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**Joint Operational Programme  
“Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”**

**2014 Brochure**



The Joint Operational Programme „Black Sea Basin 2007-2013” (Black Sea Basin Programme) is one of the cross border cooperation programmes of the European Union under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).

There are 8 participating countries in the Programme: Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine.

The Black Sea Basin Programme aims at a stronger and more sustainable economic and social development of the Black Sea Basin regions. Through this Programme, communities in the concerned areas are encouraged to further develop their local economy, confront environmental challenges and promote greater interaction among people.

The Programme is financed by the ENPI, while the participation of Turkey is financed by the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA).

For the current programming period, the EU financing for the Programme amounts to EUR 28.1 million ENPI funds and to EUR 7 million IPA funds for Turkish partners. The total budget (including co-financing of the participating countries) amounts to EUR 38.5 million (ENPI+IPA).

**62 projects** have been approved for financing under the Black Sea Basin Programme, **19 projects** had been awarded under the first call for proposals and **43 projects** under the second call for proposals. The contracting process of all applications ended at December 31st, 2013, the final deadline specified by the applicable regulations.

The Black Sea Basin Programme has 3 major priorities and 7 measures aiming to increase economic, social, environmental and cultural development in the Black Sea Basin region.

Most of the awarded and contracted projects were addressing the aim of sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation.

There are 24 projects financed under the two Calls for Proposals which shares experience and knowledge in the field of environmental research and protection.

26 of the projects are implementing their action in cross-border partnership to support the economic and social development of the area.

For 12 of the awarded projects the aim is to support or to establish cultural and educational networks to develop a common cultural environment in the Black Sea Basin.

*This publication has been prepared with the aim to provide brief information on the status of the Joint Operational Programme „Black Sea Basin 2007-2013” and to promote the projects funded by the Programme under the Second Call for Proposals.*

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources

Measure 1.1: Strengthening accessibility and connectivity for new intra regional information, communication, transport and trade links

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 555.432,00

Total Grant: € 499.888,80

Start - End date: 02.05.2013 - 01.05.2015

### About the Project:

To achieve stronger regional partnerships and cooperation e-F+TN addresses the global objective of the Black Sea Programme in 3 ways. 1. By establishing a network, across the Black Sea basin, of stakeholders involved in business promotion in order to facilitate the establishment of trade links and commercial exchanges among Black Sea enterprises. 2. By strengthening and expanding business and trade links / relationships between enterprises of the wide region, 3. By jointly supporting and promoting the internationalization of local enterprises.

### Beneficiary:

German Hellenic Chamber of industry and Commerce (DGIHK), Department Northern Greece, Greece

### Partners:

1. Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, Turkey
2. Exhibition Research Institute (IEE), Greece
3. Chamber of Commerce and Industry Targovishte, Bulgaria
4. Caucasian Institute for Economic and Social Research (CIESR), Georgia
5. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Moldova, Republic of Moldova

### Main Activities:

1. Central training course;
2. National Training workshops;
3. Intra regional Virtual Fairs;
4. Virtual presence initiatives;
5. International Virtual Fair;
6. Support services to local enterprises.

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources

Measure 1.2 - Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 802.243,64

Total Grant: € 677.895,88

Start - End Date: 08.01.2013 - 07.01.2015

## About the Project:

The main objectives of the project are to support development for local economies through tourism in Partner states in the Black Sea Basin, to enhance visitor experience at tourism sites in Partner states in the Black Sea Basin, to promote cross cultural cooperation through cross-border partnerships, to encourage protection of cultural monuments and biodiversity hotspots through regenerative tourist activities. The specific objective of the project is to establish Cross-border Tourism Trail “Black Sea Silk Road Corridor” (BSSRC) in and between Partner states.

