



REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRISË  
KRYEMINISTRIA

SEKRETARIATI TEKNIK I KËSHILLIT KOMBËTAR TË UJIT

## **INCEPTION WORKSHOP for the preparation of the LAKE OHRID WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Dear All,

The Drin project has offered to all the riparian countries, not only the opportunity to prepare some of the key documents as required by the water-related European legislation, but also the great opportunity to cooperate and work together; to share and exchange, give and take, and most of all understand commonly the positive impact of drafting these documents through cooperation.

Water in Albania as well as in every other country in the region faces an increase of pressures coming from the rise of the demand for water with good quality. Studies conducted where possible in water resources being rivers/lakes but specifically in Lake Ohrid, as one of the oldest lakes on the world, have all aimed towards monitoring and protection. The preparation of a management plan for lake Ohrid in accordance with the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) through a platform for cooperation among all the stakeholders involved in the region ensures success of this project, success of our cooperation at transboundary level, it also leads to raising awareness on sustainable use of the lake Ohrid and its protection through the implementation, jointly, of the identified measures.

I am positive that the discussions, concerns raised and suggestions made at today's workshop shall serve as an important input for the preparation of the Ohrid lake management plan.

**I wish to everyone a good day!**

**Ms. Gerta Lubonja**

**Agency for Water Resources Management**