



## ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

### ***Approval of Request for No-Cost Extension of Project Completion Date: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia)***

***Weight of request:*** Minor

#### ***Summary of request***

On 9 September 2025, UNDP submitted a request for a six-month no-cost extension of the project completion date for the project *“Integrated Climate-Resilient Transboundary Flood Risk Management in the Drin River Basin in the Western Balkans.”*

According to the memo shared by UNDP, the request is based on the following reasons:

1. Implementation of the Social and Environmental Compliance Unit (SECU) recommendations for the Sateska River flood risk management site in North Macedonia, including monitoring of the management actions and completion of works at the site.
2. Finalization of the remaining construction works in Albania.
3. Ongoing consultations with donors and resource mobilization efforts to scale up structural flood risk reduction measures in Montenegro.

The proposed extension has been endorsed by the Drin Core Group / Regional Project Board.

#### ***Secretariat’s review of the request***

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by UNDP and considers the request for a six-month project no-cost extension to be justified. It also acknowledges that the Designated Authorities have been duly notified, in line with the Policy for Project/Programme Delays (Amended, 2025).

#### ***Conclusion***

*Following the review of the request for a six-month no-cost extension of the project completion date from 22 October 2025 to 22 April 2026 submitted by UNDP regarding the project “Integrated climate-resilient transboundary flood risk management in the Drin River Basin in the Western Balkans”, this has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44.44 and the Policy for Project/Programme Delays.*

***Clearance: AFBSEC-2025-15***