



**Mediterranean
Information Office
for Environment, Culture and
Sustainable Development
The Mediterranean NGO Federation**



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MIO-ECSDE AT A GLANCE

Who we are

We are a non-profit Federation of **over 130** Mediterranean NGOs for Environment and Sustainable Development

What we do

We act as a technical and political platform for the intervention of NGOs in the Mediterranean scene

Our mission

Our mission is to protect the Natural Environment and Cultural Heritage and promote Sustainable Development in a peaceful Mediterranean

OUR FOCAL AREAS

Nature & Biodiversity

Chemicals

Climate Change

Marine & Coastal Environment

Waste

Water Resources



OUR MAIN LINES OF ACTION

Monitoring and influencing EU and regional Mediterranean policies

Drafting, promoting and presenting common NGO positions

Raising public awareness, promoting participation and building consensus

Capacity building of specific audiences

Facilitating Mediterranean stakeholder networks

Filling in the knowledge gaps



A NETWORK OF NETWORKS

Educators

through **MEdIES**
*Mediterranean
Education Initiative for
Environment and
Sustainability*

Parliamentarians

through **COMPSUD**
*Circle of Mediterranean
Parliamentarians for
Sustainable
Development*



Journalists

through **COMJESD**
*Circle of Mediterranean
Journalists for
Environment and
Sustainable
Development*

Universities

through **MedUnNET**
*Network of
Mediterranean
Universities for
Sustainable
Development*

OUR SETUP



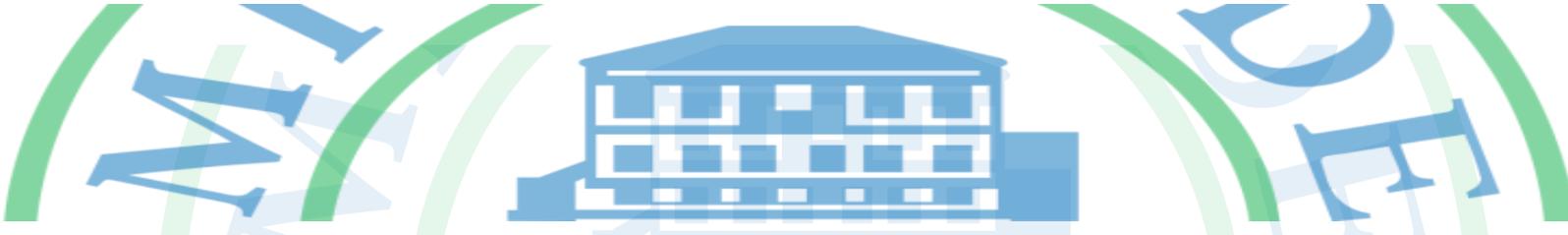
Annual General Assembly
The main governing body consisting of the 130 member organizations

Executive Bureau
18 members to include elected representatives of 15 Med countries and the three founders, EEB , Elliniki Etairia and RAED

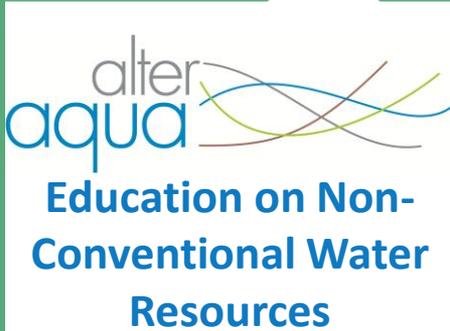
Secretariat
the administering body, executing the decisions of the AGM and EB



For more than
twenty years
joining forces & building
bridges in the Euro-
Mediterranean area



SOME OF OUR LATEST STORIES...



THE ACT4DRIN SUCCESS STORY...

