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and as a contribution to SDG Indicator 6.5.2

Relationship between reporting under the Water Convention and the UN Agenda 2030 SDG Indicator 6.5.2. reporting:

Perpectives from a Party to the Water Convention
- Slovenia -

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1. UNECE Water Convention VS UN Agenda 2030 SDG 6.5.2. Indicator: \textit{relations of the two reporting exercises}

2. UNECE Water Convention – UN AGENDA 2030 SDG 6.5.2 Indicator: \textit{synergies of the integrated reporting} in application at the IWRM levels (e.g. national, bilateral, regional, UNECE / UN)

3. \textbf{Issues} to be regarded or included in the Guide
## Relations and Synergies of the Reporting Exercises – Comparison

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The UNECE Water Convention reporting and the UN Agenda 2030 Goal 6 Indicator 6.5.2. reporting should be reported in an integrated way, thus achieving maximum of synergies for all involved parties and purposes.
## Relations and Synergies of the Reporting Exercises – Slovenia

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By integration of the two reporting exercises we would:

- integrate scattered reporting practices and thus teams of the involved institutions,
- improve the common understanding of the TB IWRM issue in general,
- improve the RBM processes on national, bilateral and regional levels,
- avoid the duplication of work and efforts,
- avoid misunderstandings and consequent false reporting, etc.

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• The integrated reporting exercise should serve and therefore be promoted and consequently perceived as a booster and a steering assistant for the implementation of the UNECE Water Convention and the UN Agenda 2030, thus also for countries interest. *(The integrated reporting exercise is not as just another administrative burden or even two of them.)*
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• Countries should be encouraged to use the new findings recognised through the integrated UNECE / UN reporting exercise at all levels of the IWRM (e.g. RBM processes) they are involved in, e.g. national, bilateral, regional, UNECE / UN etc.). (Integrated reporting exercise is not an exclusive UNECE / UN contents.)
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• Electronic reporting, when developed and applied, will accept no false inputs, therefore cooperation of neighbouring riparian countries in the reporting exercise is *a conditio sine qua non* – even yet in analogue, early stages of the reporting process. (*Countries should be clearly advised to do so and if for any reason needed, supported to do so*).
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- Robustness of the reporting process should be ensured and subjectiveness of the filling in the template should be avoided by applying available means to do so – e.g. vocabulary, definitions of terms, in-depth instructions, usage of transparent techniques of work, recommended ways of involvement of stakeholders etc. (*Persistency of the reporting quality is of a major interest of all involved parties.*)
ISSUES TO BE REGARDED OR INCLUDED IN THE GUIDE

• Not only direct textual interpretations of the issues, but in addition case studies, good practice examples, graphs, figures, schemes, algorithms and other ways of explanations can make a useful guide, therefore they should be applied in the Guide wherever needed to support the common understanding. (*One picture is worth a thousand words*).
Thank you for your attention!

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