## Beneficiary:

Armenian Monuments Awareness Project (AMAP), Republic of Armenia

## Partners:

1. The Economists’ Association (EKP), Turkey
2. European Regional Framework for Co-operation, Greece
3. TADZRELI Foundation, Georgia

4. Armenian Society for the Protection of Birds (BirdLife in Armenia), Armenia

## Main Activities:

1. Mark the BSSRC trail and identify cultural, historic and natural destinations on the trail;
2. Install multi-language information panels, directional signs and walking tour/hiking markers/plagues for the trail;
3. Create and install smart phone APPs and Web Site for the trail;
4. Promote BSSRC trail and APPs/Web Site to tourists, tourist industry and online / APP users;
5. Create a network database and advertising for local service providers in APPs and website.

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.2 - Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 529.648,00

Total Grant: € 476.683,20

Start - End Date: 28.05.2013 - 27.05.2015

### About the Project:

The aim of the joint action is to improve the services provided in the agrotourism sector in the project area by creating a framework of quality standards to which the local SMEs should adapt themselves in order to be assessed and certified.

### Beneficiary:

Municipality of Xanthi

### Partners:

1. Black Sea Economic Centre, Bulgaria
2. Ecotourism Association NGO, Armenia
3. International Centre for Social Research and Policy Analysis, Georgia
4. Suruceni Town Administration, Republic of Moldova
5. State organization "Regional Fund for the Support of the Entrepreneurship of Zaporozhye region", Ukraine

### Main Activities:

1. Study of the current status in agrotourism;
2. Design of a common standard for agrotourism;
3. Common promotion plan;
4. Visibility of the Action;
5. Management and Coordination of the Action.

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.3 - Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local development policies

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 578.876,38

Total Grant: € 520.988,74

Start - End Date: 01.06.2013 - 30.06.2015

### About the Project:

The Projects aim is to contribute to a stronger regional partnerships and cooperation schemes in BS area through the reinforcement of administrative capacities of local authorities and bodies. The specific objective of the project is to reinforce the administrative capacities of local authorities and bodies in a very crucial sector (energy efficiency in buildings) having major environmental and economic impacts locally and globally.

### Beneficiary:

Municipality of Kavala, Greece

### Partners:

1. Samsun Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey
2. Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
3. Municipality of Galati, Romania
4. University "DUNĂREA" Galați, Romania
5. American University of Armenia, Armenia

6. Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund, Ukraine
7. Municipality of Cahul, Moldova
8. Municipality of Mykolayiv, Ukraine
9. Municipality of Tekirdag, Turkey

### Main Activities:

1. Knowledge and Information collection and dissemination - Analysis of external current situation;
2. Preparation for implementation - Analysis of internal current situation;
3. Integrated planning processes and approaches - Planning, implementation and training;
4. Visibility of the Action;
5. Management and coordination of the Action.

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# Local/ Regional Economic Development Network a decisive leverage point for enhanced competitiveness in the Black Sea Basin regions, LRED

**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.3 - Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local development policies

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 470.540,00

Total Grant: € 423,486.00

Start - End Date: 01.07.2013 - 30.06.2015

## About the Project:

The aim of the project is the building of local LRED main players' entrepreneurial and administrative capacities to enhance social, information, trade and other links to local level, as well as between partner countries, hence encouraging national governments to scale-up cooperation opportunities and synergize efforts towards better life in the Black Sea Basin.

## Beneficiary:

Fund 'Small and Medium Development National Centre of Armenia', Republic of Armenia

## Partners:

1. Gegharkunik Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Armenia (GCCCI), Republic of Armenia
2. PIERIKI ANAPTIXIAKI S.A.-O.L.A., Greece
3. Business Advisory Centre, Moldova

4. Caucasian Institute for Economic and Social Research, Georgia

5. „Business Agency”, Bulgaria

## Main Activities:

1. Enhancing project partners' capacities for LRED promotion;
2. Developing local administrative capacities for effective LRED promotion;
3. Consolidation of LRED results / establishment of LRED Network;
4. Coaching of cross border initiatives;
5. Visibility of the Action;
6. Management and coordination of the Action.