ACT 4
DRIN

Living well in harmony
with the Drin



ACT4DRIN AT A GLANCE

The aim

To **raise public awareness, enhance knowledge** and **empower NGOs** to protect and conserve freshwater ecosystems in the Drin River Basin



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The Drin
River Basin





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**Exceptional
wealth of
species**



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THE ACT4DRIN COLLECTIVE JOURNEY & ITS LASTING LEGACY

Main lines of action

Increasing
NGOs
capacities

Enhancing
NGOs
cooperation

Raising public
awareness

The Act4Drin NGOs workshop

Mapping exercise to identify all local/national NGOs interested in working on issues related to IWRM and freshwater biodiversity conservation in the region, as well as a **preliminary assessment** of their needs

The **Act4Drin collective and collaborative learning workshop**

28-29 April 2015, Lin, Albania

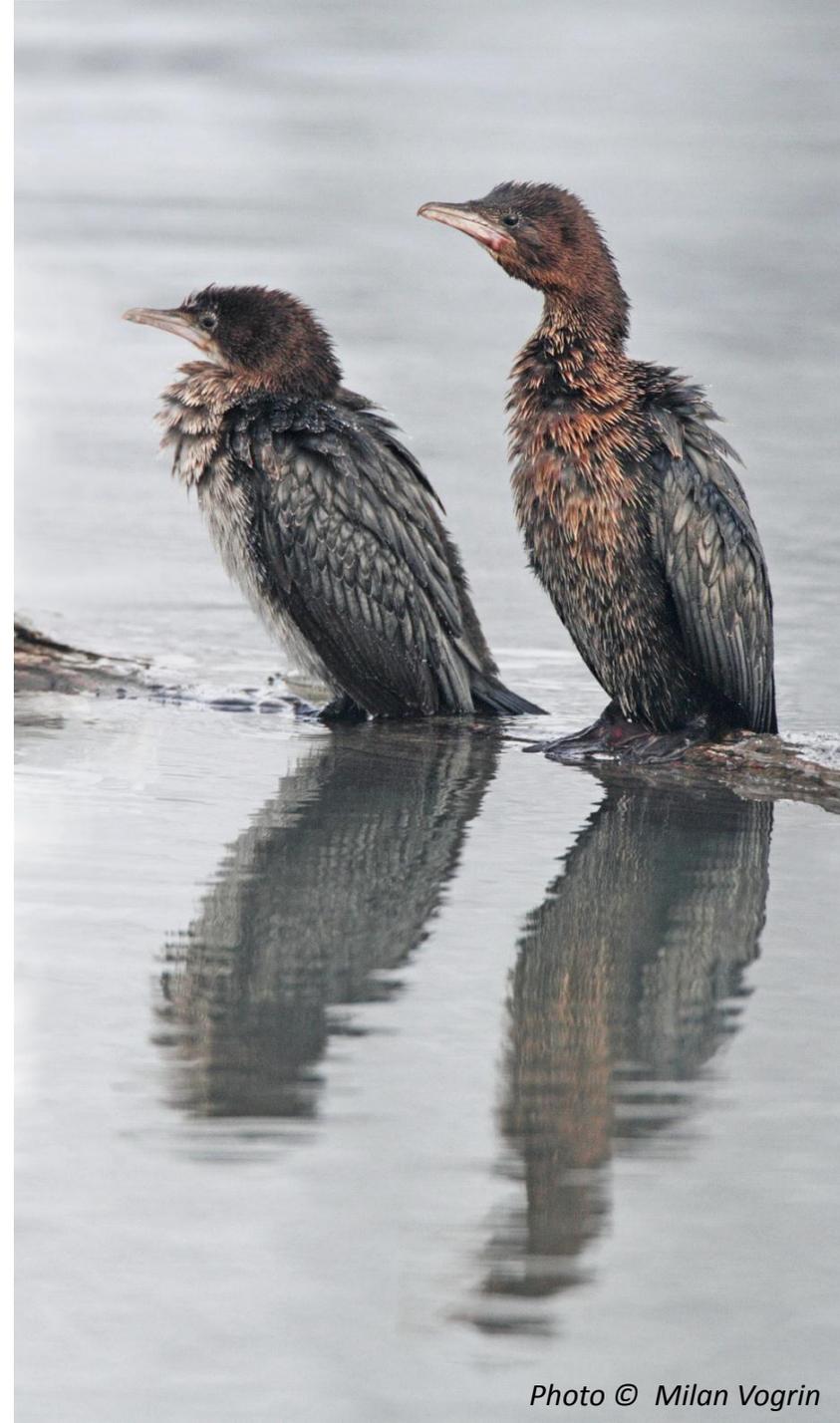
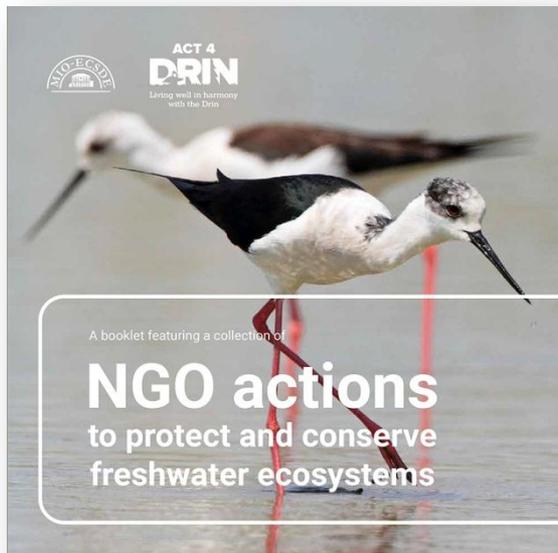


