

Danube - Black Sea Basin Stocktaking Meeting
Draft Agenda
Revision 8 November 2004

Day of Arrival (09 November 2004)		
	Registration of participants	
Day 1 of the Meeting (10 November 2004)		
8:00	Registration of participants	
9:00	Opening of the Conference	
	Welcome from GEF Secretariat, objectives of the STM	Al Duda, GEFSEC
	Welcome from the host country - Romania	Minister of Environment
	Other welcome (UNDP, UNEP, WB, ICPDR, BSC)	
9:30	Is the Black Sea still in crisis – or can changes be observed?	Hellmut Kroiss, TU Vienna
10:00	Coffee-break	
Plenary Session		Chairperson: Andrea Merla, GEFSEC
10:30	Keynote Speech: GEF Danube/Black Sea Strategic Partnership : Objectives, strategic approach and its components and future perspectives	Andy Hudson UNDP/GEF
10:50	World Bank Investment Fund for Nutrient Reduction – overall progress, tranches, projects in preparation /pipeline, meeting SP objectives/indicators	Emilia Battaglini WB Karin Shepardson WB
11:20	World Bank Investment Fund for Nutrient Reduction – presentation of projects under implementation, progress in meeting SP objectives/indicators.	WB Project Managers: Marietta Stoimenova BG / Valentin Alexandrescu RO / Alexandru Jolondscovschi MD / Faruk Mutlu TR
12:20	Discussion	
13:20	Lunch break	
Plenary Session		Chairperson: Plamen Dzhadzhev, BSC
14:30	UNDP / GEF Danube Regional Project – Objectives, approach, achievements against indicators and perspectives for the implementation of Phase 2	Ivan Zavadsky, UNDP/GEF DRP
14:50	UNDP/ UNEP / GEF Black Sea Ecosystems Recovery Project – Objectives, approach, achievements against indicators and perspectives for the implementation of Phase 2	Pat Reynolds, UNDP/GEF BSERP
15:10	Objectives of the Global Programme of Action and revision of the Protocol on LBS	John Carstensen, UNEP Reg. Office Europe
15:30	Dnipro Basin Environmental Programme – objectives, approach and implementation results	Ljubomir Markevych UNDP Dnipro
15:50	Discussion	
16:40	Coffee-break	
17:10	EU Marine Strategy and EU Water Framework Directive– Key policy drivers in the Danube and Black Sea Region	Jose Rizo-Martin EC DG Environment
17:30	Reinforcement of national mechanisms for inter-ministerial coordination in the frame of GEF project execution and EU WFD implementation	Joachim Bendow, DRP Consultant
17:50	Discussion	
18:30	End of Plenary Sessions	
19:00	Reception	

Day 2 of the Meeting (11 November) - Morning Sessions		
Plenary Session		Chairperson: To be defined (EC)
8:30	Objectives, role, activities and achievements of the ICPDR, relevant to D-BS Strategic Partnership objectives, political engagement of member states and contributions to the ICPDR, analysis of institutional mechanisms for basin wide and regional cooperation (BSC - MOU), implementation of the ICPDR Joint Action Programme and new challenges in implementing the EU WFD, cooperation with GEF DRP, the EC and other donor organizations, perspectives of future development to assure sustainability.	Phil Weller, ICPDR Executive Secretary
8:55	Objectives, role, activities and achievements of the BSC, relevant to D-BS Strategic Partnership objectives, in particular status of implementation of the Black Sea Action Plan, political engagement of member states and contributions to the BSC, analysis of institutional mechanisms of cooperation (Activity Centres, Advisory Groups, etc) and their efficiency, new challenges in responding to the new LBA Protocol, the progress in developing a fisheries agreement/convention, the implementation of the EU WFD in three of the BS countries and the effect on other BS States, cooperation with GEF BSERP, the EC and other donor organizations and perspectives of future development to assure sustainability of interventions.	Plamen Dzhadzhev, BSC Executive Director
9:20	Cooperation with International Financing Institutions (e.g. DABLAS & D-BS Investment Facility, etc.) and other projects of bilateral and multilateral technical assistance (e.g. CARDS, Europe Aid, USAID, GTZ, etc.) and evaluation of efficiency in promoting investment projects in support of tackling regional environmental objectives	Henriette Faergemann, DABLAS Secretariat
9:40	Discussion	
10:10	Coffee-break	
10:40	International Waters Program Study – Findings relevant to the Danube / Black Sea Region	Laurence Mee / Tim Turner GEF M&E Unit Consultants
11:10	Discussion	
12.45	Lunch break	

