

# The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia

EXPERTISE FOR BETTER ENVIRONMENT



# CAREC

## Platform for Cooperation

Change. Growth. Development.  
2001 - 2019

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**18 years of  
expertise  
for better  
environment**

## **WE ARE**

- Independent
- Non-commercial
- Non-political
- International

## **MISSION**

to assist Central Asian countries in addressing national and regional challenges on environmental protection

## **FOUNDERS**

- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- European Union
- UNDP

# CAREC Offices in Central Asia



- Country office
- Head office

# CAREC Activities

## 1. CAREC as a Cooperation Platform



- Within the CA region
- Bridge between CA & global initiatives

## 2. CAREC as a Knowledge Hub (Awareness raising)



- Capacity building
- Data bank: Information Platforms, Online courses

## 3. CAREC as a Think Tank



- Research & Analytics
- Policy Advice
- Expert & Methodological Support

### CAREC APPROACHES



*REGIONAL APPROACH*



*MULTILATERAL APPROACH*



*INTERSECTORAL APPROACH*



*GENDER APPROACH*



*INNOVATIVE APPROACH*



# CAREC – a platform for cooperation

## Central Asian International Environmental Forum

Platform for regular exchange of efforts and progress in CA on environment and sustainable development – cooperation of development partners

## Central Asian Leadership Programme

Regional training for young leaders on sustainable development topics as an efficient tool for youth capacity building and building partnership in CA

## Central Asian Climate Change Conference

Promoting regional dialogue, sharing knowledge and information on adaptation to climate change, exploring opportunities for joint action between international, regional and national partners

## Meeting of Parliamentarians and MFA representatives

Policy and legislation messages, cooperation through legislative and foreign policy instruments - political support

## Meetings of regional organizations

Regionally important decisions, plans, aspects and role of different regional organizations - regional coordination

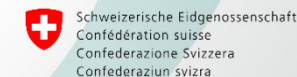
## High Level Dialogue Platform on Water (Secretariat Blue Peace CA)

Collaborative solutions for sustainable regional water management – political, programmatic/technical, educational tracks

