

DIKTAS II

2nd In-person Expert Meeting

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (SAP) OF THE DINARIC KARST AQUIFER SYSTEM: IMPROVING GROUNDWATER GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY OF RELATED ECOSYSTEMS

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 10-11 November 2025

UN building, Zmaja od Bosne b.b.

AGENDA

Meeting Objectives

- Present project activities
- Analyse project achievements after 1st in-person meeting held in July 2025
- Allow experts to share updates and inputs, based on their knowledge on the Dinaric karst aquifer system, multilateral agreement, bilateral agreements, groundwater governance, groundwater monitoring, gender analysis, stakeholder involvement, GIS, and action plans
- Identification of the next steps

Background documentation for the meeting

- Approved GEF Project Document
- TDA
- Country reports
- Inception Report
- Minutes of 1st expert meeting held in July 2025

9 November 2025

Arrival of participants and registration

Day 1 – 10 November 2025

- 9:30 **Meeting opening [10 min]**
Siniša Šešum, Head of UNESCO Antenna Office in Sarajevo
- 9:40 **Short review of the DIKTAS II project outputs and achievements [10 min]**
Boban Jolović, Project Manager

DIKTAS II Component/Outcome/Output achievements

Component 1

- 9.50 Output 1.1. **Expert groups establishing - update [10 min]**,
Boban Jolović, Project Manager
- 10.00 Output 1.2. **Multilateral Agreement [30 min]**,
Raya Marina Stephan, International Legal Expert
- 10.30 Output 1.3. **Existing Bilateral Agreements and options for upgrade [15 min]**,
Zoran Nakić, National Water Management Legal Expert
- 10.45 Output 1.4. **Stakeholder Involvement Plan [15 min]**,
Romario Zoga, International Stakeholder Expert
- 11.00 **Discussion, all participants [30 min]**

Component 2

- 11.30 Output 2.1. **National Groundwater Governance Diagnostic Analyses**
[40 min, 10 min per country]
Zoran Nakić, National Water Management Legal Expert, Croatia
Selma Čengić, National Water Management Legal Expert, B&H
Neda Dević, National Water Management Legal Expert, Montenegro
Halit Kamberi, National Water Management Legal Expert, Albania

12.10 -12.30 Coffee Break

12.30 Output 2.2. **National policy with focus on sanitary protection zones in project countries – short review** [20 min]
Maja Oštić, National Hydrogeology Expert

12.50 **Discussion, all participants** [30 min]

Component 3

13.20 Output 3.1. **Design of DIKTAS groundwater multi-purpose monitoring network in TBA Una and TBA Cijevna – current status and proposal for the improvement** [20 min]
Želimir Pekaš, International Hydrogeology Expert

13.40 **Karst water and their dependent ecosystems by promoting the importance of karst systems and possible monitoring as a part of comprehensive monitoring system in DIKTAS II region** [20 min]
Ivan Vučković, National Biodiversity Expert

14.00 -15.00 *Lunch Break*

Component 4

15.00 Output 4.1. **Joint data sharing mechanism: joint design and implementation of a real-time data sharing mechanism and harmonization of different national classification standards of water quality, following EU guidelines** [15 min]
Maja Oštić, National Hydrogeology Expert

15.15 Output 5.1. **Joint Action Programmes for all 6 areas of transboundary influence identified in the TDA - Concept** [15 min]
Zoran Nakić, National Water Management Legal Expert

15.30 **Work in Expert Groups** [60 min]
EG 1: Groundwater monitoring in Una and Cijevna TBA – current status, improvement, preliminary list of the necessary equipment, technical issues etc;
EG 2: Multilateral agreement – next steps; bilateral agreement – way for the improvement; Water Master Plan – proposed concept possible improvement etc;
EG 3: Dissemination, Communication.

16.30 **Expert Group findings presentations** [45 min, each EG 15 min]

17:15 **Other information** [15 min]

17:30 **Closing of Day 1**

20:00 *Dinner, Apetit Gastro and Wine bar*

Day 2 - 11 November 2025

09:00-09:30 *Arrival of participants*

Component 5

- 9.30 Output 6.2: **Gender analysis of water sector in project countries** [40 min, each 10 min]
Irena Topali, National Gender Expert, Albania
Lidija Brnović, National Gender Expert, Montenegro
Nino Serdarević, National Gender Expert, B&H
Marina Funduk, National Gender Expert, Croatia
- 10.10 Output 6.2: **Regional Gender analysis – next steps** [20 min]
Umme Kulsoom, International Gender Expert
- 10.30 Output 6.3: **GIS and project web page** [15 min]
Vedran Furtula, GIS expert
- 10.45 Output 6.3: **Participation in IW LEARN and other activities** [15 min]
Francesca Bampa, UNESCO Venice
- 11.00 **Work in Expert Groups – continuation from Day 1, all participants** [90 min]
EG 1: Groundwater monitoring in Una and Cijevna TBA – current status, improvement, preliminary list of the necessary equipment, technical issues etc.
EG 2: Multilateral agreement – next steps; Bilateral agreement – way for the improvement; Water Master Plan – proposed concept improvement etc.
- 12:30 **Next activities** [15 min]
Boban Jolović, Project Manager
- 12:45 **Closing of the meeting** [10 min]
Siniša Šešum, Head of UNESCO Antenna Office in Sarajevo