



RENA Working Group 3: Cross-Border cooperation and multilateral agreement

# Water Framework Directive Implementation Albania

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Drini-Buna river basin	19,582 km <sup>2</sup>
Vjosa river basin	4,365 km <sup>2</sup>
Mati river basin	2441 km <sup>2</sup>
Ishem-Erzen river basin	1439 km <sup>2</sup>
Shkumbin river basin	2445 km <sup>2</sup>
Seman river basin	6203 km <sup>2</sup>



# Institutional Framework

- National Water Council
- General Directorate for Water Administration (Technical Secretariat)
- River Basin Councils
- River Basin Agencies

# Steps taken - Legislation

- Finalized the new draft Law on “Integrated Water Resources Management” in approximation with **EU WFD**
- Transboundary agreements with Greece and Montenegro for shared watercourses
- Agreement between Albania, Macedonia and Greece for lake Prespa
- Agreement between Albania and Macedonia on ‘ Protection and sustainable development of lake Ohrid’
- Trans-boundary cooperation ongoing with Kosovo and Macedonia
- MoU with Montenegro on 2010 for lake Skadar and Buna River
- MoU on 2011 for Drini river basin - A Strategic Shared Vision

# Positive results

- National Water Strategy soon will be revised
- National Water Supply and Wastewater Strategy approved on 2011
- Mati River Basin Management Plan approved on 2012
- Feasibility study for improvement of flood protection infrastructure – Mati river basin, finalized
- Under preparation Seman and Drini-Buna River Basin Management Plan
- Partially completed the River Basin Management Plan for Ishem-Erzen



# Investments in the WWTPs

## Legend

## Operational

Under Construction

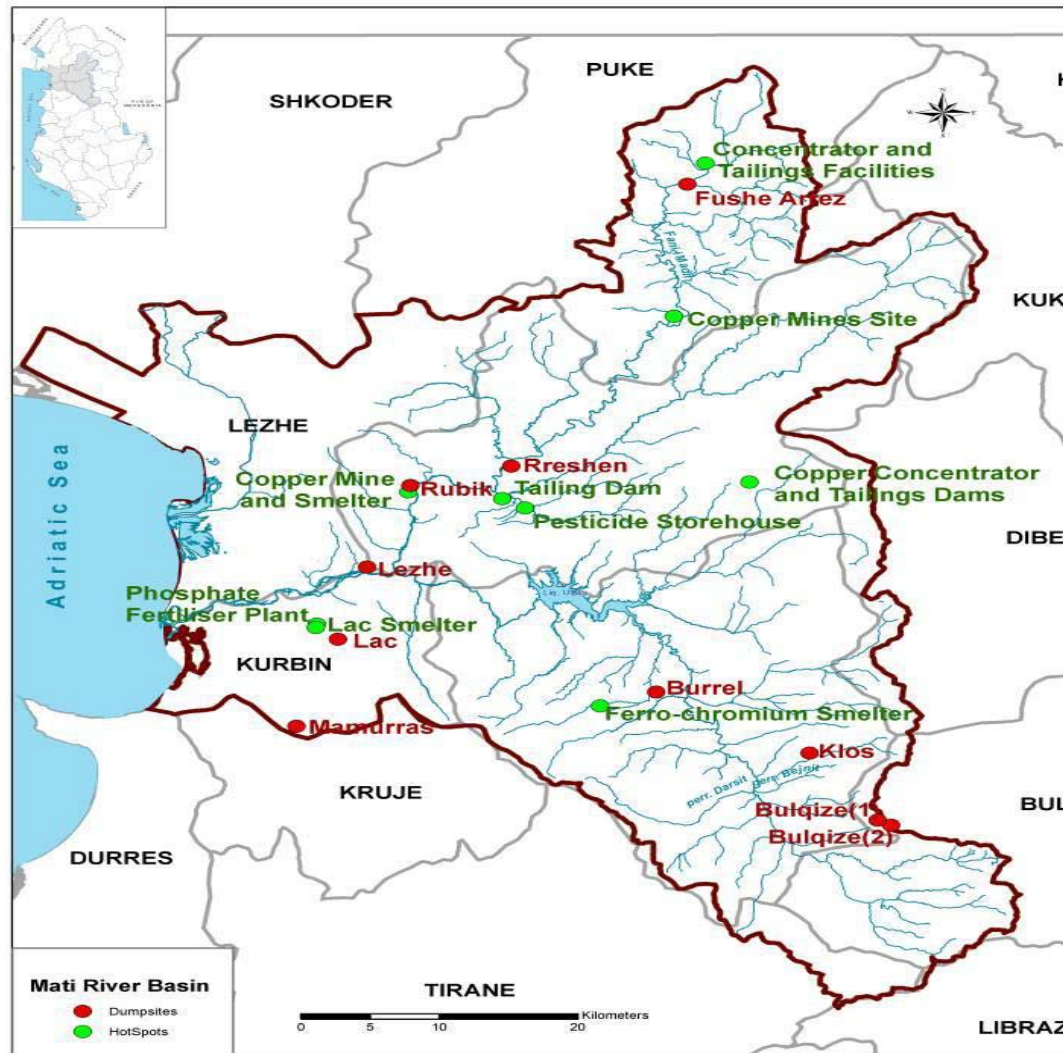
## Project



# Mati River Basin



# Mati River Basin – Hot Spots





# Mati River Basin – Monitoring Stations



# Encountered problems

- Weak authorities (RBCs and RBAs)
- Management plans hard to do!
- Financial resources
- Large areas flooded
- Water supply suffering technical, financial assistance
- Water quality deteriorating

- Financial resources
- Local authority's power
- Climate Change
- Unstable riverbanks
- Monitoring systems
- Water demand goes up





Good water status too far to reach !

However.....

- Not yet an EU Member State
- Willingness to comply to EU WFD for our own good
- Willingness to protect and better manage the water resources

**We are on time !**

Thank you for your attention!

Questions