

Thematic session 1:

Institutionalizing cooperation and stakeholder involvement

Question 1:

How to formalize cooperation for the trans-boundary water management

- What are the experiences and challenges for the Lake management structures for Prespa, Ohrid and Shkoder?
- What is required to improve their viability, effectiveness and sustainability?
- What are the first steps to take?

Question 2:

How to develop joint Agreements and national legislation to improve water resources development and management in the Drin Basin

- What type of Agreements are required for trans-boundary water management in the region?
- What would be the implications for national legislation (including harmonization to EU legislation)?
- What are the first steps to take?

Question 3:

How to involve stakeholders and civil society in the process

- What is the appropriate level of stakeholder involvement? The level of the three lakes basins?
- What structures are required to involve stakeholders in the three lake basins – with and without external donor support?
- What are the main challenges in stakeholder involvement (awareness, information, education etc.), and what are the first steps to take to address them?

Question 4:

How to combine the lake initiatives
into a larger Drin Basin context?

- A “vision” for the Drin?
- An Agreement?
- An institutional structure?
- Stakeholder involvement at the basin level?