

**Working Group 1** (facilitator: Kari Aina Eik)

1. *Main Objective of the Lake Skadar Stakeholder involvement plan*

- » More public involvement into the management of the Lake Skadar from both Albanian and Montenegro side
- » Raise awareness in the Lake Skadar
- » Attract donor support for stakeholder projects
- » Better management of the Lake
- » To follow legal obligations (Aarhus etc.)
- » To prevent conflicts between stakeholder groups

2. *Key Stakeholders in the Lake Skadar*

Trans-national level:

- » Ministry of Environment in Albania and Montenegro
- » Ministry of Water Management of Montenegro
- » Administrations of protected areas in both countries
- » Municipalities of Lake Skadar in Albania and Montenegro
- » NGOs working trans-national
- » Universities in Montenegro and Albania
- » Donors
- » Business communities

National and local level:

- » Ministry of Environment in Albania and Montenegro
- » Ministry of water management of Montenegro
- » National Park administration
- » Hydro metrological institute in Montenegro and Albania
- » Eco-toxicological institute in Montenegro
- » Local government
- » Universities in Montenegro and Albania
- » Municipalities around the lake
- » Business communities / industry
- » Agency of Drin river basin
- » Regional Environmental Agency
- » Fisheries management organisations
- » NGO Sector > Green Step, Green Home, Greens of Montenegro

3. *Key interest of Lake Skadar Stakeholders*

Ministry level

- » Protection of the Lake Skadar environment
- » Sustainable development
- » National and international legal commitments
- » Monitoring (tool)

#### Local Municipalities

- » Protection of the Lake Skadar environment
- » Sustainable development
- » Economic development (fisheries and tourism)
- » Water supply
- » Re-election

#### NGOS

- » Protection of the Lake Skadar environment
- » Cooperation among stakeholders
- » Raise capacities of NGO
- » Promotion and reputation of NGO

#### Business community

- » Economic interests
- » Income generation

#### Donors

- » Transboundary cooperation and enhanced management of the lake Skadar
- » Visibility
- » Influence
- » Historical

#### Universities

- » Capacity building
- » To finance research
- » International cooperation
- » Monitoring and research

#### Fisherman management organizations

- » Stop illegal fishing
- » Increase fish stock
- » Increase income
- » Protection of species
- » Stop illegal fishing methods

#### Population around Lake Skadar

- » Income increase
- » Improved livelihoods / wellbeing
- » More tourists coming to the lake
- » Clean water / bathing
- » More fish and birds

#### 4. *Ongoing public participation activities for the Lake Skadar*

- » Lake Skadar Day in June (since 2 years)
- » Ramsar Convention February 2
- » Transboundary Forum – both countries 11 members

- » Joint Management Committee
  - » Working Groups
  - » Joint Secretariat
  - » Joint monitoring
- » NIVA financing monitoring activities in the Drim/Drin basin
- » GTZ financing joint development of tourism
- » SDC financing stakeholder activities
- » Donor financed projects for ecosystems, management and protection
- » Consultations between stakeholders to development of new water law in Albania
- » Monitoring activities by scientific institutions
- » Public hearings for Environmental assessment, Joint Strategic Action Plan
- » Ad-hoc trainings in Montenegro
- » University in Albania (department of Lake Skadar)
- » Study visit of governmental officials to lake in Austria – capacity building – new ideas for activities
- » Development of information Materials produced by REC branches in both countries
- » Media activities, press conferences in relation to events etc.
- » News paper for Environmental issues in Montenegro

*5. Proposed activities to enhance public participation in the Lake Skadar area*

- » Develop methods to involve local authorities
- » More visiting centers, resource centers, information centers (national parks and local authorities)
- » Capacity building activities on awareness raising and stakeholder involvement for institutions and officials in both countries
- » Educational packages prepared for schools
- » More media involvement to enhance awareness on issues related to Lake Skadar
- » Develop web-sites, message boards, and discussion forums
- » Plan for involvement of stakeholders in GEF project management plan
- » Make technical documents and legal instruments more understandable to stakeholders (summaries of Aarhus etc.)
- » Develop further activities related to the Skadar Lake Day (joint events, competitions, activities that involve youth and children.