

***Interactive comment on* “Enhancing capacities of riparian professionals to address and resolve transboundary issues in international river basins: experiences from the Lower Mekong River Basin” by W. Douven et al.**

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We highly appreciate the comments received from referee #1. The edits given in the supplement and the specific comments will be incorporated in the final version of the paper. The additional suggestions for improving the analyses will be addressed in the following way:

- Reflecting on the biased selection of participants (ie members of the lower Mekong

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region, excluding the upper Mekong countries), what implications this has on the coordinated management of the Mekong basin, and how this could be improved.

- We will investigate similar capacity development programmes in the region and add a few lines on this issue in the revised paper.

Again many thanks for the comments and we are happy to incorporate the comments in the final version.

On behalf of all authors,

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