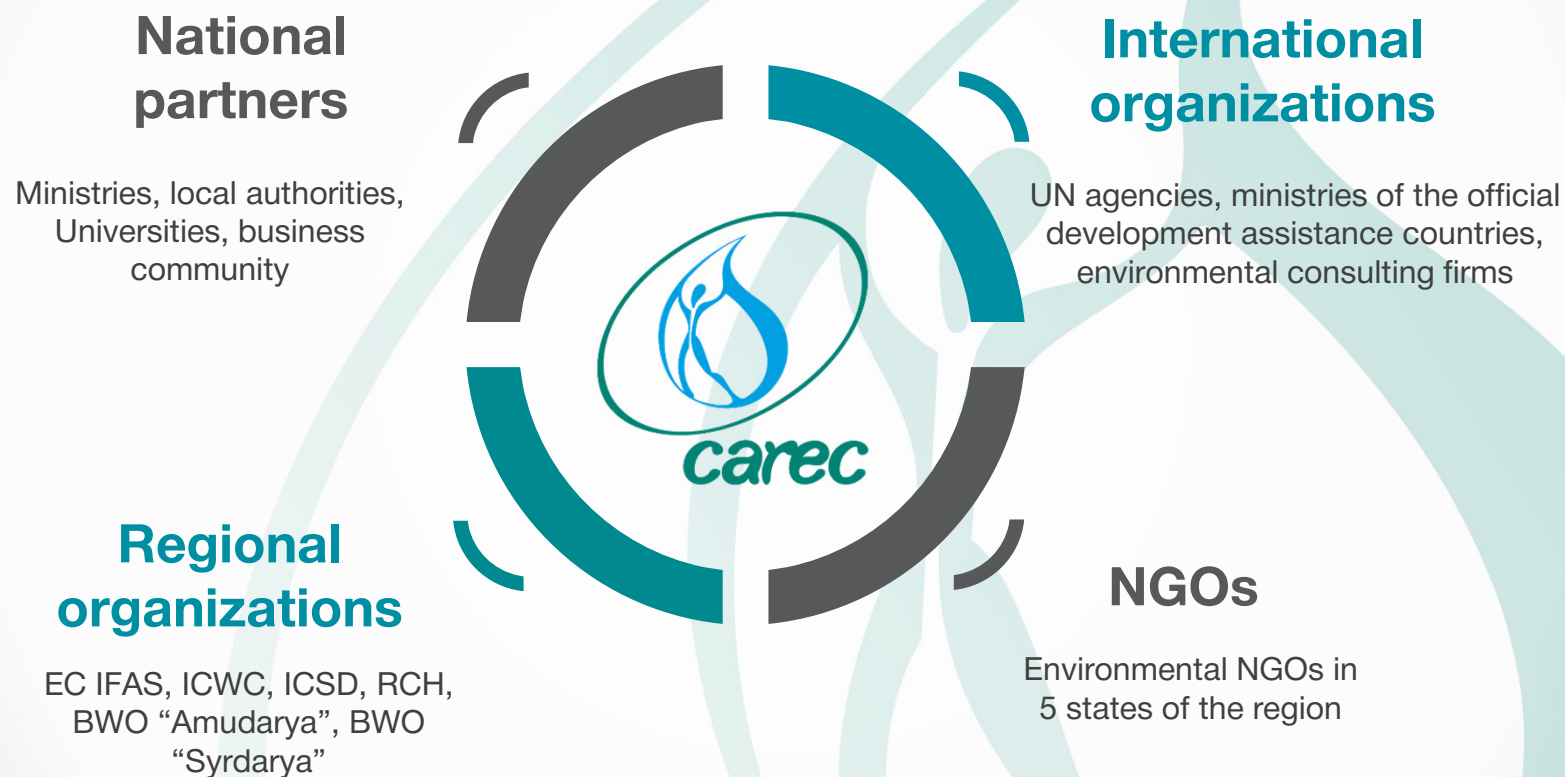
## Project Steering Committees, Working groups

Steering concrete projects, involving mandated partners and joint work on concrete aspects – project/programme level inter-sectoral cooperation

