



1st SCOM ONLINE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

18.07.24

List of the Participants

Mr. Boban Jolovic, technical consultant

Steering Committee

Mr. Sofjan Jaupaj, Director General of the General Directorate of Economic and Support Services, Albania

Ms. Rada Milisav, Head of Department of Water Resources, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms. Sanja Genzić Jurišević, Head of Service, Water Policy and International Cooperation Service, Montenegro

Ms. Anela Sijarić, Directorate for Climate Changes and Protection of Nature, Montenegro

Secretariat

Ms. Magdalena Landry, Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe

Mr. Vladimir Mamaev, Regional Technical Advisor, Water & Ocean Governance Programme, BPPS, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub

Mr. Aurélien Dumont, project officer, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme, UNESCO

Mr. Sinisa Sesum, head of Antenna Office, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe

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Ms. Hanouf Mahdi Alyami, junior professional officer, Science Unit, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe

Ms. Rossella Yahampath, intern, Science Unit, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe



Item 5. Workplan year 1

- TO DO confirm Output1.1
- TO DO select 2 pilot sites
- Output 2.1 will continue in 2025
- Budget (Annex 5 of the Inception Report) - In line with chapter 9 of the project document
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Item 6. Project Management Unit – PMU location

- 1 country nomination for PMU location: BiH in Trebinje
- SC approved Trebinje as PMU location

Item 7. ToR experts

- Annex 6, Inception report
- Slight changes in ToR in Annex 6
- SC invited to further review Annex 6, provide feedback by 05/08/24

Item 8. ToR project manager

- Endorsement of the SC to continue with the engagement of Mr Boban Jolovic until end of September 2024 when the new Project Manager is selected
- Project Manager selection might take 2 months or slightly longer
- SC need to share through their channels the call for project manager to ensure transparency and maximise the reach of people

Item 9. [10th GEF Biennial International Waters Conference \(IWC10\)](#) , 23-26 September 2024, in Punta del Este, Uruguay

- Aurélien Dumont:
 - UNESCO IHP has been a long partner of IWC
 - UNESCO IHP, UNECE, [GEF IW:LEARN Dialogue on conjunctive management of surface and groundwater](#) on 16-17 October 2023 in Geneva
 - Next IW LEARN dialogue to take place in 2025 – good opportunity to showcase the DIKTAS II project
- Sinisa Sesum:
 - Normally project manager should be sent to represent the project

- In this case, to send a member of the Secretariat?
- SC had no reaction, SC needs to provide comments by 05/08
- Vladimir:
- it is important to have all the countries represented at IWC: 1 participant per country (English speaker, visa issued, asap nominations)

Item 10. Revisit of DIKTAS II Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis, Update of existing data, Establishment of regional Working Group

- Annex 7 of inception report

Item 11. SAP update/adjustment to the present conditions

- SC need to provide feedback on changes by 05/08/24

Item 12. Criteria for selection of DIKTAS II sites to be approved by Steering Committee

- SC need to evaluate the criteria and provide feedback by 05/08/24
- Site proposals based on the criteria adopted will be sent by 15 September
- To select 2 sites: one between Croatia and BiH and one between Albania and Montenegro

Item 13. Communication strategy for DIKTAS II (e.g. logo) to be approved by Steering Committee

- Logo: secretariat proposed not to change the logo to much but slight changes
- Website: completely new website or keep the old one displaying two entries for DIKTAS 1 and DIKTAS 2
- Secretariat keeps working on communication strategies and dissemination that is happening the project
- Secretariat produces news on UNESCO and IWLEARN
- News on this meeting will be published on IWLEARN

Item 14. Next year Steering Committee meeting in person

- Meeting model: in person
- Preliminary date:
- As soon as possible in early 2025 to approved budget for workplan 2025
- SC approved time period between the end January and first 2 weeks of February
- Expect communication on the location

Item 15. AOB

- [Use of data for PhD students](#)

- Need to decide if share data during the project implementation
- Need to underline the condition for this use
- Possible grants for students
- Need to decide possible allocation of part of the budget for grants
- ERASMUS + and Horizon Europe projects collaboration
- Expected feedback of each country on ongoing projects to avoid overlaps
- Collaboration with other IFI, UN Agencies and other relevant stakeholders and partners
- In particular World Bank for IFI
- UNECE, UNEP active in water management
- UNDP collaboration is obligatory
- International water coalition in BiH
- Project manager will need to establish possible collaboration

Item 16. Closing remarks

- PMU location is accepted in BiH in Trebinje
- Agreed engagement Boban Jolovic until end September
- Expected feedback on segments by 05/08/24, no feedback is considered sign of agreement
- IWC, each country to nominate one representative (English speaker)
- Evaluate how to proceed on communication and visibility
- To proceed with the selection of the location, criteria needs to be confirmed by SC
- Expected feedback on location for joint monitoring to be implemented
- Expected nomination for alternate from Albania