



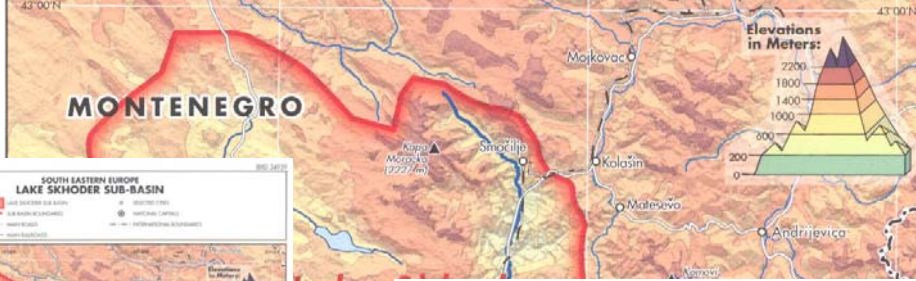
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Drin Core Group Meeting

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Ohrid

## The Drin Dialogue Consultation Process

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Lake Skadar Sub-Basin



# Drin Dialogue process

***Towards the enhancement of  
transboundary cooperation and  
sustainable management for the  
extended Drin River Basin...***

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The Policy Framework is provided *inter alia* by the:

- The **UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (UNECE Water Convention)**
- The **European Union Water Framework Directive (EU WFD)**
- The **Petersberg Phase II Process / Athens Declaration Process** (jointly coordinated by Germany, Greece and the World Bank - with the active participation of key regional organizations and bodies including UNECE, UNDP, UNESCO, GEF etc).
- Other compatible **Multi-lateral Agreements**



# **Drin Dialogue process**

*A coordinated and structured consultation process among the:*

- **water resources management competent ministries** of the riparian countries,
- the existing **joint commissions/committees** in the sub-basins and the
- **stakeholders**

**Why - Aim:** To explore ways towards the enhancement of transboundary cooperation and sustainable management for the extended Drin River Basin in compliance with the provisions of the UNECE Water Convention and the EU WFD and other related Multi-lateral Agreements.

# Drin Dialogue process

**Main objective:** The development of a **Strategic Shared Vision** among the competent national authorities and stakeholders for the sustainable management of the Drin basin.

# "Strategic Shared Vision" for the management of the Drin Basin

It will briefly **present** the **situation** in the Basin and the **key water-related challenges** and **describe** the **vision of the stakeholders** regarding the management of the Basin in relation to its sustainable development. It will **include** a number of **recommendations for action** on **key issues** such as the improvement and/or conservation of a good state of the environment, the optimal level and means of cooperation among the riparian countries etc.

It will be mainly based on the views and opinions of the stakeholders as identified through the Drin Dialogue Process.



# Drin Dialogue process

## Expected results:

- Identification and brief analysis of the key issues linked with water resources management in the Basin.
- Establishing, sustaining and functioning of the “Drin Core Group”.
- Preparing and creating conditions for GEF/UNDP-financing of the future work.