*Work of the abovementioned platforms is supported by*



# CAREC's collaboration with partners (multilateral approach)



# CAREC programmes and expertise

## 5 thematic programmes

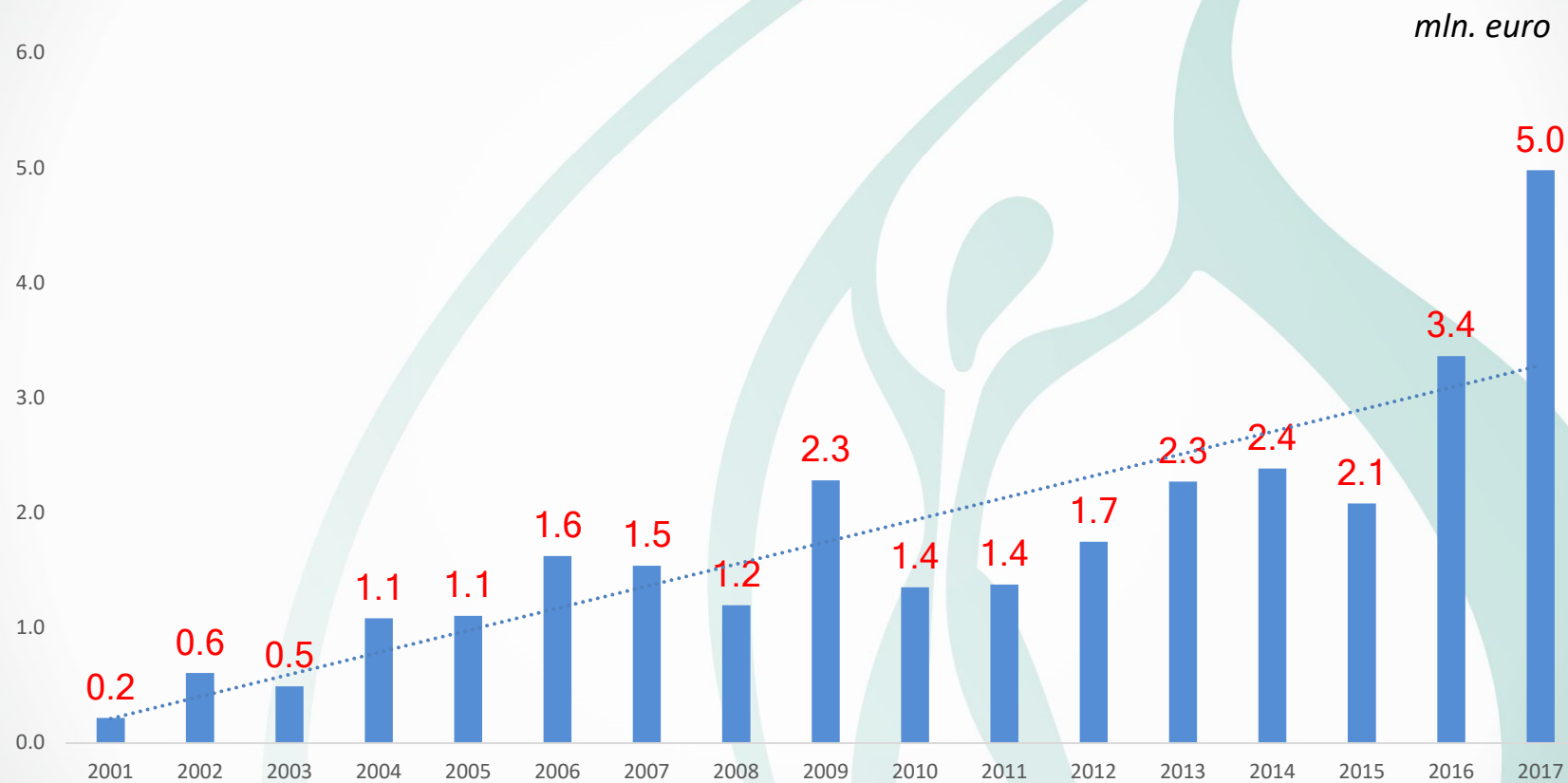
- ✓ CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
- ✓ WATER INITIATIVES SUPPORT
- ✓ ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
- ✓ EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH



## Expertise

- ✓ CLIMATE ADAPTATION & MITIGATION
- ✓ INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (IWRM) & BASIN PLANNING
- ✓ TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION & WATER DIPLOMACY
- ✓ WATER QUALITY
- ✓ ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
- ✓ ENVIRONMENTAL CONVENTIONS
- ✓ “WATER-FOOD-ENERGY” NEXUS
- ✓ GREENING “ONE BELT, ONE ROAD INITIATIVE”
- ✓ PROMOTION OF SDGs
- ✓ LEADERSHIP & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OF YOUTH & INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
- ✓ INFLUENCE of ECOLOGY on HUMAN HEALTH

