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Aim of the Workshop:

The aim of the workshop is to provide advice to strengthen the national capacity for effectively addressing the large number of implementation challenges of the Flood Directive (FD), offer guidance on flood protection and river restoration techniques, and share of experiences and promotion of best practices.

EU MS Speakers:

- Mr. Gheorghe **Constantin**, Director at the Ministry for Environment, Water and Forests, Romania and Romanian Water and Marine Director at EC.
- Mr. Sašo **Šantl**, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia

Other Speakers:

- Mr. Ioannis **Kavadas**, Team Coordinator, Clean Water Unit, EC DG Environment
- Ms. Merita **Meksi**, GiZ, Project Coordinator
- Mr. Ylber **Mirta**, Head of Department for waters - Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Waters of North Macedonia
- Mr. Jos G. **Timmerman**, EPPA Project Senior Non-Key Expert, The Netherlands
- Mr. Bart **Fokkens**, EPPA Project Senior Non-Key Expert, The Netherlands,
- Ms. Mihaela **Popovici**, EPPA Key Expert, Working Group for Water Management
- Mr. Mihail **Dimovski**, EPPA Project Team Leader

Day 1: Tuesday 22 September, 2020

Chair: Ms. Mihaela **Popovici**

08:30– 09:00	Event starts /technical introduction/solving participants’ issues 8:50 – Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:00 – 09:10	OPENING REMARKS Mr. Mihail Dimovski
09:10 – 09:50	Introduction of the participants Introduction of the workshop and the EPPA task Dr. Mihaela Popovici
09:50 – 10:20	EC LATEST DEVELOPMENTS Findings of the 2019 Report of the Fitness Check Evaluation of the Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive - EC DG Environment Mr. Ioannis Kavvadas
10:10 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood prevention and management in the Western Balkans : Outcomes of the gap analysis and needs assessment in the context of implementing EU Floods Directive - EC DG NEAR (WBIF Study Sep 2015) • Outcomes IPA Regional project on floods – DG ECHO Dr. Mihaela Popovici
5 min break	
EXPERIENCES FROM WESTERN BALKANS	
10:35 – 11:05	1) Initial results from “Adaptation to Climate Change through Transboundary Flood Risk Management in the Western Balkans - Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, GiZ Project Ms. Merita Meksi
11:05 – 11:35	2) International Cooperation under the Floods Directive Mr. Ylber Mirta
5-10 min Q&A	
5 min break	
EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES WITH THE EU MS	
11:35 –12:05	1) Lessons learned from “Room for River Program” in the Netherlands Dr. Jos G. Timmerman
5-10 min Q&A	
12:20 –13:00	Lunch break at the home office
13:00 –13:30	2) Coordination between Flood Risk Management Plan and River Basin Management Plan, at the national and regional level. Mr. Gheorghe Constantin
5-10 min Q&A	
13:40 – 14:00	3) Natural Water Retention Measures - River Restoration, with relevant European case studies Dr. Bart Fokkens

	<i>5-10 min Q&A</i>
14:10 – 14:40	4) Green Infrastructure: connecting biodiversity and human wellbeing Dr. Sašo Šantl <i>5-10 min Q&A</i>
14:50 – 15:00	Summary of Day 1 Dr. Mihaela Popovici End of Day 1

Day 2: Wednesday, 23 September, 2020

Chair: Ms. Mihaela **Popovici**

08:30– 09:00	<p>Event starts /technical introduction/solving participants’ issues</p> <p>8:50 – Short technical introduction to the webinar platform</p>
09:00 – 09:10	<p>Introduction Day 2</p> <p>Dr. Mihaela Popovici</p>
09:10 – 9:40	<p>River restoration: latest developments in Slovenia</p> <p>Dr. Sašo Šantl</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5-10 min Q&A</p>
5 min break	
09:45 – 10:15	<p>Effects of River Restoration on hydro-morphological and ecological processes and ecosystem services. Economic benefits of river restoration.</p> <p>Dr. Bart Fokkens</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5-10 min Q&A</p>
10:30– 11:00	<p>Development of the Investment and Financial Plan for flood risk management in Romania</p> <p>Mr. Gheorghe Constantin</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5-10 min Q&A</p>
11:15 – 12:00 Lunch break at the home office	
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Adapting to climate change: reducing water-related risks in Europe–EU policy</p> <p>Dr. Jos G. Timmerman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5-10 min Q&A</p>
12:45 – 13:45	<p>Interactive session. All participants.</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Objectives in the Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs): quantifiable and time-bound 2) Coordination of the implementation of the Floods Directive with the Water Framework Directive 3) Consideration of green infrastructure to tackle flood risk 4) Integration of effects of climate change into flood risk management: the Floods Directive does not require to consider inclusion of the impact of climate change on flooding mapping exercises; the historical data which are used do not reflect climate risks 5) Alignment of the FRMPs with land use planning rules 6) Role of private insurance.
13:45 – 14:00	<p>Final remarks</p> <p>Mr. Mihail Dimovski</p>

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