# Drin Dialogue process

## WHEN

Within about 12 months – planned to end on May 2011

# **Drin Dialogue process**

**How?**

**Through activities financed by the Swedish  
Environmental Agency**

# Drin Dialogue process

## How?

**Activities**

**Situation  
Analysis**

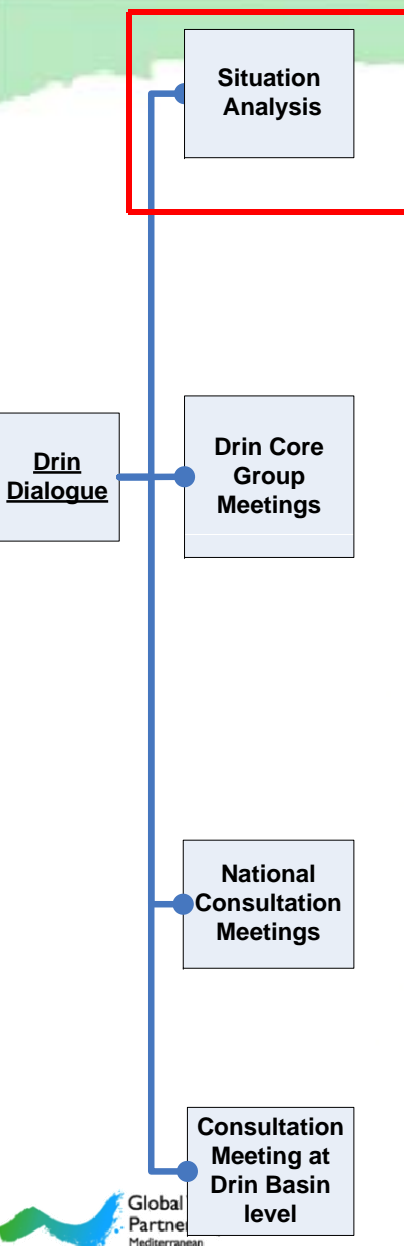
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**Situation  
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*Identify and briefly analyze the key issues linked with water resources management in the Basin.*

*Also identify gaps with what concerns information necessary for a more detailed analysis of the Basin system in the future (as basis for concrete actions to address issues and problems)*

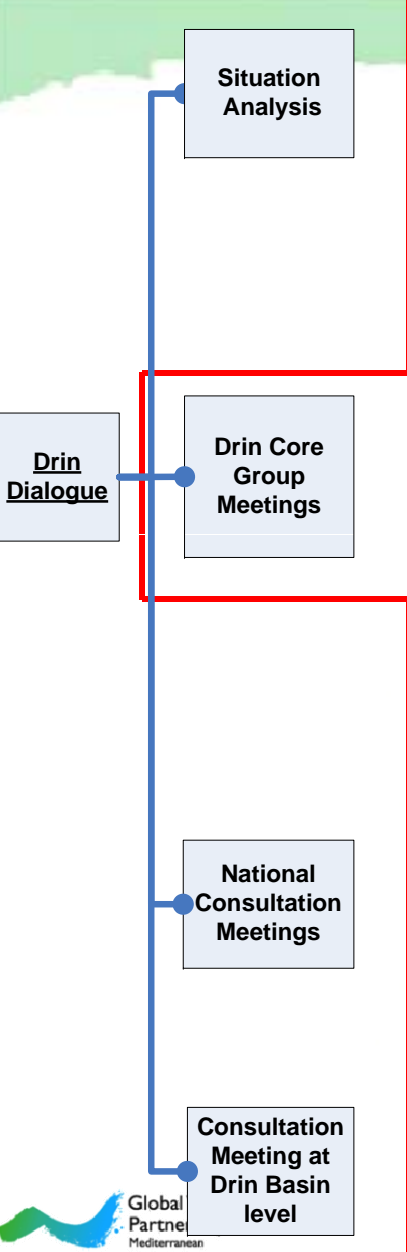
*Using the GEF Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis methodology*

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# The coordinating body of the Drin Dialogue

