

Programme Area 5

Facilitating the financing transboundary water cooperation

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Activities & achievements in the last year (1)



Development of a **background study on financing transboundary water cooperation and basin development** which:

- Analyzes the **key opportunities and challenges related to the financing of transboundary water cooperation, management, and development;**
- Investigates **different financial needs for the development and the maintenance of joint bodies and the development and implementation of basin management and development projects,** contrasting those needs against potential sources of funding and financing, from **both public and private entities.**

Better understanding on financing & funding transboundary water cooperation

- Distinction between financing /funding institutions, processes data, green&grey infrastructure

  A 60-page study currently being finalized and to be translated in FR, RU and SPA by

December 2020.

Overview of issues covered by the background study:

1- Funding needs for transboundary water cooperation

- Core costs of cooperation
- Project, programme and activity costs

2- Funding and financing sources from public and private sources for sustainable development impact at basin level

- Public funding and financing
- Private financing (e.g. water-related infrastructure / energy, ecosystem-tourism, navigation)
- Blended financing and innovative financial mechanisms for SDG-positive impact

3- Challenges and opportunities in funding and financing transboundary cooperation and development

- Key findings on costs of shared water cooperation, management and development
- Key challenges and opportunities of the different funding and financing sources

Activities & achievements in the last year (2)



→ Preparation of the online Global Workshop on financing with AfDB; ADB; GEF; EIB; OECD; IDB; UNCDF, the World Bank; WWF; Senegal, Switzerland and the Netherlands, scheduled on 16-18 December 2020.

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Accessing funds for climate change adaptation
How to finance climate change adaptation in transboundary basins?

Monday 24 August | 15:00-15:45 CET

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→ **Online event** at the World Water Week 2020 on **financing adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins** in collaboration with IDB; INBO, AfDB; Switzerland and the Netherlands.

Lessons learnt and challenges



- **Partnering** and working closely with different **International Financial Institutions (IFIs)** under this workstream is key and a particular added value under the work of the Water Convention;
- **Covid-19 pandemics** underlined how financing for the water sector is crucial and particularly for transboundary water cooperation. It has also proved that there is a **need to diversify financial resources mobilized for transboundary water cooperation and basin development** ;
- There is a number of activities/trainings on financing in general but not a lot on the financing of transboundary water cooperation. **Further tailored capacity-building and exchange of experience and information about funding and financing opportunities, challenges and lessons learned are therefore needed** in the coming years.
- Different **public funding and financing** options exist for countries and RBOs to finance transboundary water cooperation and basin development. **Private finance** can also be leveraged at basin level, mainly for transboundary water-related infrastructures (water-energy, ecosystem-tourism, navigation etc.).

Planned future activities until MOP9 (1)



- 16-18 December 2020:

Virtual **global workshop on financing transboundary water cooperation and basin development** in partnership with Switzerland, The Netherlands, Senegal, AfDB, ADB, EIB, IDB, UNCDF; The World Bank, GEF, OECD, WWF to **discuss challenges and opportunities related with the financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development.**

Objectives:

- Provide a platform to countries and RBOs to facilitate mutual learning and discuss experiences and good practices in mobilizing financial resources for basin cooperation and transboundary water management and development activities
- Provide a platform for International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and other banks and investors to share information on their functioning and the requirements for countries and RBOs to access and benefit from their financial support
- Analyze the role of innovative financial mechanisms and the private sector in investing in water-related activities at transboundary level.

Planned future activities until MOP9 (2)



- **By summer 2021:** Development of a **full publication** which will be informed by the background study and the case studies discussed at the global workshop.
- **September 2021 at MOP 9:** Possibility to organize a side event/back-to-back event on the topic of financing (to be further defined in the coming months).



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