Day 2 of the Meeting (11 November) – Afternoon Sessions		
Plenary Session		Chairperson: Phil Weller ICPDR ES
14:00	Water pollution and nutrient inputs in the Danube-Black Sea Basin; demonstration of changes over time in environmental status and recovery of Black Sea ecosystems - development and use of Black Sea environmental status indicators	Yegor Volovik UNDP/GEF BSERP, Igor Liska ICPDR Secretariat
14:25	Current knowledge and understanding of processes and relationships between nutrient loads from the Danube Basin and effects on receiving ecosystems with special emphasis on the coastal areas	Jos van Gils, DRP Consultant
14:50	Monitoring and evaluation of outcomes of GEF and other interventions related to nutrient and other pollution reduction, using process, stress reduction and environmental status indicators	Jan Piers Leeuwen (Jan Dogterom) DRP Consultant
15:15	Discussion	
16:00	Coffee-break	
16.30	Keynote Speech: Assuring public participation through access to information and awareness raising (experience from the GEF Project 'Building of Environmental Citizenship' and presentation of new approach in Phase 2 of the GEF DRP in support of the implementation of the EU WFD)	Ruth Greenspan Bell, RFF

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16:50	Public participation in WFD Implementation, ICPDR Public Participation Strategy and development of mechanisms for further stakeholders involvement	Jasmine Bachmann , ICPDR TE
17:10	Development of communication strategies and concepts for awareness raising to facilitate access to information and to reinforce public participation in water pollution control and nutrient reduction in the Danube–Black Sea region	T. Hare – Communication, DRP Consultant
17:30	Role of NGOs at national and regional level in Danube countries, their participation in the ICPDR and other regional bodies with particular attention to present support provides by the GEF projects	Johanes Wolf, DEF
17:45	Role of NGOs at national and regional level in the Black Sea countries and their participation in the BSC and other regional bodies with particular attention to present support provides by the GEF projects	Tanay Sidki Uyar, BSERP Consultant
18:00	Discussion	
19:00	End of Sessions	

Day 3 of the Meeting (12 November)		
Working Groups Session I		
8:30	<p>Working Groups 1 and 2 to discuss and propose correcting measures to the GEF Partnership Programme to meet its objectives (indicators):</p> <p>WG1: - Revised approach for reinforcing the efficiency of GEF interventions for nutrient reduction and pollution control in the D-BS Basin and for ensuring effective implementation of proposed measures at the national level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the cooperation with and coordination amongst Implementing Agencies (IAs), International Financing Institutions (EBRD, EIB, WB, etc) and other bilateral donors in order to address national and regional priority actions <p>WG2: - Reinforce mechanisms for implementing strategies for communication, awareness raising, public participation and private sector involvement in pollution control and environmental protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinforce role of NGOs at national and regional level in the Danube-Black Sea Basin and their participation in the ICPODR, the BSC and other regional bodies. 	<p>WG chairs/facilitators:</p> <p>Andy Hudson Phil Weller M. Szigeti Bonifert Plamen Dzhadzhev</p>
Coffee served during working session		
Plenary Session		Chairperson: Andrea Merla, GEFSEC
11:30	Presenting and discussing results of the WG 1 and 2	
13.00	Lunch break	
Working Group Session II		
14:00	<p>Working Group 3: Assembling proposals for mid-term corrections to SP and drafting of final conclusions and resolution/declaration of the meeting</p>	<p>WG Co-Chairs: Phil Weller / Plamen Dzhadzhev</p>
Plenary Session		Chairperson: Andrea Merla, GEFSEC
Development of mid-course corrections to SP and report to GEF Council on its implementation		
15:00	Presenting Results of the WG 3 – proposals for further actions and draft resolution	
15:30	Discussion (coffee served)	
17:00	Adoption of final resolution and closing of the meeting	<p>AI Duda, GEFSEC Minister of Environment</p>
17:30	Departure of Participants to the Danube Delta Excursion	