

Written comments for ICPDR

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Unfortunately water scarcity and drought are according to ICPDR questionnaire not considered as issues requiring coordination and management on the basin-wide level at this stage. DMCSEE experiences in the region of SE Europe show that approach to develop co-ordination of efforts to strengthen drought monitoring, risk identification, drought prediction and early warning services and development of drought management knowledge is slow process, especially when tackled more countries like DRB. DMCSEE would encourage to establish coherent framework for drought management in DRB. At the moment many activities in the frame of DMCSEE was devoted to agricultural drought management but hydrological drought is still not explored to the stage that countries would have drought proactive plans. For countries in DRB, especially in the south, would be pragmatic to have framework in place in advance to manage drought risks through an integrated approach when needed.

Experiences, good practices and review of national action plans in central and eastern Europe from GWP/DMCSEE projects related to drought could be also used for filling knowledge gaps in adaptation to climate change/more frequent risk of hydrological drought in DMP. DMCSEE appeal is to encourage inception of follow-up project on existing knowledge which could help to make a shift from reactive to proactive drought measures, the integration of vertical planning and decision-making processes and capacity building for all stakeholders in DRB.

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