Programme of pilot projects to promote cooperation to adapt to climate change in transboundary basins

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Objectives of the pilot projects programme

- Assist UNECE countries in implementing the Water Convention and the EU WFD under conditions of a changing climate;
- Support countries and specifically countries with economies in transition in their efforts to develop adaptation strategies and measures through improved adaptive capacity;
- Create positive examples showing benefits of and mechanisms for transboundary cooperation in adaptation;
- Support dialogue and cooperation on the design of an adaptation strategy in the transboundary context.
- Implement and test the Guidance
Structure and focus

- Geographic focus mainly on Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe
- Substantial focus mainly on developing adaptation strategy and less on implementing measures
- Specific focus to be defined by countries; some focus on water scarcity, others on floods
- Task Force on Water and Climate plays a facilitative and supportive, but not decision-making role
- Platform for sharing experience, good practices, lessons learnt
Pilot projects

- Category I projects directly supported by the secretariat and ENVSEC:
  - Eastern Europe: Dniester basin (Ukraine, Moldova)
  - Central Asia: Chu Talas Basin (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan)
  - South-Eastern Europe: Sava River basin (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia)
  - Possibly one additional basin in Eastern Europe

- Category II projects to be supported by other donors, to be discussed tomorrow
## Timeframe

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Possible deliverables (to be defined by countries)

- Common scenarios and models agreed upon by the participating neighbouring countries
- Joint vulnerability assessment for the basin, incl. security, environmental, social and economic vulnerability
- Proposal for coordinated measures to be taken in the specific basin enabling climate change adaptation
- Detailed feasibility study on specific adaptation measures recommended