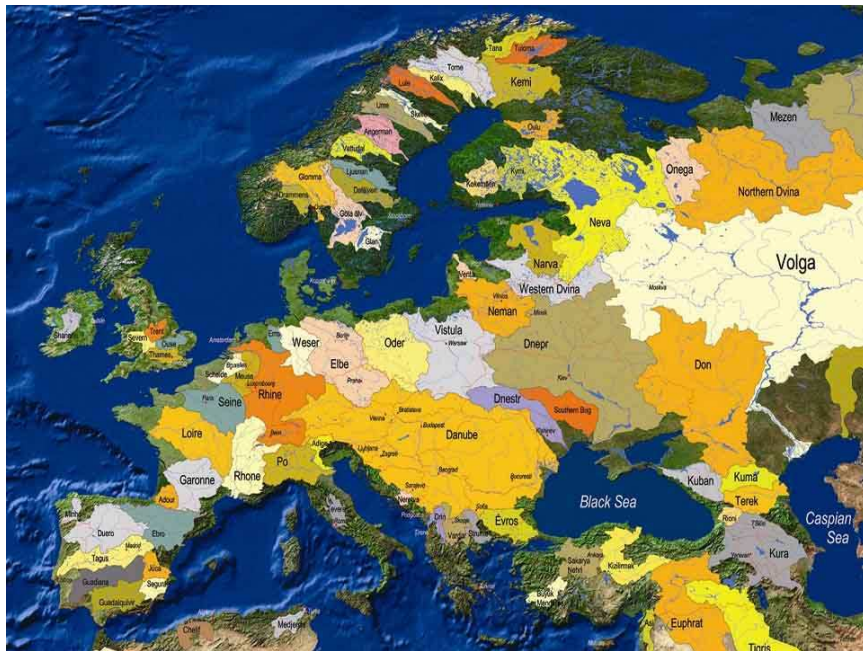




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Water and Climate Change: How to develop an Adaptation Strategy in Transboundary Basins

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Towards pilot projects – a short history

- Task Force on Water and Climate installed in 2006
- Guidance developed on the basis of:
 - Survey of adaptation measures in SEE and EECCA (February – April 2008)
 - Workshop “Water and Adaptation to Climate Change: Joining Efforts to adapt” (Amsterdam, 1-2 July 2008)
 - Comments from several meetings in 2008 and 2009
 - Review by 20 experts
- 5th Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, 10 Nov. 2009:
 - Guidance adopted
 - Programme of pilot projects approved



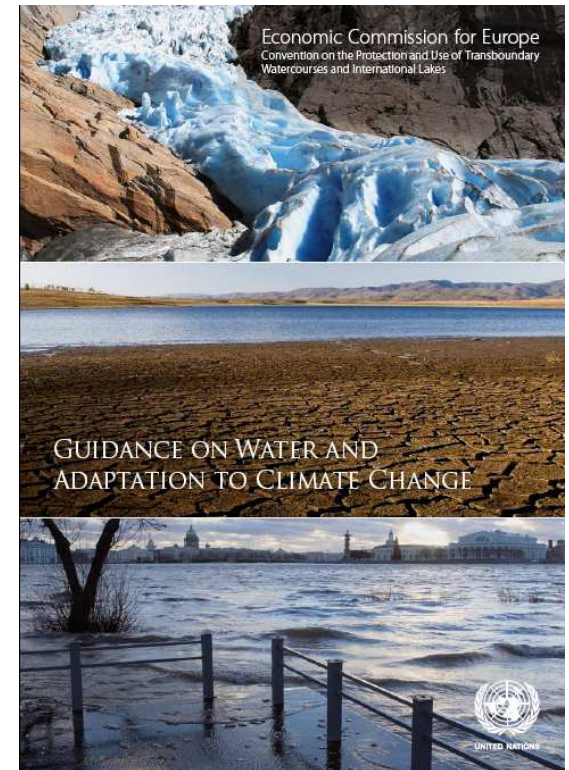
Programme of pilot projects

- Implement and test the Guidance on Water and Climate Adaptation
- Assist UNECE countries in implementing the Water Convention
- Support UNECE countries in developing adaptation strategies and measures
- Create positive examples of transboundary cooperation in adaptation
- Forum for exchange of experience, good practices and lessons learnt