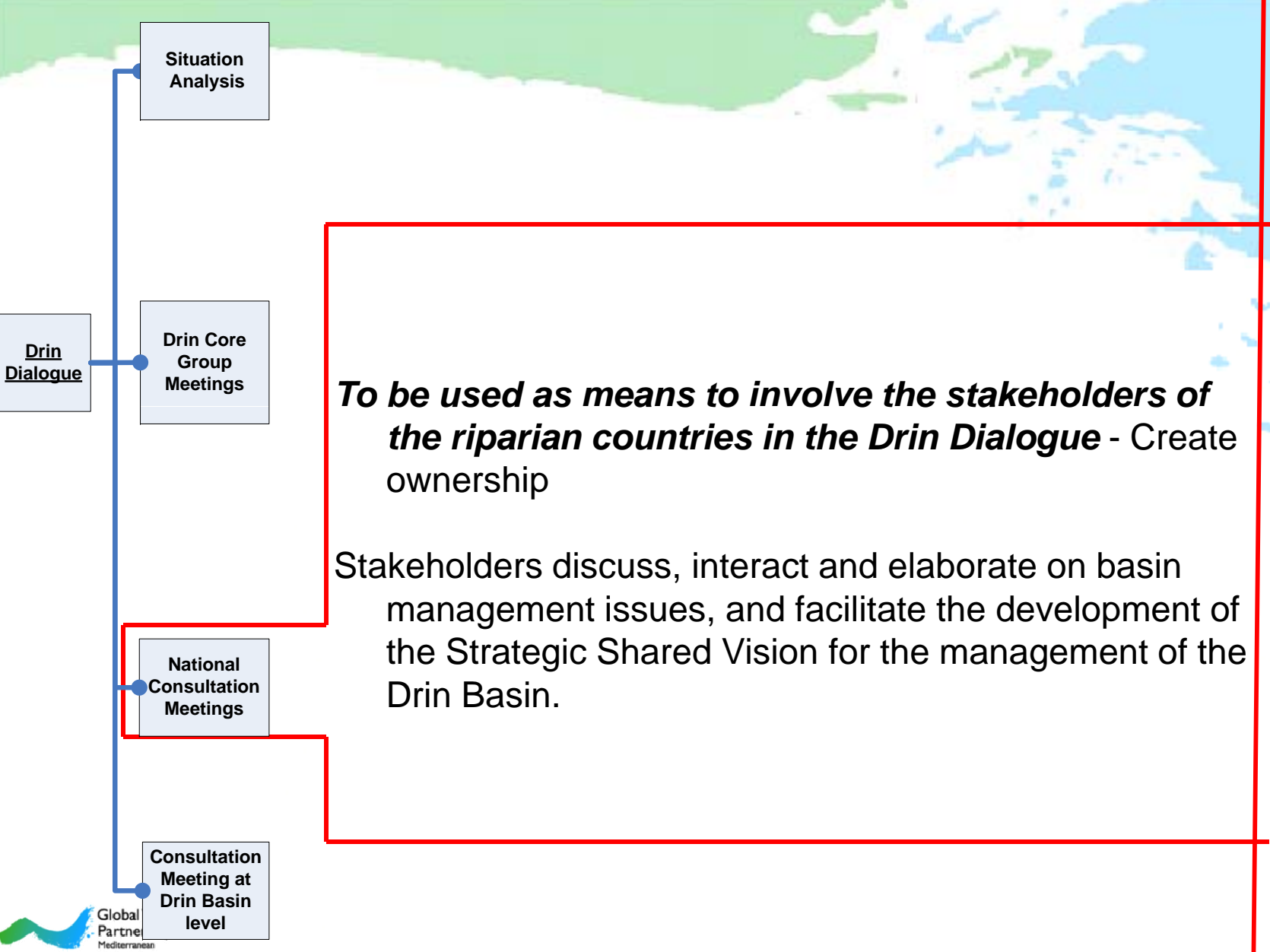
**A. Members:** (i) Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Albania; Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Climatic Change, Greece; Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, FYR Macedonia; Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment, Montenegro; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Montenegro; Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Kosovo - (ii) Prespa Park Management Committee; Lake Ohrid Watershed Committee; Lake Skadar-Shkoder Commission - (iii) UNECE; GWP-Med (as secretariat of the Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process) , MIO-ECSDE

## B. Observers

Swedish EPA; EC; UNDP/GEF

-Any other parts could be co-opted as members or invited as observers on the decision of the Drin Core Group

- GWP-Med is the Secretariat providing technical and administrative support.



