

TAIEX TRATOLOW Cross-border workshop on “too much – too little water” – Strengthening Adaptation efforts

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Transition towards Low Emissions and Climate Resilient Economy in the Western Balkans and Türkiye (TRATOLOW)

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Venue: online

Beneficiary: *Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Türkiye*

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Aim of the Workshop:

The overarching objective of the workshop is to support policy makers and technical officials in the Western Balkans and Turkey in adaptation policy making by setting the scene and brokering available knowledge and approaches. As an integral part of addressing the adverse impacts of climate change through medium and long-term National Adaptation Plans (NAP), a focus will be on the relevance of disaster risk reduction and natural hazard management, especially focusing on water – too much (flooding) – too little (water scarcity and drought) – at the cross-border and transnational scale.

This workshop shall enhance coherence between Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and water sector related to flooding, water scarcity and drought as well as water management activities in general including Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) at the level of policies and actions at domestic scale, cross-border and the transnational scale.

The workshop will support and strengthen the synergies between climate change adaptation (CCA) and other policies like water management, agriculture and disaster risk reduction (DRR) on the domestic, cross-border and transnational scale. It will take into account the increased needs related to regional cooperation in specific fields such as water management, especially cross-border flood risk management and river basin management, as well as cross-border natural hazard management.

The workshop aims to strengthen beneficiary's efforts toward national adaptation plans and seize linkages to disaster risk reduction, natural hazard management, FRMPs, River Basin Management Plans as well as drought risk management plans. It also aims at facilitating inter-regional and transnational exchange on cross-border and domestic activities, providing guidance, highlighting emerging best practices, and showcasing examples and case studies. Knowledge, experiences and approaches will be presented that support policymakers, governmental and administrative officials as well as experts at the sub-national level.

The workshop will further promote the exchanges between countries through knowledge-sharing and brokering good practices. In addition, experiences and lessons learned from European countries, macro-regions, cross-border and transnational cooperation areas as well as other actors will support strengthening of cooperation and collaboration between CCA and DRR, including across borders.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Andreja Sušnik**
Slovenian Environment Agency
- **Mr. Gregor Gregoric**
Slovenian Environment Agency
- **Ms. Helga Lindinger**
Environment Agency Austria
- **Mr. Carlos Benitez Sanz**
Water Policy and Planning, Head of Water Department at EMGRISA, Spain

- **Ms. Merita Meksi**
Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH,
Germany
- **Mr. Guido Schmidt**
Fresh Thoughts Consulting GmbH, Austria
- **Mr. Hans Stielstra**
European Commission Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV)
- **Mr. Ioannis Kavvadas**
European Commission Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV)
- **Mr. Guido Minucci and Ms. Claudia D'Angelo**
CIMA Research Foundation, IPA – Floods and Fire Project
- **Mr. Nur Ashhan Karaman**
General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion, Department of
Combating Desertification, Desertification Monitoring and Evaluation Branch,
Türkiye
- **Ms. Violeta Philippitsch**
TRATOLOW Team Lead
- **Mr. Markus Leitner**
TRATOLOW Expert

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Day 1: Thursday 29 September 2022	
Chair: Mr. Markus Leitner, TRATOLOW expert Venue: Online ZOOM	
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome, opening remarks and workshop objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Markus Leitner
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome on behalf of DG CLIMA & TRATOLOW project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Violeta Philippitsch
10:00 – 11:00	European overview Overview – State of play flood risk management plans (domestic and cross-border) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hans Stielstra Overview – State of play river basin management plans (domestic and cross-border) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ioannis Kavvadas Adaptation to Climate Change through Transboundary Flood Risk Management in the Western Balkans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Merita Meksi Overview – State of play drought risk management plans (domestic and cross-border) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Guido Schmidt Q&A
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Comfort break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Domestic experience, success factors and lessons learned in climate change adaptation Challenges in FRMP implementation in Western Balkans and Turkey: insights from the IPA-FF Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Guido Minucci and Ms. Claudia D'Angelo Challenges of water management in the light of climate change in Austria – experiences and lessons learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Helga Lindinger State of paly of Drought Management Strategy and Action Plan in Türkiye <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nur Aslıhan Karaman Q&A
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>

13:30 – 14:30	<p>Drought Management Experience from two EU Member States and cross-border</p> <p>Drought Management Experience from Spain including cross-border</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Carlos Benitez Sanz <p>Drought Management Experience from Slovenia and within the DriDanube Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Andreja Sušnik/Mr. Gregor Gregoric <p>Q&A</p>
14:30 – 15:15	<p>Interactive group discussion (2-3 groups)</p> <p>The project team together with the previous speakers will collect and compile experiences from the use of too much – too little water and the impact from climate change. The needs derives from the discussion will be of relevance to further progress with climate resilience and feed back into and further strengthen efforts towards progressing the NAP and strengthen adaptation efforts based on the following guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the situation today and how far has planning progressed? • What do you expect until the near future (till 2030) and in the longer future (2050) to change? • What is needed to adapt to this situation and increase climate resilience in the field of water management?
15:15 – 15:30	<p>Summary and closing of the Workshop</p> <p><i>Feedback from Participants and Closing remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Markus Leitner
15:30	<p>End of Workshop</p>

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