



# SESSION 3

## IMPACTS AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES FROM WATER- RELATED SECTORS

FEEDBACK FROM WORKING GROUP 3

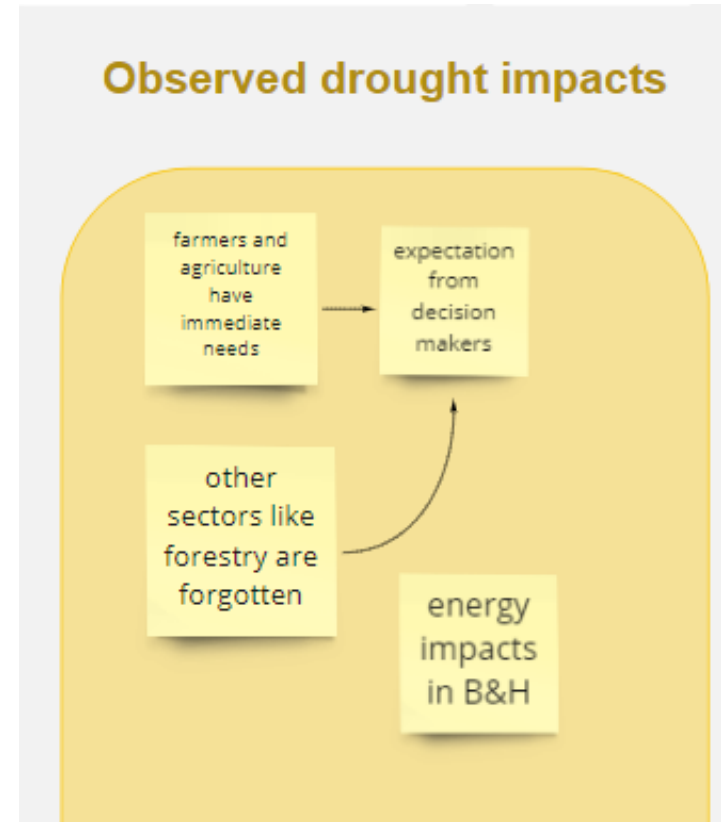
# OBSERVED DROUGHT IMPACTS

**Little information about impacts in other sectors other than agriculture**

**However, there is more:**

- Forestry suffered the lack of soil moisture and increased ET, forest fires, etc.
- Energy was affected, hydropower → B&H
- Cooling water was affected

**Activities and people have some expectations from the governments regarding preparedness for drought**



# PAST AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE RESILIENCE

**In general, there is more focus on quantitative status of the river(s)**

- New RBMP, DriDanube, IDMP...

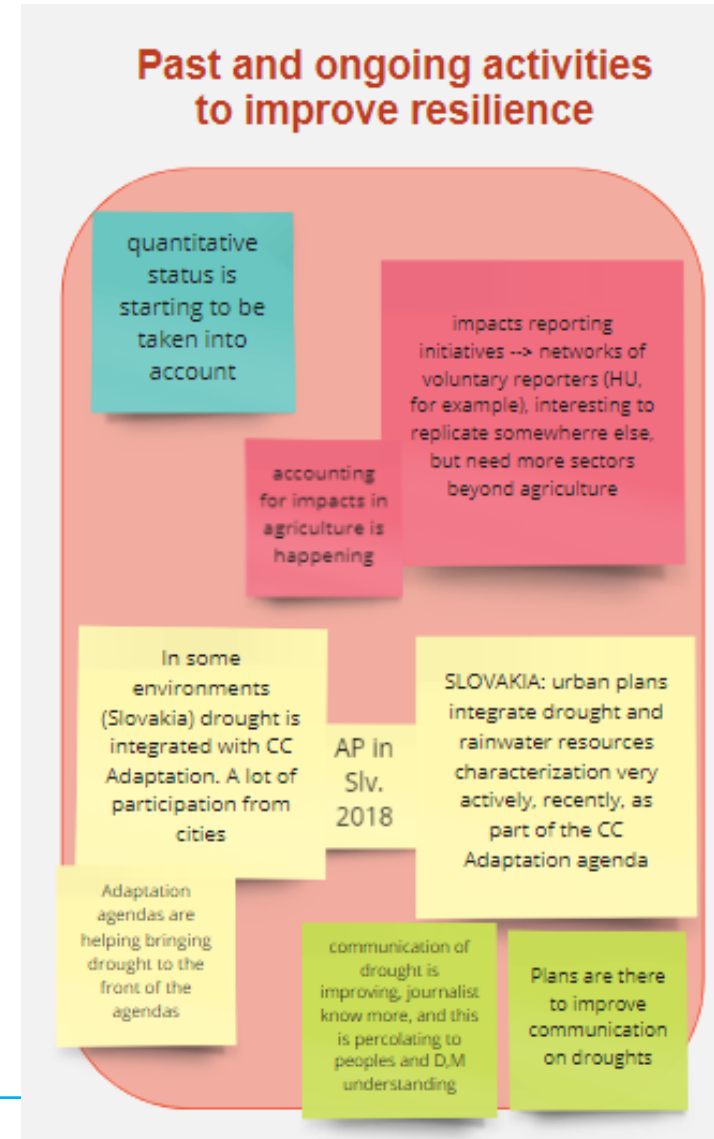
## Policy and planning for DRM

- CC Adaptation agendas can be aligned with DRM ones (Slovakia)
- Urban planning has grasped some opportunities to plan for drought in parallel (rainwater harvesting, utilities drought planning, etc.)

## Impact reporting initiatives

- These have been discussed as incipient and promising
- In agriculture, there are interesting initiatives linked to the NRN (mentioned for Hungary)
- Other sectors are lagging behind
- Information and data varies among countries

**Communication on drought is improving, there are guidelines and journalists are increasingly more prepared**



**General conflictual situations → competition among sectors for water allocation, infrastructures were not designed to cope with droughts**

**Financing for drought is insufficient at all levels**

- The overall issue of drought finance needs to be revised in the region
- Insurance for farmers is not affordable
- Reinsurance is not well developed, there are cases
- Need to make the economic case!

**Drought should be higher in the agenda**

- RBMP are not designed to deal well with quantitative aspects
- In some cases, DEWS were not properly addressed, even if farmers were reporting issues with drought

**Communication of science needs to improve, we need to bridge the gap science- society - policy**

## Implementation challenges and enabling environment for pro-active approach