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.3 - Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local development policies

**Duration:** 18 Months  
**Total Budget:** € 417.700,00  
**Total Grant:** € 375.930,00  
**Start - End Date:** 22.06.2013 - 21.12.2014

#### About the Project:

The aim of the project is to increase the administrative capacity of the public sector in the programme area, by promoting the concept of total quality and the implementation of modern common quality management tools (especially of the Common Assessment Framework).

#### Beneficiary:

Municipality of Paggaio, Greece

#### Partners:

1. Sile Municipality, Turkey
2. Regional Agency for Cooperation and Development, Bulgaria
3. Agigea Commune, Romania
4. Ciocana District Office, Republic of Moldova
5. Association of the Graduates of the Academy of Public Administration affiliated to the President's Office of the Republic of Moldova, Republic of Moldova

6. Civil Service Council of The Republic of Armenia, Republic of Armenia
7. Agency for Cross Border Cooperation "Euroregion "Lower Danube", Ukraine

#### Main Activities:

1. Trainers Training and Pilot Application;
2. Exchange of Experiences - Networking;
3. Visibility of the Action;
4. Management and Coordination of the Action.

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.3 - Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local development policies

**Duration:** 18 Months

Total Budget: € 484.861,50

Total Grant: € 436.370,47

Start - End Date: 10.06.2013-10.12.2014

### About the Project:

The global objective of the project is to build capacity for organizations of civil society in order to strengthen their role in the prioritization, design and implementation of local and regional development public policies.

### Beneficiary:

SMART Development Center, Romania

### Partners:

1. Association for Cross Border Cooperation "Lower Danube Euroregion", Romania
2. Agency of Sustainable Development and European Integration "Lower Danube" Euroregion, Ukraine
3. The Institute of Public Policy, Republic of Moldova
4. European Integration, Republic of Armenia

### Main Activities:

1. Increasing awareness about the importance of citizen engagement in social dialogue;
2. Creating a network of organizations of civil society from Romania, Ukraine, Armenia; and the Republic of Moldova that will support citizen engagement in local and regional development public policies;
3. Stimulating entrepreneurs' participation in the formulation of local and regional development policies and in public - private partnerships;
4. Visibility of the Action;
5. Management and coordination of the Action.

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources

Measure 1.1 - Strengthening accessibility and connectivity for new intra- regional information, communication, transport and trade links

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 532,785.00

Total Grant: € 479,506.50

Start - End Date: 13.07.2013 - 12.07.2015

## About the Project:

The overall objective of the joint action is the improvement of containers' tracking through systematic approach and standardized security procedures that will enable the immediate and automatic identification and tracking of a sealed container during its transportation between different container terminals. The project will increase the cooperation level among port authorities, will identify the business processes involved in the security procedures of containers in each port.

## Beneficiary:

Alexander Technological Educational Institute of Thessaloniki, Greece

## Partners:

1. Port Authority of Alexandroupolis, Greece
2. Port of Burgas, Bulgaria
3. Odessa Regional Centre for Investment and Development, Ukraine

## Main Activities:

1. Development of the web application for containers' monitoring and securing;
2. Pilot operation and evaluation of the web application for containers' monitoring and securing;
3. Visibility of the Action;
4. Management and coordination of the Action.

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# Creation of a Black Sea Network for sustainable tourism development in Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia (BS - TOURISM NET)

**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.2 - Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 608.975,50

Total Grant: € 548.077,95

Start - End Date: 29.06.2013 - 28.06.2015

## About the Project:

The main objective of the project is to establish and operate a cooperative and self-supporting BS Network for sustainable tourism comprising data and information providers, policy and decision makers and tourism industry.

