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Please find attached the contribution by Ms. Franca Schwarz, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany, delivered to the Second Preparatory Conference to the 15th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum “Key challenges to ensure environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area: Water Management”, held in Zaragoza, Spain, 12 - 13 March 2007.



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The Petersberg Process and Athens Declaration Process

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Petersberg Process

- Joint Initiative of the German Government and the World Bank since 1998 » Water is a catalyst for international Cooperation and Peace.
- Actual Focus: Strong cooperation with the Athens Declaration Process in implementation of transboundary cooperation in water catchment areas (rivers, lakes and groundwater) in South-Eastern Europe and Africa.
- Roundtable in December 2005 concluded the continuation of the process (dialogue forum for identification of new ideas and challenges in transboundary water management + focus on a set of key areas).



Petersberg Process Phase II

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Athens Declaration Process

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[GEF IW:LEARN](#) is supporting synergies

[GWP-Med](#) provides technical and administrative support



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Main objective of the joint process

Build capacity and share experience on Integrated Water Resources Management, and assist in drafting and putting into action local IWRM plans as a response to the targets of the Johannesburg Summit (2002).

Countries of focus

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina,
Bulgaria, Croatia, FYR Macedonia,
Montenegro, Romania and Serbia





Work Programme 2006 - 2007

- *International Roundtables / Workshops*
- *Targeted Small and Medium Workshops, Study Tours and Site Visits*
- *Activities in support of Education for Sustainable Development Activities (GEF / IW:LEARN)*

International Roundtables

- *Integrated Shared Lake Basin Management in SEE (12 – 14 October 2006), Ohrid / FYR Macedonia*
- *Principles for Multipurpose Management in the Sava River Basin (15 – 17 November 2006), Zagreb / Croatia*
- *Transboundary Management of Groundwaters in Karstic Regions (end of 2007), Slovenia*
- *Public Participation and Civil Engagement in Transboundary Water Management (2007) Mesta / Nestos River Basin*

more information about
Petersberg Process and Athens Declaration Process

www.bmu.de
www.watersee.net
www.iwlearn.net



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Key Areas

Water Management, Agriculture,
Energy / Electricity, Inland Water
Navigation, Tourism

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