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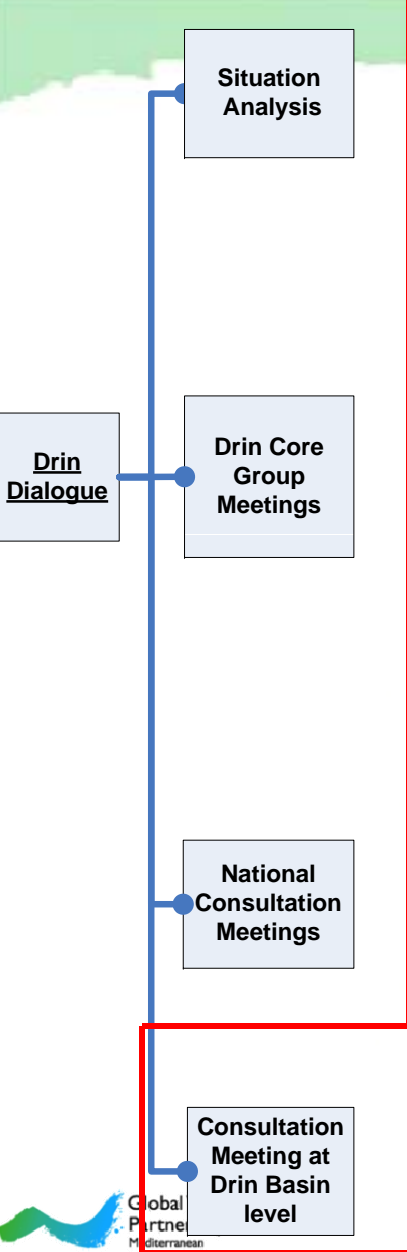
***To be used as means to involve the stakeholders of the riparian countries in the Drin Dialogue - Create ownership***

Stakeholders discuss, interact and elaborate on basin management issues, and facilitate the development of the Strategic Shared Vision for the management of the Drin Basin.

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## Situation Analysis

The final step of the Drin Dialogue.

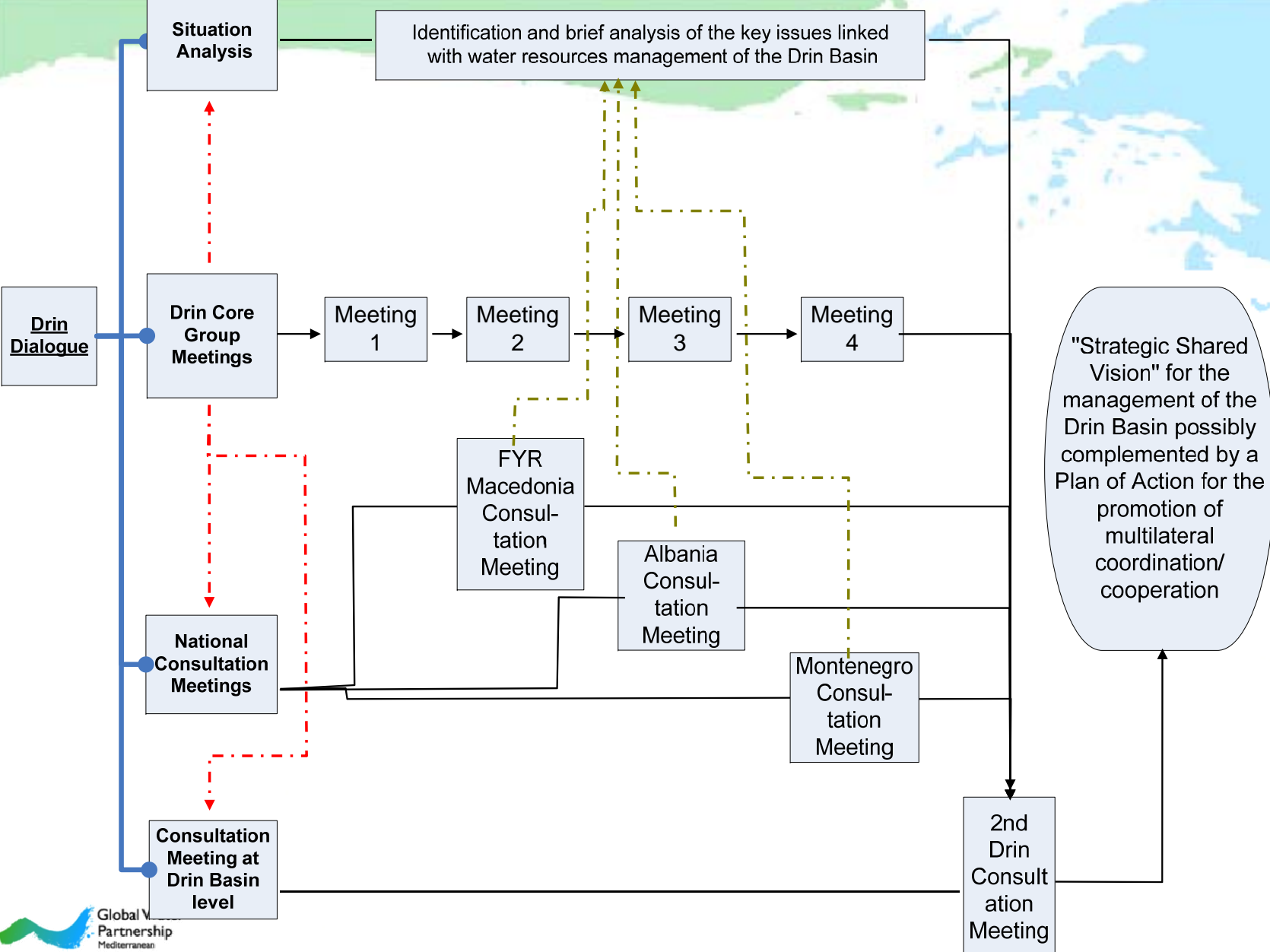
It will build on the outcomes of the:

- Three National Consultation Meetings; Work of the Drin Core Group.

It will discuss and/or decide on the following:

- The findings of the Situation Analysis;
- The "Strategic Shared Vision" for the management of the Drin Basin;
- The steps to follow as means for continuing the Drin Dialogue;
- Other steps for enhancing cooperation between the riparian countries.

**Who?** Representatives of riparian countries' national authorities and other key national and local stakeholders from each riparian country.



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# Towards the implementation of the Shared Vision...

UNDP together with all the partners has initiated the development of the new **GEF International waters project for the Drin basin.**

Draft Project Identification Form (PIF) will be discussed in the Drin Core Group (3/11/2010)...

...planned to be submitted for approval to the GEF in early 2011.



SOUTH  
THE EXTENSION



# *The Drin Dialogue Consultation Process*

## **1<sup>st</sup> National Consultation Meeting, Ohrid, 2 November 2010**

### **Objectives:**

- **Identify the water-related environmental issues and problems** of the Drin sub-basins, namely Prespa, Ohrid and Crn Drim as well as:
  - the driving forces that lead to these including those of socio-economic, political and institutional nature;
  - their impacts, both environmental and socio-economic.
- Elaborate on the **Vision** of the stakeholders **regarding the management of the Drin Basin** including aspects such as **ecosystem quality**, **economic development**, **quality of life** and **cooperation with the other riparian/littoral countries**.

**Current Situation –  
Starting Point**

**1. Identify**

- a. Driving Forces
- b. Pressures
- c. State
- d. Impacts

Prioritize –  
what makes  
development  
unsustainable?

**2. Elaborate** on the **Vision**  
with regard to the desired  
Situation in the Future

**3. Identify**

- e. Responses

**VISION and STEPS for its  
realization**

**Discussion during the  
Consultation Meeting**

Implementing the  
Responses

**Situation in the Future**

- Driving Forces
- Pressures
- State
- Impacts