## Beneficiary:

Municipality of Varna, Bulgaria

## Partners:

1. Black Sea Economic Centre, Bulgaria
2. Municipality of Odessa (Odessa City Council), Department of Culture and Tourism, Ukraine
3. Black Sea branch of Ukrainian Environmental Academy of Sciences, Ukraine
4. ASOCIATIA EUROPEANA DE MEDIU (The European Environmental Association), Romania
5. Tbilisi State University, Department of Human Geography of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Georgia

6. AGRICOLA, Ukraine

7. Environmental Association for Quaternary Research "INQUA", Republic of Moldova

## Main Activities:

1. Management and coordination of the Action;
2. Establishment and operating of Black Sea Sustainable Tourism network;
3. End-user and stakeholders consultation and feedback, organization of national information and feedback workshops;
4. Development of national, regional and joint sustainable tourism programmes / activities ('tourism offers');
5. Development of interactive web-based Black Sea Sustainable Tourism infrastructure (web portal system);
6. Visibility of the action: promotion, dissemination and public awareness;
7. Development of sustainable exploitation strategy and exploitation plan.

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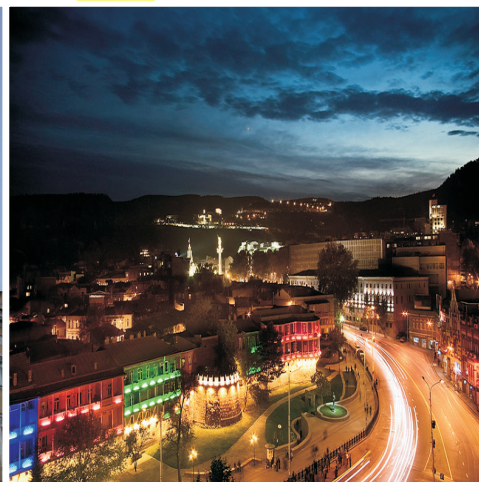
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# Danube - Black Sea connection of European and Asian economy, a step for substantial growth for the Black Sea area (DABS)

**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources

Measure 1.1 - Strengthening accessibility and connectivity for new intra- regional information, communication, transport and trade links

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 463.920,00

Total Grant: € 417.528,00

Start - End Date: 15.06.2013 - 14.06.2015

## About the Project:

The general objective of the project is to contribute to the economic development of the area by supporting improved access and better connections of the European and Asian economy among ports within the Danube-Black Sea area. The specific objectives of the project are to improve the capacity of the stakeholders to develop improved or new freight eco-friendly water transport routes as a connection between European and Asian economy, to advocate the use of the alternative routes to connect Black Sea and Danube, as a contribution to the decreasing of the pollution caused by different type of transport coming to coastal areas, to promote the maritime and inland water transport as a source for sustainable economic and social development of the area.

## Beneficiary:

Romanian Inland Ports Union (UPIR), Romania

## Partners:

1. Samsun Special Provincial Administration (SSPA), Turkey
2. The Agency for Cross-Border Cooperation and European Integration (ACTIE), Moldova

3. Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (UBBSLA), Bulgaria
4. The Communal Organization Agency for Cross Border Cooperation "Euroregion "Lower Danube" (COACBC), Ukraine
5. International Centre for Social Research and Policy Analysis (ICSRPA), Georgia
6. European Regional Framework for Co-operation (ERFC), Greece
7. Municipality of Inebolu (MI), Turkey

## Main Activities:

1. Stakeholders are working together to organize thematic workshops in Romania, Turkey, Bulgaria and Greece;
2. Technical support for stakeholders including acquisitions of services for studies, elaborating a market analysis to identify potential cargo flows to be settled down or reinforced inside the defined zone (Black Sea Basin and Danube macro-region), elaborating a feasibility study to find the most suitable solution for a regular maritime liner service connecting Black Sea and Danube and building a database with technical information which could be used by the stakeholders when they need to take a decision.

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.2 - Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 697.514,81

Total Grant: € 627.763,32

Start - End Date: 01.07.2013 - 30.06.2015

## About the Project:

The main objective of the project is to help address an important gap in the development of cultural tourism in the wider Black Sea area and the establishment of an Institution for the promotion of the cities - ports of Black Sea and of their cultural resources. This is an effort to develop a timeless institution, which will support cultural tourism developmental efforts around Black Sea region. The Institution will try to connect Black Sea countries in a cultural manner and support every effort of mobilization in the field of cultural tourism.