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BOOKLET SHOWCASING NGO ACTIONS TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS

- ✓ It is an account of the **diversity, wide ranging scope and extent** of NGO involvement in promoting IWRM & biodiversity conservation.
- ✓ **Distils and captures lessons learned** and communicates acquired knowledge so as to ensure that beneficial information is factored into future NGO activities.



THE ACT4DRIN ALLIANCE

13 NGOs from the five Drin riparians join forces to form the Act4Drin Alliance aiming to protect and conserve freshwater ecosystems in the Drin River Basin



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THE ACT4DRIN PUBLICATION ON THE NATURAL WEALTH AND LEGACY OF THE DRIN RIVER BASIN



A concrete display of the commitment and solidarity of environmental NGOs of the region to protect and conserve the Drin River Basin



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THE 'ECHOES FROM THE DRIN' SHORT FILMS TRIPLET

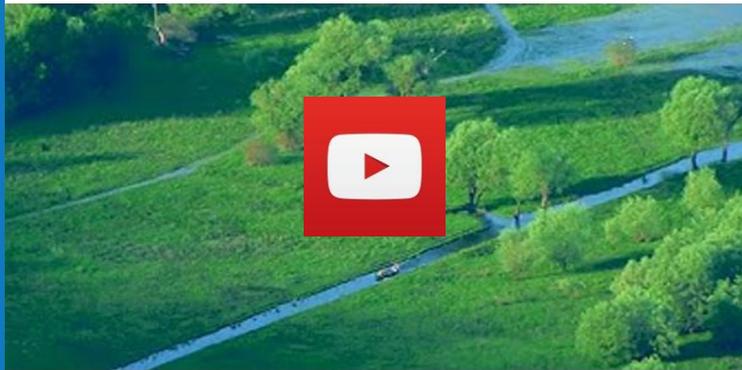
Part I | Whispers of Water



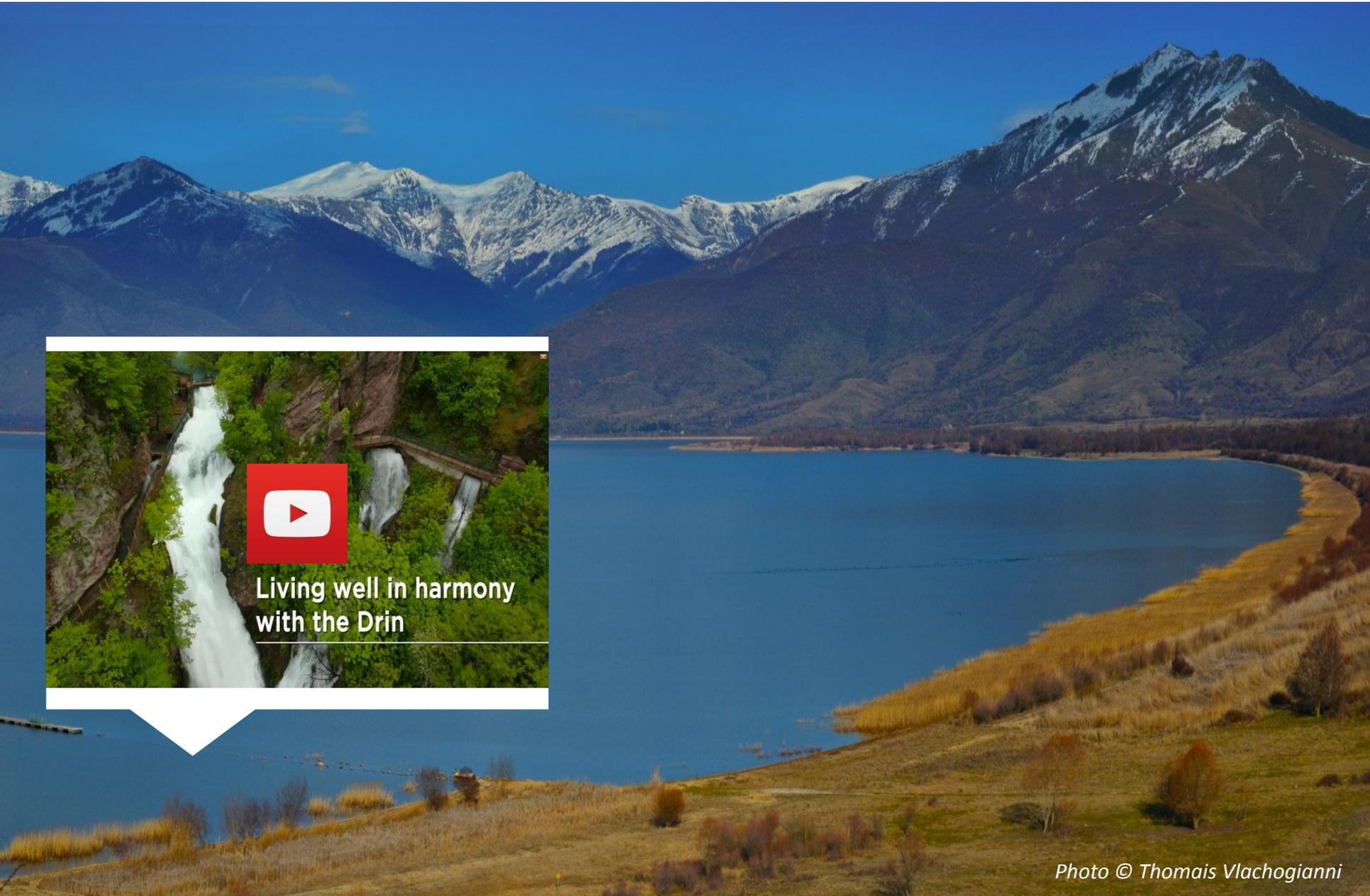
Part II | Reflections of Life



Part III | Impressions of humans



THE ACTDRIN TRAVELOGUE



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THE DRIN DAY 2015 & 2016 CELEBRATIONS



The natural wealth and legacy of the Drin River Basin: inspiring our collective actions



Act4Drin Day - 17 May 2015



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Water adventures; networking events for NGOs & local communities; bird watching activities; contests of photos and paintings; school interventions; guided nature tours; biodiversity camp for students, volunteers and NGOs; ...

THE ACT4DRIN SPRING SCHOOL

The natural wealth and legacy of the Drin River Basin:
from field observations and knowledge to collective
actions towards protecting freshwater ecosystems