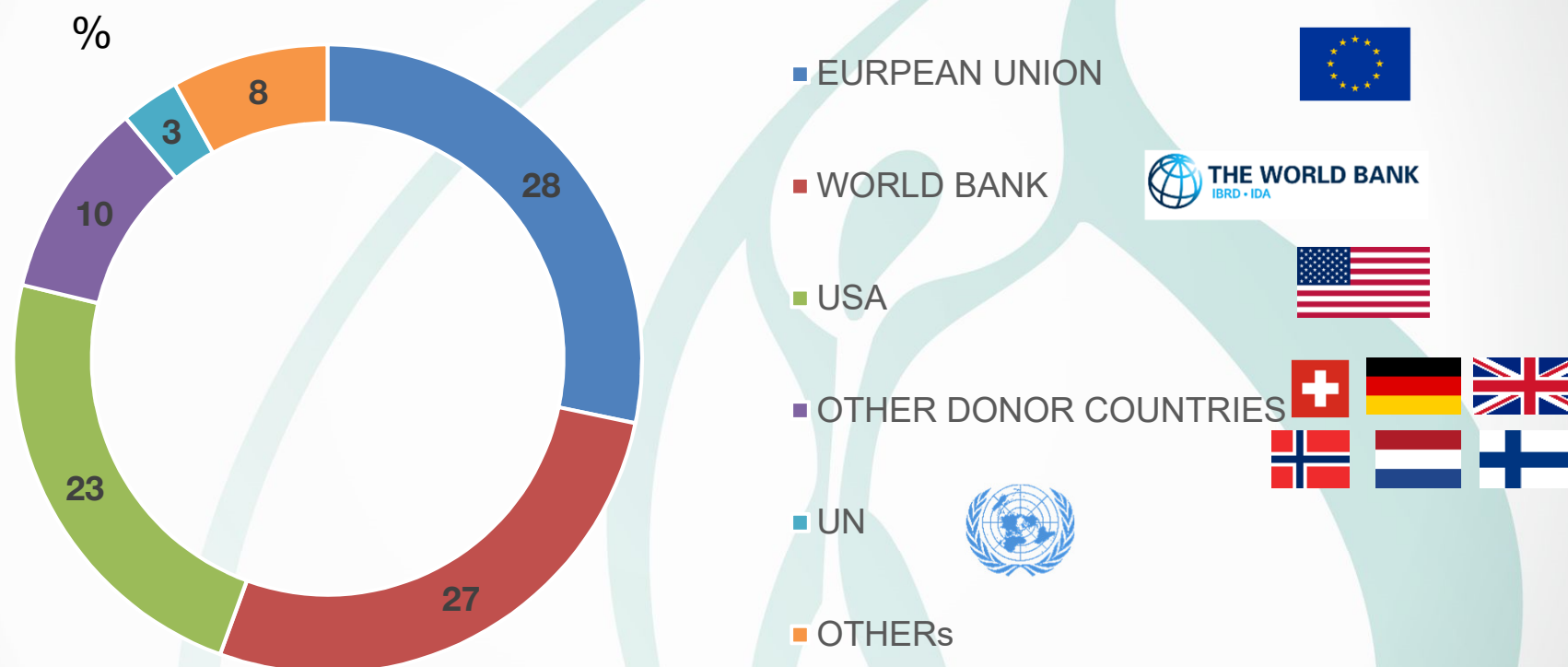
# Annual turnover, 2001-2018



**2018:** 20 projects  
26 mln. euro



# Financial Support of CAREC projects by Donors, 2001-2018



*Note: the share of the World Bank is mostly made up by ongoing Camp4ASB project*

# Current Projects

## Smart Waters



**Overall objective:** to build capacities of managers in Central Asia & Afghanistan who trust each other & are capable of managing shared water resources efficiently to obtain the economic value from water resources over the long term

**Resource partner:** USAID

**Duration:** Oct 2015 – Sep 2020

**Budget:** 9,5 million USD

**Location:** Central Asian Countries and Afghanistan

## CAMP4ASB



**Overall objective:** to enhance regionally coordinated access to improved climate change knowledge services for key stakeholders as well as to increased investments and capacity building that, combined, will address climate challenges common to the region

**Resource partner:** the World Bank

**Duration:** Aug 2016 – Apr 2021

**Budget:** 15 million USD

**Location:** Central Asian Countries

## UzWaterAware



**Overall objective:** to raise awareness of the Uzbekistan population on the importance of rational water use and environmental protection in the face of climate change

**Resource partner:** European Union

**Duration:** Sep 2016 – Sep 2018

**Budget:** 2.2 million EURO

**Location:** Uzbekistan

## CA NEXUS Dialogue Project



**Overall objective:** to create a multi-sectoral enabling environment to facilitate sustainable and climate-resilient investments for increased water, energy, and food security in CA