## Beneficiary:

European Centre for Byzantine and post - Byzantine Monuments (EKBMM), Greece

## Partners:

1. Istanbul University, Faculty of Letters, Department of Conservation of Marine Archaeological Objects, Turkey
2. Municipality of Kavala, Greece

3. Museum for National History and Archaeology from Constanta (MINAC), Romania
4. Odessa City Council, Department of Culture and Tourism, Ukraine
5. G. Chubinashvili National Research Centre for Georgian Art History and Heritage Preservation, Georgia
6. Municipality of Varna, Bulgaria
7. Koc University of Istanbul, Turkey

## Main Activities:

1. Capacity building activities;
2. Documentation of the cities - ports;
3. The network of Cultural ports;
4. Visibility of the Action;
5. Management and coordination of the Action.

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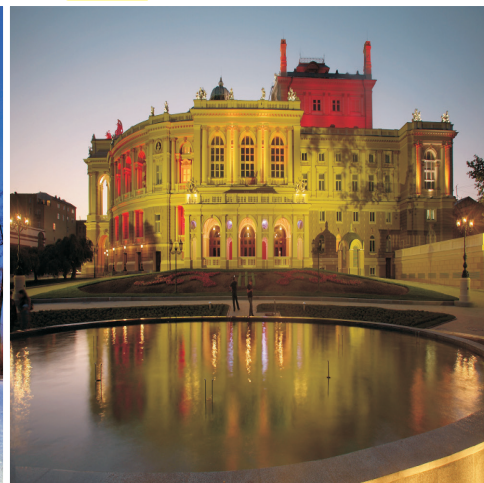
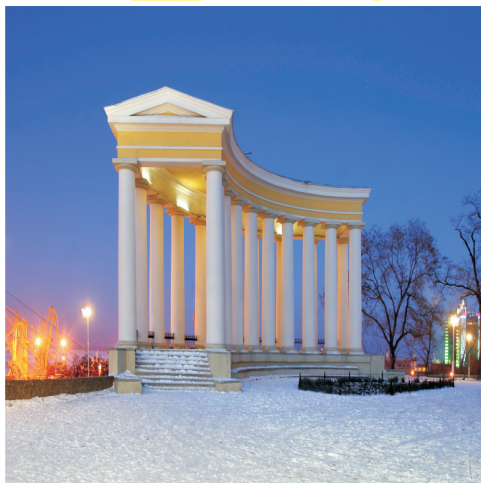
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# Preparing the conditions for penetration of the Black Sea Wines in the international market: "Black Sea WinExports"

**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources

Measure 1.1 - Strengthening accessibility and connectivity for new intra regional information, communication, transport and trade links

Duration: 24 Months

Total Budget: € 440.547,46

Total Grant: € 396.492,71

Start - End Date: 24.05.2013 - 23.05.2015

## About the Project:

The aim of the project is to broaden the cooperation among the targeted region in order to exchange knowledge and experience by the development of innovative digital tools. Establishment of a common brand name for the Black Sea Wines and to set up a common marketing strategy that will increase the market shares in targeted and emergent wine consumer markets.

## Beneficiary:

Panciu Territorial Administrative Unit, Romania

## Partners:

1. Polychoros Peirama, Greece
2. Business Agency Association, Bulgaria
3. Moldovan Small Wine Producers Association, Republic of Moldova
4. Regional Fund for Support of Entrepreneurship in Odessa Oblast, Ukraine

## Main Activities:

1. Exploitation of common identity;
2. Strengthening the Black Sea Wines sector extroversion;
3. Visibility of the Action;
4. Management and coordination.

