

DIKTAS II

3rd 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

Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 16-17 March 2026

AGENDA

Meeting Objectives

- Present project activities
- Analyse project achievements per outcomes/outputs after 2nd in-person meeting held in November 2026
- Allow experts to share updates and inputs on the multilateral agreement, the bilateral agreements, groundwater governance, comprehensive groundwater monitoring design, joint action Programmes, regional gender analysis, stakeholder involvement, GIS, web platform etc.
- Approaching to the project Midterm review and identification of the next steps

Background documentation for the meeting

- Approved GEF Project Document
- Inception Report
- Minutes of 1st and 2nd expert meetings
- DIKTAS II web page, section Project Documents

15 March 2026

Arrival of participants and registration

Day 1 – 16 March 2026

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

DIKTAS II Components/Outcomes/Outputs achievements

Component 1

- 9.50 Output 1.2. **Multilateral Agreement and feedback of the national authorities - current status [20 min]**, Raya Marina Stephan, International Legal Expert
- 10.10 Output 1.3. **Options for upgrade of the Existing Bilateral Agreements and [20 min]**, Zoran Nakić, National Water Management Legal Expert

Component 2

- 10.30 Output 2.1.1. **Bilateral Groundwater Governance Diagnostic Analyses – TBAs Una and Neretva [15 min]**, Selma Čengić, National Water Management Legal Expert
- 10.45 Output 2.1.1. **Bilateral Groundwater Governance Diagnostic Analyses – TBA Cijevna, Neda Dević [15 min]**, National Water Management Legal Expert

Component 3

- 10.30 Output 3.1. **Design of DIKTAS groundwater multi-purpose monitoring network - TBA Una [30 min]** Maja Oštić, National Hydrogeology Expert

11.00 -11.30 Coffee Break

- 11.30 Output 3.1. **Design of DIKTAS groundwater multi-purpose monitoring network - TBA Cijevna [30 min]** Arben Pambuku, National Hydrogeology Expert

12.00 Output 3.1.1. **Methodology for identifying groundwater-dependent ecosystems in the subterranean environment** [20 min], Erjola Keci Bacca, National Biodiversity Expert

Component 4

12.20 Output 5.1. **Joint Action Programm of the TBA Una – progress update** [30 min], Zoran Nakić, National Water Management Legal Expert

12.50 Output 5.1. **Joint Action Programm of the TBA Cijevna – progress update** [30 min], Halit Kabmeri, National Water Management Legal Expert

13.20 **Discussion** [40 min], all participants

14.00 -15.00 Lunch Break

15.30 **Work in Expert Groups** [60 min]
EG1: Groundwater monitoring design in TBA Una and TBA Cijevna – current status, improvement, preliminary list of the necessary equipment, technical issues etc.
EG2: Joint Action Programmes – next steps; bilateral agreement – way for the improvement; Water Master Plan – proposed concept possible improvement etc;
EG3: Communication plan preparation, dissemination activities.

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

Presenters:

EG1: Maja Oštrić

EG2: Zoran Nakić

EG3: Pomeline Deccotignies

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

17:30 **Closing of Day 1**

20:00 Dinner, Restaurant Humsko, Stari grad, Trebinje

Day 2 - 17 March 2026

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

Component 5

- 9.30 Output 6.2: **Regional Gender Analysis of water sector based on National Desk Reviews** [20 min], Lidija Brnović, National Gender Expert
- 9.50 Output 6.3: **Communication strategy** [20 min], Pomeline Deccotignies, International Communication Expert
- 10.10 Output 6.3: **GIS and project web page** [25 min], Vedran Furtula, GIS expert
- 10.35 Output 6.3: **Possibilities for the participation in IW LEARN and other activities** [15 min]
Francesca Bampa, UNESCO Venice
- 10.50 **Work in Expert Groups – continuation from Day 1, all participants** [70 min]
EG 1: Groundwater monitoring in the TBAs Una and Cijevna
EG 2: Joint Action Programmes of the TBAs Una and Cijevna
EG3: Communication plan
- 12:00 **Next activities** [20 min]
Boban Jolović, Project Manager
- 12:20 **Closing of the meeting** [10 min]
Siniša Šešum, Head of UNESCO Antenna Office in Sarajevo
- 13.00 *Lunch*