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## ROADMAP FOR AN ACTION

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*Action - “To promote measures aimed at reducing knowledge deficits, developing and transferring tools, methods and guidelines concerning the safeguarding of drinking water supply”.* Drinking water supply is a challenging issue in the region, and there are great disparities between the existing infrastructures, with some networks suffering from aboveaverage leakage rates and below-average quality assurance levels. This could be improved by fostering intense cooperation between drinking water suppliers. Ways in which to implement the cost recovery principle and general water pricing issues should be discussed and experience exchanged.

### **Milestone 1: Identify responsible authorities, enterprises, associations responsible for drinking water supply**

*Work:* Each country identifies **responsible authorities and enterprises** for drinking water supply along its whole “path” from the source to the user, including authorities responsible for protection of the water sources.

*Output:* List of responsible actors, database

*Responsible:* SK, ICPDR

*Deadline:* End of 2012

### **Milestone 2: Develop joint actions with responsible authorities, enterprises, associations responsible for drinking water supply**

*Work:* Development of joint actions (workshop/conference). Share of information about methods, guidelines concerning security of drinking water supply on different levels, etc.

*Output:* reports/documents of joint actions

*Responsible:* SK, ICPDR (coordination), suppliers’ umbrella organizations

*Deadline:* 2013

### **Milestone 3: Implementation of joint actions with responsible authorities, enterprises, associations responsible for drinking water supply**

*Work:* Implementations of outputs of joint actions, dissemination of information from milestone 2 (e.g. transboundary protection zones issues, common aquifer issues).

*Output:* projects, activities

*Responsible:* Danube countries and suppliers

*Deadline:* 2014