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.3 - Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local development policies

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 644.018,45

Total Grant: € 575.881,30

Start - End Date: 27.03.2013 - 26.03.2015

## About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to accelerate the development of a productive and competitive economy and improve cooperation in the Black Sea region. The specific objectives of the project are to increase the institutional capacity of the business support organizations, public authorities and business incubators in development and promotion of specific policies related to business incubation as a tool to support and strengthen start-up and innovative SMEs, and to boost the level of cross-country cooperation between business incubators, business support organizations, public authorities and incubated SMEs to improve the economic competitiveness of the Black Sea region.

## Beneficiary:

Organisation for Small and Medium Enterprises Sector Development, Republic of Moldova

## Partners:

1. European Regional Framework for Co-operation Inter-Regional Development Organization (ERFC), Greece
2. Association of Cross border Cooperation "Lower Danube Euroregion" (ACT EDJ), Romania
3. Small and Medium Entrepreneurship Development National Center of Armenia (SMEDNC), Armenia



4. Regional Fund for the Support of the Entrepreneurship of Zaporizhye region (RFSE), Ukraine
5. Middle Black Sea Development Agency (OKA), Turkey

## Main Activities:

1. Project management and coordination;
2. External communication and visibility of the Action (2 kick-off meetings and 2 final conferences, 1 BI-Net launching event, web-page, brochures, CD's and leaflets);
3. Creation of Black Sea BI-Net - establishing the regional focus points and training them, organizing the workshop with participation of business support organization (BSO), public authorities and business incubator managers to debate on public policies in the SMEs development area, develop the membership criteria and operational plan of the BI-Net and launching the BI-Net, developing the network development guidelines and local action plans for BIs development;
4. Exchange of activities and sharing best know-how between the BI's - needs assessment of the existing BI's in the region and defining the common quality standards, organizing the 4 study visits in BI's in 4 countries, organizing 4 training courses for the BSO's, BI's and public authorities on issues identified during the workshop, developing the action plans for the identified nascent business incubators;
5. Supporting incubated SMEs to internationalize - needs assessment of the incubated SMEs in the field of internationalization, 6 tailor-made seminars for the MSEs executives, B2B match-making and consultancy, international BI's and SMEs forum, business networking event.

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# Promoting Innovative Rural Tourism in the Black Sea Basin Region (PIRT)

Priority 1 - Supporting cross border partnership for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.2 - Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

**Duration:** 18 Months

Total Budget: € 537.474,06

Total Grant: € 472.923,43

Start - End Date: 31.08.2013-28.02.2015

## About the Project:

The aim of the project is to achieve stronger regional partnerships and cooperation through promoting economic and social development in the Black Sea Basin (and especially vulnerable, rural areas) via integrated utilization of physical and human resources and exchange of best practice aimed at enhancing the standards of product and service delivery as well as to build effective and replicable networks of capable local service providers in rural tourism, as well as sophisticated travel agencies to co-develop, market, and sell a new unique touristic product that encourages inter-flows of visitors intra-regionally and contribute to unprecedented cooperation between national authorities in the region and intra-country, aimed ultimately to sustaining the cross-border impacts of rural tourism.

## Beneficiary:

Heifer Project International Armenian Branch Office, Armenia

## Partners:

1. Gumushane Provincial National Education Directorate, Turkey
2. Heifer International Georgia, Georgia
3. Varna Economic Development Agency, Bulgaria

## Main Activities:

Identify and hire independent experts to work with the travel agencies and Project staff on developing the single cross-border visitor package, available both in basic and premium opinions (along the specialized and targeted dimensions, including agro-, eco-, and culinary / cultural tourism). Lead the travel agencies in developing and presenting a joint marketing plan for advertising and promoting the single cross-border visitor package, as well as coordinate the joint task force to finalize the latter (the marketing plan will closely consider not only the travel agencies as agents for promotion, but increasingly the online platform of the website for prospective e-marketing activities). Connect the local networks of service providers across the borders and guide them in contemplating a prospective Trans-Border Association of Rural Tourism Service Providers of the Black Sea Basin.