Aims of this workshop

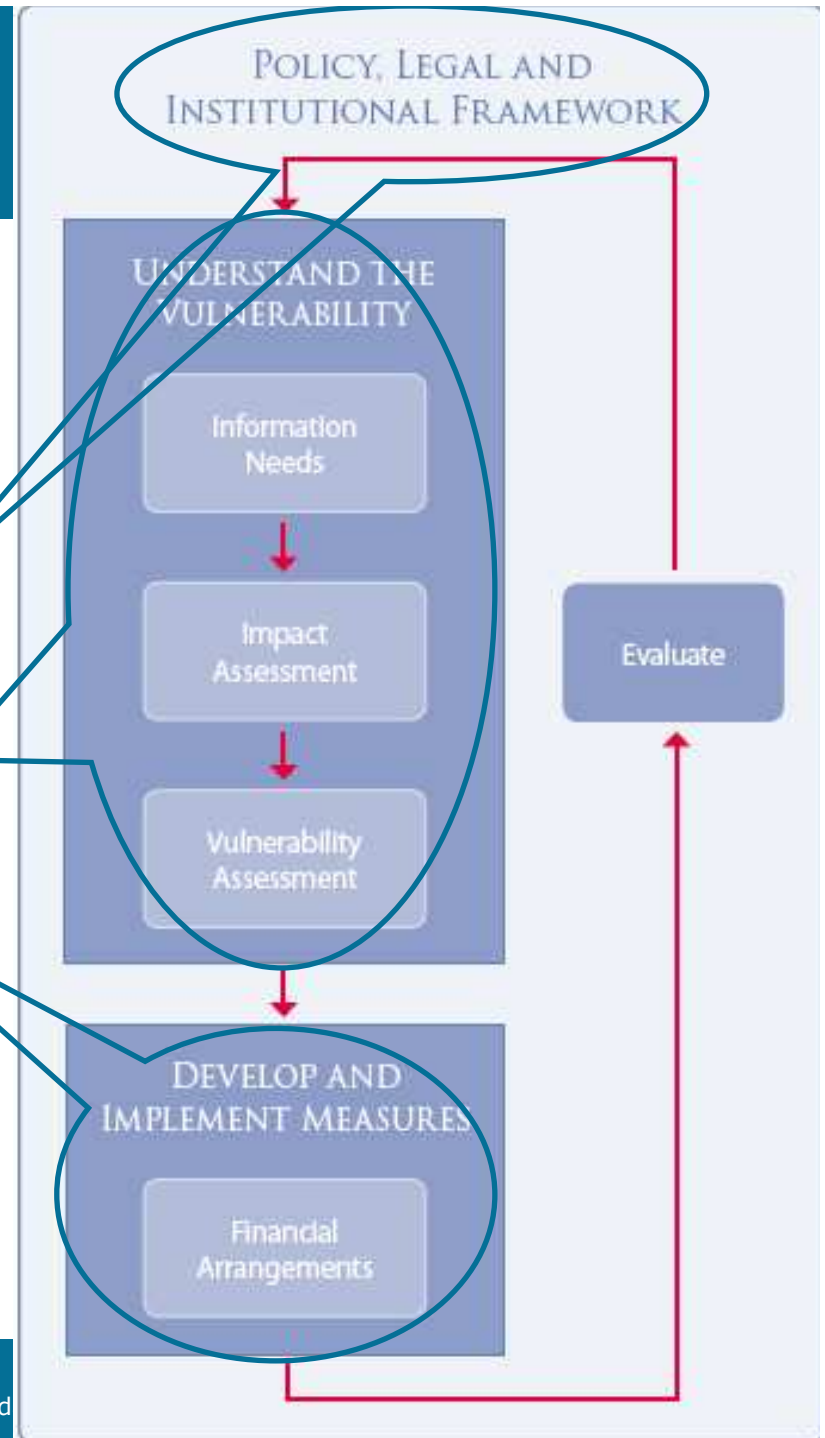
- Exchange experience and share lessons-learned
- Support countries in preparing national or regional adaptation strategies
- Promote implementation of the UNECE Guidance on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change
- Create community of experts and practitioners
- Collect available knowledge and experiences regarding water adaptation





The workshop programme

1. An enabling environment; the international context
2. Governance in a transboundary setting
3. Jointly assessing climate change impacts
4. Developing jointly adaptation measures
5. Starting cooperation; Launch of the pilot projects and conclusions of the workshop





An enabling environment; the international context

Session outline:

- The UNECE Guidance on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change.
Mr. Jos Timmerman, The Netherlands
- The global context: Outcomes of COP 15, the Nairobi work programme and other relevant UNFCCC activities. *Ms. Xianfu Lu, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)*
- Activities of the European Union on water and climate change.
Ms. Marieke van Nood, European Commission, DG Environment
- Weadapt: Information-sharing and collaboration for adaptation.
Mr. Ben Smith, Stockholm Environment Institute