



**Global Water  
Partnership**  
Central and Eastern Europe

# Lessons learned from drought management National Consultation Dialogues



GWP CEE  
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**In 2013 GWP and WMO launched IDMP**

**Integrated Drought**



**Management Programme**



**Increase the capacity of the CEE region to adapt to climatic variability by enhancing resilience to drought.**

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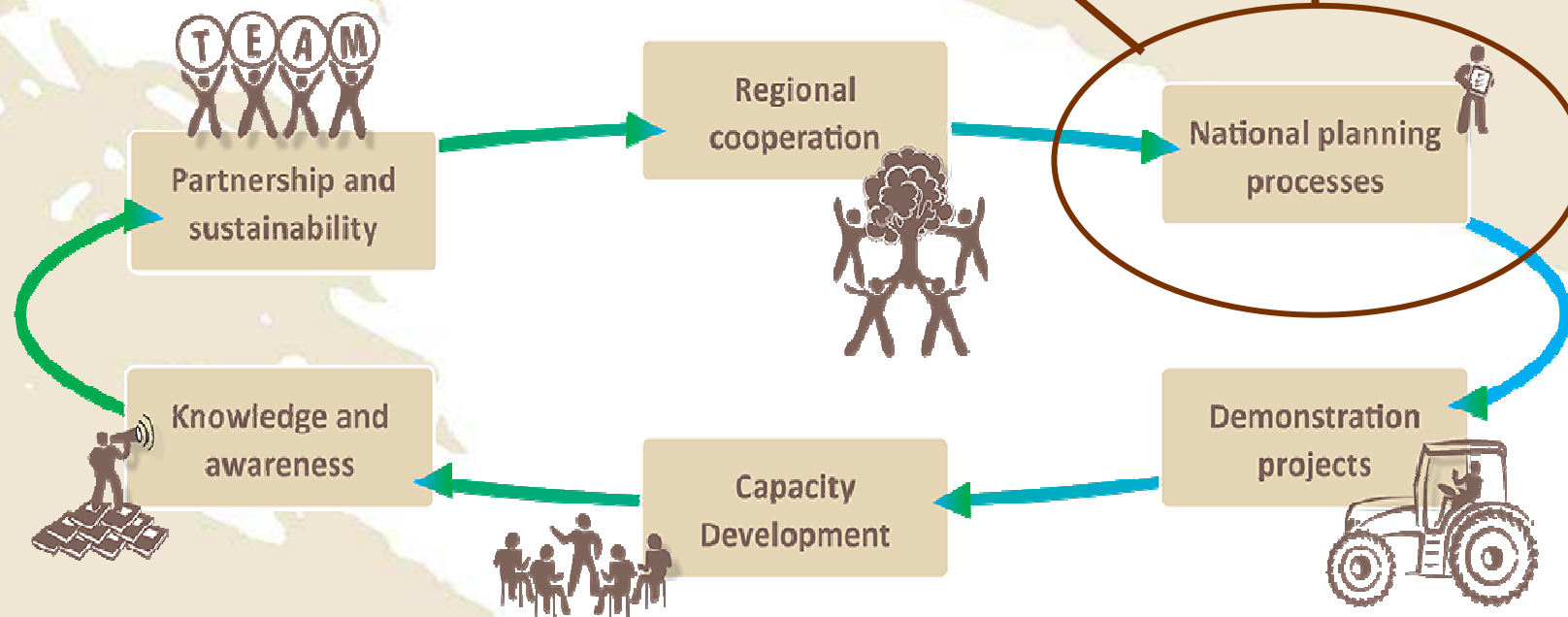
## IDMP CEE focuses mainly on:

- current gaps in the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) - „...to develop a DMP as a supplementary measure, in case of obligatory measures are not sufficient to avoid water scarcity“
- national governments to help them to incorporate drought management issues into their national programs, policies and plans
- development of a pro-active Drought Management Plan in an integrated land and water management framework
- changing perspective – from crisis management to risk management approach

**National consultation dialogues  
(NCDs) – strong mechanism and  
support**

**National Consultation Dialogues**  
*acceptance at the policy level*

**Guidelines**  
*support tool*





**review of the  
current status**

- region specific conditions
- identify the gaps
- legislative framework

**existing  
Guidelines**

**Case study**

**1st National  
consultation  
dialogues**

**stakeholders platform**

**How to develop the  
key items of DMPs?**

**national experiences**

**Guidelines  
*Draft version***

**2nd National  
consultation  
dialogues**

**Guidelines  
*Final version***

# How to integrate drought into planning process for development of the RBMPs?

**GUIDELINES for  
preparation for the  
DMPs as part of the  
RBMP**

**Step 7** Develop an educational programme

**Step 6** Develop a research and science programme

**Step 5** Publicize the DMP to the public for comments and active involvement

**Step 4** Produce/update the Drought Management Plan

**Step 3** Inventory of data needed for Drought Management Plan development

**Step 2** Define the objectives of a drought risk-based management policy

**Step 1** Develop a drought policy and establish a Drought management Committee

## 1st round of the National Consultation Dialogues November – December 2013



- main organizers Country Water Partnerships
- already established networks within the countries