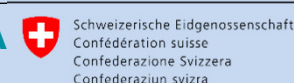
**Resource partner:** European Union

**Duration:** Dec 2016 – Dec 2019

**Budget:** 1.3 million EURO

**Location:** Central Asian Countries

## Blue Peace CA High Level Dialogue Platform



**Overall objective:** to support the HLDP to strengthen the effective regional water diplomacy in CA and contribute to empowering the next generation

**Resource partner:** Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)

**Duration:** Apr 2018 – Dec 2020

**Budget:** 800k USD

**Location:** Central Asian Countries

# A look into the future

**Think Tanking & Knowledge Hub**  
Generation and dissemination of research knowledge

**Coordination & Cooperation**  
Strengthening the coordination and cooperation of national, regional and international players - the role of CAREC as coordinator

**2025**

## **New horizons**

the introduction of new targeted programs, which are of direct interest to the region

## **ECA**

Full launch of the EfCA process for sustainable development of the region

## **Human resources**

Increase the competitiveness of the organization by attracting strong personnel and creating better conditions for professional growth and employ the individual qualities of each employee for the best organizational development.

# Recent Publications

## Climate Investments in Central Asia:

Preliminary results of the International  
Development Association loan programme



## RETHINKING WATER IN CENTRAL ASIA

The costs of inaction and  
benefits of water cooperation



## Water Cooperation in Central Asia: an Evolving Approach and Demand

Integrated water  
Central Asia  
the regional  
agenda long before the countries of the  
region gained independence. Hit hard by a  
number of severe water crises back in the  
70's and 80's of the last century the urge  
towards more appropriate and equitable  
water management and coordination in the  
region has been strong and persistent  
since then (UNEP & UNESCO, 2004).  
This was further triggered more decisively  
by the collapse of centrally managed  
system and arrangements under the  
former USSR and the consequential  
processes towards securitization of  
national borders and economies as a  
whole in the region. The newly set  
geopolitical reality required new

the time progressed. Which was not  
surprising at all as transboundary waters  
research elsewhere suggests that "at the  
point where transboundary relations move  
from the non-politicized to the politicized,  
responsibility for water relations move out  
of the departments of state responsible for  
managing water resources... to the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs..." (Earle et al.  
2013). With most rivers in the region  
assumed a sovereignty issue, the process  
soon was joined for mediation and support  
by key international organizations and  
donors active in the region. It is worth  
noting though that most such donor  
support in the earlier years concentrated  
exclusively on the bigger regional picture  
represented by the Aral Sea basin, as a  
whole. Since the early 2000's the process  
has started gradually acquiring more  
sophistication setting down closer to more  
water management  
of specific smaller  
heds at a lower sub-  
ierghana Canal, Chu-  
ara, Khojapakirgan,  
ime of the Central  
me novel governance  
boundary waters were  
ed, tested and applied  
development support  
ers. Of these, only the



## Green technologies and climate information: application guide in cartoons



## Climate Change and Hydrology in Central Asia

A Survey of Selected River Basins

2018  
5-8 JUNE



CENTRAL ASIAN  
INTERNATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

REPORT



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# GEF and CAREC partnership

- Similar **programmatic focus**, CAREC is **regionally located** with access to national systems
- Compliance with GEF **thematic areas**: Biodiversity, Climate Change Mitigation, International Waters, Multi-Focal Area (WEF Nexus, IWRM, INRM)
- CAREC is representing **civil society** organizations and strong **capacity building** component
- CAREC focuses on **knowledge and learning**, provide **partnership with business** and **innovative** approaches
- **Regional mandate** and platforms with country specific **implementation strategies**



# GEF and CAREC partnership

- **MoU for partnership Central Asia:**
  - (i) capacity building and information dissemination on GEF programmes,
  - (ii) information hub and
  - (iii) joint activities
- **CAREC's accreditation as regional implementing agency-** strong demand for regional partnership

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**Thank you  
for attention!**