  
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**TIME SCHEDULE:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Time</b>
Working Session I (Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 4)	10.00 – 11.30 (90 min)
<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>11.30 – 11.50 (20 min)</i>
Working Session II (Agenda Items 5, 6)	11.50 – 13.30 (100 min)
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>13.30 -14.30 (60 min)</i>
Working Session III (Agenda Items 6,7)	14.30- 15.50 ( 80 min)

## DRAFT AGENDA

Chair: Viola Saliaga, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Albania

Co-Chair: Dimitris Faloutsos, Secretariat of the Drin Core Group, GWP-Med

### 1. Opening – Welcome (10 min)

Ms. Viola Saliaga

Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos

### 2. Tour de table (5 min)

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda - Purpose of the meeting (5 min)

### 4. Memorandum of Understanding for the management of the Drin Basin (MoU)

#### 4.1 The Drin Dialogue Process (15 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<i>- The Drin Dialogue Process that led to the establishment of a Shared Vision for the management of the Drin Basin and the signing the MoU, will be presented. - Questions and answers.</i>	<i>- Drin Dialogue Information Note</i>

#### 4.2 Water resources related management issues and problems in the Drin Basin (40 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<i>- The main water resources related management issues, as these came out through the National Consultation Meetings under the Drin Dialogue and a review of the scientific information available until the end of 2011, will be presented. - Input by the members of the EWG – discussion.</i>	<i>- Situation Analysis in the Drin Basin</i>

#### 4.3 The MoU for the management of the Drin Basin (15 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<i>- The main points of the MoU for the management of the Drin Basin will be presented; the MoU was signed by the competent Ministers of the Drin Riparians on 25 November 2011. - Questions and answers.</i>	<i>- MoU document</i>

## 5. Institutions for the implementation of the MoU

### 5.1 The Drin Core Group (15 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>The Drin Core Group (DCG) has the mandate to coordinate action for the implementation of the MoU. The role and rules of operation of the DCG will be presented.</i></li><li>- <i>Questions and answers.</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MoU document</li></ul>

### 5.2 Expert Working Groups (60 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>The Expert Working Groups (EWGs) have been established to support the work of the DCG, strengthening its capacity to coordinate activities.</i></li></ul> <p><i>The Terms of Reference of the EWG, as these were agreed during the 6<sup>th</sup> DCG meeting (Ohrid, 30 May 2012), will be presented to assist the members of EWGs in understanding the objectives of their work.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Questions and answers.</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Terms of Reference of the EWG</li></ul>

## 6. The Action Plan for the implementation of the MoU – the role of the EWG (90 min)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Background</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>The Secretariat of the Drin Core Group will introduce the members of the Expert Working Group to the Action Plan for the implementation of the MoU for the period 2012-2014, including objectives, timeframe etc.</i></li></ul> <p><i>The EWG will discuss its role in the implementation of the Action Plan.</i></p> <p><i>The actions to be undertaken within the next 12 months will be discussed as well.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Questions and answers.</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Action Plan 2012-2014 for the implementation of the MoU</li></ul>

## 7. Wrap up - Any Other Business (15 min)