

Draft programme of work for 2013-2015

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How was the draft programme put together?

- Inputs from different bodies/activities
- Mandate to the WG chairs
- Wish to have a comprehensive/strategic approach
- Wish to focus on priorities
- Need to build on the findings of the second Assessment

=> Strategic workshop + Bureau leadership

General findings of the strategic workshop

- Importance of long-term perspective of activities under the Convention
- Need to strike a balance between deep and broad
- Key of past success:
 1. Capacity to adapt to emerging needs
 2. Synergic mix of policy, technical, political and practical work
- Some areas are “exhausted” some needs to be responded to
- Importance of creating synergies between different activities + building coherent strategic workplan
- Importance of partnerships

Programme area 1: Support to implementation and accession

- Support cooperation (legal and technical), projects on the ground, depending on availability of funding, cooperation with NPDs
- Implementation Committee
- Exchange of experience between joint bodies
Lead Parties: Germany and Finland
- Reporting
- Step 2 to promote ratification Civil Liability Protocol

Estimated costs: 364,500 USD + project costs

Programme area 2: EU Water Initiative and NPDs

- Lead: Romania, EU, OECD, UNECE
- Continuation of ongoing dialogues, starting new
- Strengthening synergies and cooperation between OECD and UNECE led activities
- Cross-fertilization between the NPDs
- Cooperation with other projects + other areas of work

Estimated costs: 2,018,200 USD

Programme area 3: Quantifying the benefits of transboundary cooperation

- Lead: SIWI
- Development of an approach for quantifying the benefits of cooperation and gathering of experience
- Guidance note on the benefits of cooperation

Estimated costs: 540,600 USD

Programme area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins

- Lead: Netherlands and Switzerland
- Collection of good practices and lessons learned
- Programme of pilot projects and global network of transboundary basins working on adaptation to climate change
- Global platform for exchanging experience

Estimated costs: 1,653,900 USD

Programme area 5: Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus

- Lead: Finland
- Thematic assessment examining the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in a selected numbers of transboundary basins

Estimated costs: 1,520,800 USD

Programme area 6: Opening of the Convention outside the ECE-region

- Lead: Italy, France (tbc), Switzerland
- Building capacity on the Convention outside the ECE region and promote exchange of experience worldwide
- Synergies with the 1997 UN Watercourses Convention
- Cooperation with GEF

Estimated costs: 297,500 USD

Programme area 7: Promotion of the Convention and establishment of strategic partnerships

- Promotion of the Convention, its activities and products
- European Riverprize
- Cooperation with other international MEAs, including TEIA Convention with JEG
- Cooperation with UN-Water and other partners
- Follow-up to the Astana ministerial conference

Estimated costs: 285,800 USD

Bodies to implement the programme of work

- Bureau
- Working Group on IWRM
- Working Group on M&A (suspended for next 3 years)
- Implementation Committee
- Legal Board (upon request)
- Task Force on Water and Climate
- Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus
- International Water Assessment Centre
- Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (upon request)