

24th-25th June 2008, Tirana, Greece

The World Bank, in cooperation with the Albanian Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration and the Global Water Partnership Mediterranean, is organising the International Workshop "Water and Climate Change in Southeastern Europe: Understanding Impacts & Planning for Adaptation" in Tirana, Albania, 24-25 June 2008. The workshop will be attended by INWEB coordinator Prof. J. Ganoulis. The workshop contributes to the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI), as well as collaborative efforts by the Bank, client countries, and other partners on current and emerging water issues. The event is another milestone on transboundary water collaboration across SE Europe under the Petersberg Phase II/Athens Declaration Process. The Workshop will be focused primarily on the countries of the Western Balkans. It will bring together national, regional and international water sector experts and decision makers to discuss experiences, capabilities and needs for climate trends analysis, climate projections, vulnerability and impact assessments and adaptation strategies over the coming decades. The Workshop will also provide the opportunity for participants to reflect on the implications for applied scientific research and infrastructure planning on water resources.

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