Future work on water and climate under the UNECE Water Convention

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Draft strategy on future work on water and climate

• Policy work:
  – Increasing recognition of the need for transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation and DRR
  – Mainstreaming climate change adaptation and mitigation in work of water community

• Upscaling of pilot projects:
  – Replicating experience of pilot projects
  – Ensuring sustainability of pilot projects
  – Exchange and collection of experience
Suggestions for the future work

• Policy work:
  – update of the Guidance
  – Development of words into action
  – Input to global processes on water and climate

• On financing together with IFIs:
  – Organize workshop with practical exercises/training, on project cycle
  – Fostering financing of adaptation measures contained in a transboundary adaptation strategy
  – Prepare a checklist for financing steps or a sourcebook of funding options

• New topics:
  • Integrating climate change adaptation into river basin management plan
  • Workshop on drought management with the Protocol on Water and Health

• New locations and modalities:
  • Organize a meeting of the Task Force together with the European Commission e.g. in Brussels
  • Organize a meeting of the Task Force/global network elsewhere, e.g. outside UNECE region
  • New locations and focus of pilot projects
  • Twinning between pilot projects
Upcoming events of the Task Force (all tbc) and other major climate events

• 7-18 November 2016: COP22 in Morocco
• 1-3 March 2017: next meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation
• November 2017: COP23
• 11-13 December 2017: Next global workshop on water and climate (tbc)
• March 2018: 8th World Water Forum in Brazil
• November 2018: COP24
• November 2018: MOP8 of the Water Convention in Kazakhstan
Questions to discuss

• Considering the list of proposed activities what are the priorities for action?
• How to remain relevant for basins and countries from all over the world, including more advanced basins and countries, e.g. EU countries?
• Do we want to update the Guidance and if yes when and how?
• Do we want to provide input to global processes such as under UNFCCC and ISDR and if yes how?
• How to continue the work of the pilot projects?
• How to intensify the exchange of experience between the basins?