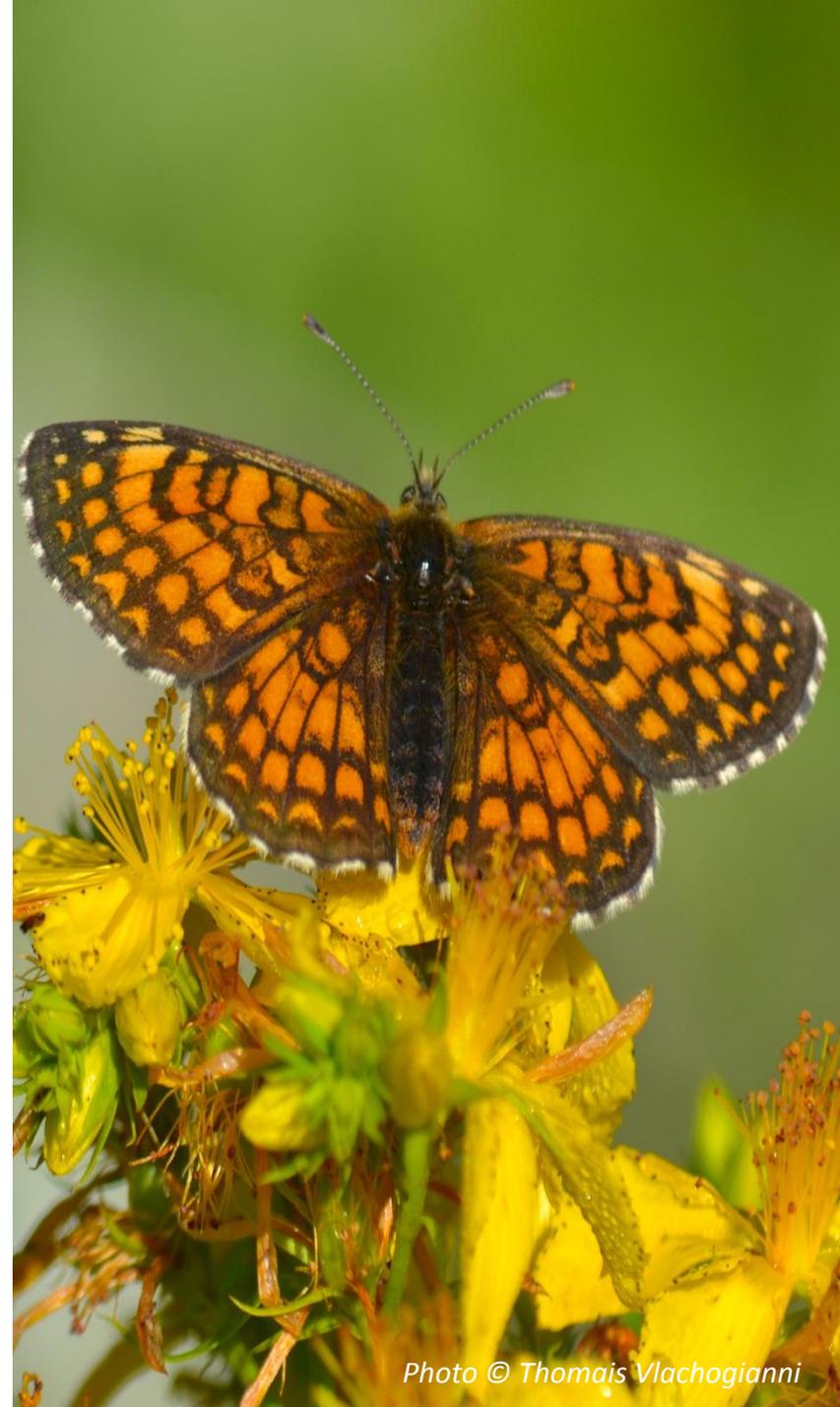


ACT4DRIN
SPRING
SCHOOL



ACT4DRIN SUCCESS FACTORS

- ✓ The project was **demand driven** and not supply driven.
- ✓ The **project area needs and specificities were well mapped** and the project came as a direct follow-up of MIO-ECSDE's actions in the Drin River Basin.
- ✓ All **key actors and stakeholders were identified from the planning phase** of the project and good working relationships were in place.
- ✓ **Adequate time was allocated for receiving partner inputs** throughout the implementation of the project and all partners were given an active role in almost all project activities since the design phase ensuring an enhanced sense of ownership of the overall project and its eventual results.
- ✓ The foreseen **synergies with other ongoing relevant initiatives** in the region were crucial for mobilizing the necessary momentum for the success of the project.



THE GREATEST SUCCESS AND REWARD OF ALL...



The **mutual trust, solidarity** and **strong commitment** built among NGOs in the region towards the protection of the natural wealth and legacy of the Drin River



Thank you for your attention!

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