

Water allocation in transboundary basins

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Progress and activities in this area of work in 2017-2018:

Global workshop on water allocation in transboundary basins, 16-17 October 2017

- * **more than 120 participants**, representing governments, river basin organizations, specialized agencies, IGOs, NGOs, academia
- * contributed to increasing understanding and potential for application of **criteria, mechanisms, tools and good practices** for water allocation in transboundary basins and aquifers
- * **Experience was shared** about existing water allocation arrangements and important considerations, such as benefits-sharing, stakeholder participation, ensuring minimum/ environmental flows; and joint infrastructure investments and climate change as driving forces for agreeing on water allocation
- * Material available at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=43623>



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Suggested future work 2019-2021:

PA 3.3 : Supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation in the transboundary context

Lead Party: Hungary.

3.3.1 Development of a manual on water allocation in the transboundary context

A manual based on existing practices will be developed covering the key aspects of equitable and sustainable transboundary allocation (surface waters and groundwaters) and also environmental flows.

A **global review** of water allocation arrangements in transboundary basins. A **publication** to include references to relevant tools and information resources and examples of:

- (a) the prerequisites (e.g., institutional framework, data sharing) for agreeing on water allocations;
- (b) options and approaches that can be followed technically and legally;
- (c) relevant considerations in designing a process to agree on water allocation; and
- (d) the benefits that can be drawn from agreeing on water allocation.

A **drafting group** to be formed and to meet twice.

The manual to be translated into French, Russian and Spanish and published.

3.3.2 Organization of regional workshops on water allocation

Two regional workshops on water allocation will be organized.

Resource requirements for 3.3: \$579,000.