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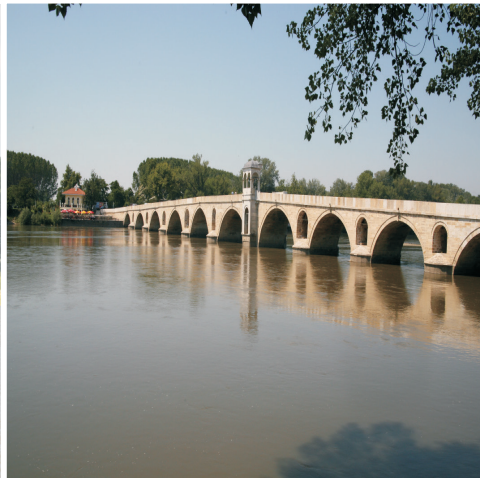
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# Development of Outdoor Adventure Tourism network in Black Sea Region

**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnerships for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.2 - Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

**Duration:** 12 Months

**Total Budget:** € 557.951,83

**Total Grant:** € 502.156,65

**Start - End Date:** 15.03.2014 - 14.03.2015

## About the Project:

The project is aiming to contribute to the sustainable economical and social development in the Black Sea region, by valuating its natural, historical and cultural richness and strengthening the management capacity of the outdoor tourism. The specific objectives of the Project are to identify the opportunities and the obstacles in the tourism sector, in order to achieve sustainable economic development in the region, to develop a sustainable outdoor adventure tourism strategy and an action plan for the region, to increase the management capacity of local institutions, tourism operators and small enterprises working in the field, to promote the outdoor adventure tourism as a tool for obtaining sustainable economic development, stimulating business cooperation.

## Beneficiary:

Prefect's Institution of Constanta County, Romania

## Partners:

1. Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency, Bulgaria

2. Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Stara Zagora, Bulgaria
3. International Business Development and Investment Promotion Centre, Georgia
4. Organization for Small and Medium Enterprises Sector Development, Republic of Moldova
5. Kastamonu Governorate Special Provincial Administration, Turkey
6. Awareness and development Association, Turkey
7. Rize Provincial Special Administration, Turkey

## Main Activities:

1. Assessment of actual outdoor tourism activities in the Area.
2. Establishing the Outdoor Adventure Tourism Network.
3. Setting up an Outdoor Adventure Sports Tournament in the region with the participation of each partner countries.
4. Elaboration of a Strategy for Outdoor Adventure Tourism Activities' Development and Promotion.

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# Black Sea Network for Sustainable Tourism - Strategies for joint tourism marketing and development in the Black Sea region

**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnerships for economic and social development based on common resources  
Measure 1.2 - Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

**Duration:** 18 Months

Total Budget: € 654.394,73

Total Grant: € 588.614,75

Start - End Date: 01.01.2014 - 30.06.2015

## About the Project:

The project is aiming to achieve a stronger regional partnership and cooperation among regions in Black Sea Basin for sustainable tourism management and joint marketing strategy. The specific objectives of the Project are to improve the regional capacities for planning, coordination and implementation of joint strategic documents, to build an effective network infrastructure for promotion and implementation of market orientated tourist products, to improve the knowledge / skills and to develop the tourism products in partner regions, in order to align them to current needs of international markets, to create a cooperative environment for building up a common agenda for sustainable tourism development in the Black Sea Basin respecting regional specificities, to intensify cross-border economic cooperation through tourism.

## Beneficiary:

Business Consulting Institute, Republic of Moldova

## Partners:

1. International Business Development and Investment Promotion Center, Georgia
2. Burgas Municipality, Bulgaria
3. Agency for Regional Development, Odessa, Ukraine
4. Department of Tourism and Resorts of Adjara AR, Georgia
5. Eastern Black Sea Development Agency, Turkey

## Main Activities:

1. Elaborating Marketing researches.
2. Developing the Joint Marketing Strategy for cross-border joint promotion of partner countries' Tour products.
3. Realising feasibility studies for new products and cross-border tour projects.
4. Creating an effective online platform for joint promotion of tourism products (BS Info Tourism Database, Social Media Platform for tourism projects).

