

**Astana Water Action (AWA)
Actions by GERMANY**

Training and Competence Centre Karlovac
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1. Country/ organization:

Germany, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety/
German Water Partnership e.V.

2. Title of the action:

German-Croatian Partnership for the establishment of the 'Training and Competence Centre Karlovac – TCC Karlovac' (AWA Paragraph 11 d, e)

3. Description of the action and if possible target date:

The German-Croatian project contributes to the capacity building in the Croatian water and waste water sector. The approaching EU entry of Croatia requires the modernization and new construction of pipe and sewage infrastructure in order to reach EU standards. Through the cooperation between German companies, the Karlovac water utility and polytechnical university, the TCC will address the present lack of qualified staff through trainings and the development of curricula and material.

http://www.germanwaterpartnership.de/images/pdf/presse/PMs_gwp/gwp_pm_10-11.pdf

4. Expected outcome:

Training of qualified staff and improvement of the education opportunities in the Croatian water sector; to also serve as an example for other regions and states

5. Partners:

Croatian Ministry for Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management, Karlovac water utility, Karlovac polytechnic university, German companies of the German Water Partnership

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Climate Change adaptation strategy for the Danube River Basin

1. Country/ organization:

Germany/ Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

2. Title of the action:

Danube Study - Climate Change Adaptation, "Study to provide a common and basin-wide understanding towards the development of a Climate Change adaptation strategy in the Danube River Basin" (*AWA paragraph 18 d*)

3. Description of the action and if possible target date:

The study, conducted by the Department of Geography at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (Prof. Dr. Mauser), seeks to set the foundations for a basin-wide climate change adaptation strategy by i) compiling the existing data and results from various national and regional research projects, ii) analyzing the findings with regard to common agreements, overlaps, gaps and contradictions, iii) identifying requirements for adaptation and iv) suggesting a basin wide strategy until 30/11/2011.

<http://www1.unece.org/ehlm/platform/display/ClimateChange/Danube>

4. Expected outcome:

The acquired basin-wide understanding about required and potential integrative climate change adaptation measures will serve as a basis for the development of a Danube adaptation strategy in 2012 to be integrated in the River Basin Management Plan 2015.

5. Partners:

International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, Department of Geography Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

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**Regional Dialogue on transboundary water resources management
in Southeastern Europe**

1. Country/ organization:

German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety in co-operation with Greek Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the World Bank, GEF IW-LEARN, UNECE and Global Water Partnership Mediterranean.

2. Title of the action:

Activities in support of the Regional Dialogue on transboundary water resources management in Southeastern Europe under the Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process (*AWA paragraph 19 g*)

3. Description of the action and if possible target date:

The Regional Dialogue Process under the Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process started in December 2008 with a high level round table in Berlin where themes and priorities were identified. In December 2011 a similar roundtable will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, with the support of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and GEF IW:Learn to take stock of the achievements and identify priorities for further activities in the coming two years. Activities will mainly be focused on targeted capacity building workshops and facilitating transboundary multi-stakeholder river basin dialogues.

4. Expected outcome:

Enhanced transboundary water management cooperation in South Eastern Europe

5. Partners:

Greek Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the World Bank, GEF IW-LEARN, UNECE and Global Water Partnership Mediterranean

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