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WMO



UNCCD

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Convention to Combat Desertification

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT CENTRE FOR SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE (DMCSEE)

way to better drought management?



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Second Preparatory Conference to the 15th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

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DMCSEE

Chronology

2003 first initiative (UN Convention to Combat Desertification)

October 2004 First Technical Workshop in Poiana/Brasov, Romania.

Outcome: establishment of a working group to formulate needs and further actions for laying the foundation of the DMCSEE

April 2006 Second Technical Workshop in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The participating countries were:
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYR Macedonia,
Greece, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey.
Representatives from Serbia and Montenegro also attended the
workshop as observers.

Participation: UNCCD focal points and PRs with the WMO

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Chronology (continued)

April 2006 Second Technical Workshop in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Outcome: Adoption of the DMCSEE framework (aims and objectives), agreement on further steps

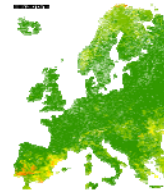
September 2006 Environmental Agency of Slovenia entrusted with establishment of the DMCSEE

Aims and objectives

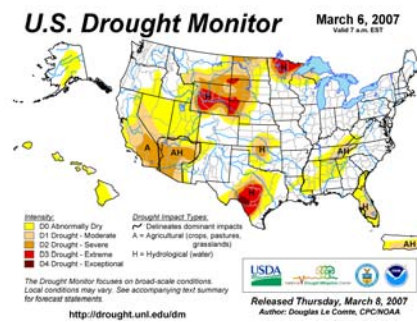
- To serve as an operational centre for South-Eastern Europe for drought preparedness, monitoring and management.
- To create and coordinate a sub-regional network of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and other relevant institutions.
- To coordinate and provide the operational guidelines that will assist the NMHSs and other relevant institutions in the sub-region to interpret and apply drought-related products.
- To prepare drought monitoring and forecast products and make them available on a near real-time basis to relevant institutions in participating countries.
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Examples to be followed:

- Joint Research Centre – Weather Driven Natural Hazards
- National Drought Mitigation Centre (Nebraska, USA)



Simulated soil moisture, LISFLOOD model



Next steps:

- “Kick – off” meeting, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 17-19 April 2007

Expected outcome:

- adoption of implementation plan
- adoption of time table and budget proposal
- search for potential stakeholders