## OBJECTIVES of the 1st round

- to gather key national partners dealing with drought issues from relevant sectors, professional areas and effected stakeholders
  - to inform about the IDMP objectives and activities focused on drought management and mitigation measures
  - to collect information about the current status of the implementation of DMPs and measures within RBMP according to WFD
  - to provide basic information on what already exist (*GWP/WMO Guidelines, Communication from commission in 2007 - Drought Management Plan Report Including Agricultural, Drought Indicators and Climate Change*)
  - to suggest further steps in development of the national drought risk-
- stakeholders – existing documents – current status – further steps



## OUTCOMES of the 1st round

### **BULGARIA**

to send a letter to Ministry of Environment and Water - to develop the drought indicators/indexes under the frame of deserti

### **POLAND**

to develop an Internet platform - exchange of knowledge and tools / experience between water users, water authorities, and IDMP project experts

### **SLOVAKIA**

to get information and data on drought impacts on water supply, ecological status of surface water bodies, mortality of fishes caused by drought, etc.

### **MOLDOVA**

to organize a joint event with Ukrainian stakeholders in the Dniester basin

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

to invite experts from agricultural and water management field to the next NCD

### **HUNGARY**

to set up new working relationship with the Ministry of the Interior (in charge of water management)

### **ROMANIA**

to involve Ministry of Health in the 2nd Dialogue;  
to take into account drought impact on water quality and local users

### **UKRAINE**

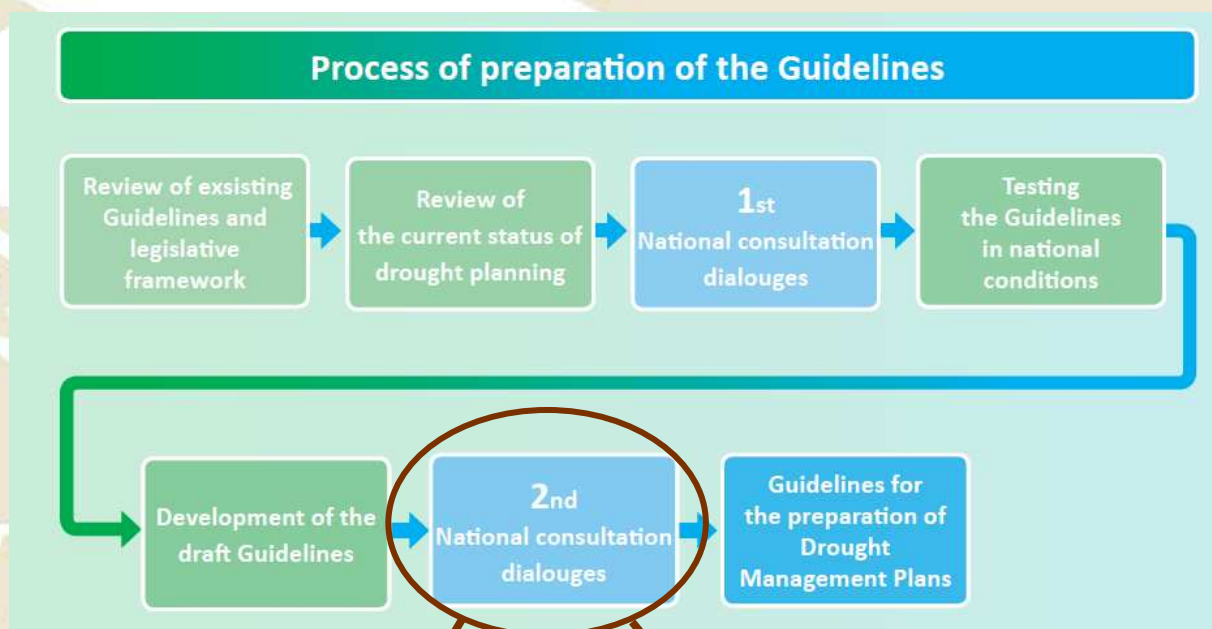
to organize the workshop on droughts for farmers in Poltava oblast

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## OUTCOMES of the 1st round

- 304 participants from ten countries of the CEE region
- attention to the drought issues of interesting groups including representatives of ministries, agencies, professional institutions, environmentalists, NGOs, farmers, etc.
- identification of the next steps in drought management implementation
- to strengthen cross-sectorial cooperation on horizontal level, ensure participation of interested public and other stakeholders to the preparation of Drought Management plans

## 2nd round of the National Consultation Dialogues October – December 2014



**Comments for the  
Guidelines**

**National experiences - case  
studies for the Guidelines**



**Objectives – to provide and discuss  
national experiences and steps further**

national research  
programme  
supporting drought  
management

national program of  
measures for  
preventing and  
mitigating drought

national drought  
classification,  
thresholds and early  
warning systems

national drought  
indicator systems  
and evaluation  
methodologies

national  
methodologies for  
assessment of  
historical drought

national  
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structures to deal  
with drought

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A landscape photograph showing several dead, gnarled tree trunks standing in a dry, cracked field. The ground is covered in parched, brown earth with some sparse green grass. In the background, there are rolling hills under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text "Thank you for your attention!" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the upper center of the image.

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your attention!**

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