



COMPILATION OF COMMENTS
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ON THE
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1. Regional (Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH), Serbia, Montenegro): West Balkans Drina River Basin Management Project – IBRD - GEF ID = 5723

✓ *Germany's Comments*

Germany approves the following PIFs in the work program, but requests that the following comments are taken into account:

Germany requests that the following requirements are taken into account during the design of the final project proposal:

Germany welcomes the proposal and generally supports the STAP comments that recommend providing more details to most of the components in order to clarify the planned activities. Additionally, Germany would like to add the following suggestions to fully exploit the potential of the project:

- The delineation of the catchment is a bit imprecise. Our understanding is that the Drina River Basin includes all major tributaries such as Tara, Piva and also Lim. A small part of the Drina River Basin is in the north of Albania (only 179km²). Germany recommends clarifying whether the project covers the whole river basin.
- Hydropower generation is identified as one major water user, also considering optimizations. With regard to water and specifically flood management, Germany recommends that the operators of the hydropower plants play a key role from the beginning of the project.
- Germany welcomes that the regional cooperation mechanisms are mentioned, and that the Sava River Commission will be intensively involved. At the same time, forming a commission for Drina under the Sava Commission (which is part of the Danube Commission) could be considered as well. This would provide a formal body to support the management of the shared water resources. In paragraph 17 a regional Drina Dialogue is mentioned, and Germany would like to ask for clarification of roles and relationship of this dialogue to the formerly mentioned Commissions.

- While preparing the EU-compliant River Basin Management Plan, the needs and interest of countries should be considered. As an example, Montenegro is currently looking into preparing a River Basin Management Plan for the Black Sea Catchment. Germany would strongly support that the project can accommodate such needs, as it will be very beneficial for the countries and would harmonize efforts, and at the same time ensure ownership by the beneficiary countries.
- Component 1, Subcomponent 1A, ii) Germany recommends clarifying whether a hydrological model as well as hydraulic models are planned.
- Component 2, Subcomponent 2A, i) The upgrading and rehabilitation of the existing hydro-meteorological networks is highly needed and essential. Considering the low financial and human capacities of the partner institutions, Germany recommends to ensure that those investments are compatible to already existing equipment. Germany further recommends elaborating whether all countries would benefit from these investments. iv) Germany further recommends outlining the criteria for the Small Grants Program.
- Component 2, Subcomponent 2A, i) Since planning flood warning system is quite a challenging task, Germany recommends providing more details how this will be done. Here, close cooperation should be ensured with the Sava Commission as well as the regional [IPA Project "Building resilience to disasters in Western Balkans and Turkey"](#) implemented by WMO.