

Summary Report on the thematic session 3
“Multipurpose use of Shared Lake Basin Water Resources”

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- Vision / key objective: Trans-boundary water cooperation for sustainable development of the region (water is needed for several sectors ? improvement of water quality and protection of aquifer system as conflict resolution mechanism is important).
- Identification and prioritisation of the main drivers of sustainable development of the shared Lake Basin Water Resources is essential (navigation, hydropower, tourism, agriculture, fisheries, ...) BUT: priorities change during time (e. g. Shkoder Lake: traditional agriculture / fishery, now tourism is growing) ? strategic studies have to be updated and upgraded (facts have to be globally accepted).
- As well in a Lake exists upstream and downstream benefits (besides different countries and different user needs).
- Various cooperation levels (local level, national and international) have to be coordinated ? joint plans and programs (technical / research and in harmonization with different legislation) e.g. land use planning has to be taken into account the water use (capacity limits of planning through water management).
- Experts groups, national institutions, Public Participation, ... have to be trained in their responsibility and should be coordinated by a common body (secretariat, with clear regulation and regular funding) with a clear information management (integrated system, cooperation and public participation).
- There exist examples in plans (e. g. EU-WFD) and in institutions (IKSR, ICPDR), but have to be adjusted for every single case. Harmonization and transparent action between all stakeholders (competence and role of the secretariat / common body? big new structure / body is not needed, but strong political linkage from national bodies through the common body has to be ensured! with broadness - as opposed to sectoral approach)