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# Colaborative Networks of Multilevel Actors to advance quality standards for heritage tourism at Cross Border Level

**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnerships for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.2 - Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 1.125.745,44

Total Grant: € 1.013.170,90

Start - End Date: 01.01.2014 - 31.12.2015

## About the Project:

The project is aiming to invest in human capital and innovation in an effort to achieve stronger regional partnerships and cooperation in the Black Sea, fully realize the socioeconomic potential of heritage resources in the Black Sea Basin and establish a unified quality system for the development of cross-border tourism products and common service standards with acknowledged market value. The specific objectives of the Project are to promote innovation and entrepreneurship and prevent brain drain, to advance human capital and volunteer spirit, community and civil society planning capacities, to invest in human capital by certifying professional skills, to maximise the consistency and the coherence of public, private, third party sector and civil society, to create cross-border tourism products and common service standards by labelling quality, to support equality / non-discrimination.

## Beneficiary:

Drama Development S.A., Greece

## Partners:

1. The National Authority for Tourism, Romania
2. The Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities, Bulgaria

3. The National Association of Rural, Ecological and Cultural Tourism of Republic Moldova
4. Donetsk Civic Organization "Alliance", Ukraine
5. The Batumi Archaeological Museum, Georgia
6. Governorship of Istanbul, Turkey
7. Eastern Black Sea Development Agency, Turkey
8. Bahcesehir University / METGEM Development Centre for Vocational Technical Education, Turkey

## Main Activities:

1. Design and Delivery of professional skills for Heritage Tourism at Cross Border level.
2. Assessing Tourism Accessibility in the Project Area.
3. Developing a Typology of Heritage Tourism Products and Services at Cross Border Level.
4. Developing good practice guidelines for the Accessibility of Heritage Tourism Products and Services at Cross Border Level.
5. Standardizing the Quality of Heritage Tourism Products and Services at Cross Border Level.
6. Implementation of Quality Heritage Tourism Products and Services in the Project Area.
7. Establishing Alliances of Multilevel Actors at Cross Border Level to enhance regional competitiveness.

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**Priority 1** - Supporting cross border partnerships for economic and social development based on combined resources  
Measure 1.2 - Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

**Duration:** 24 months

Total Budget: € 790.210,60

Total Grant: € 711.189,54

Start - End Date: 01.01.2014-31.12.2015

## About the Project:

The project is aiming to establish a strong cooperation between the partners' organizations from different social, economical and regional aspect countries, in order to achieve economic, social and tourism development based on common resources. The specific objectives of the Project are to create a network of all the tourism factors of the region for the sustainable development of tourism in the Black Sea basin Area, to enhance the benefits of the producers of traditional products by creating a cross-border network, to organize events, to jointly promote their products on the European and Black Sea Basin market, to promote traditional tastes and foods of the Black Sea Region.

## Beneficiary:

Region of Central Macedonia, Greece

## Partners:

1. Institute of Market and Economic-Ecological Researches of the National Academy of Science, Ukraine
2. International Center for Caucasus Tourism, Georgia
3. Ecological Counseling Center Cahu, Republic of Moldova
4. NGO Agricola, Ukraine

5. District Government of Burgas, Bulgaria
6. Gavar State University, Armenia
7. Trakya Development Agency, Turkey
8. East Marmara Development Agency, Turkey

## Main Activities:

1. Systemizing all relevant information, available in each country, establishing a research based questionnaires, used to quantify the public awareness of the current situation, regarding tourism and traditional products.
2. Organizing workshops, with the participation of a Group of Experts, where detailed presentation of the current situation will be examined.
3. Organizing a roundtable, in order to discuss any aspects of common strategy.
4. Implementing exhibitions with traditional products, with the participation of local authorities, to promote the idea of the Traditional Products based Tourism.
5. Organizing various festivals, including events, road shows and press conferences.

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## Priority 2 - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

Duration: 24 Months

Total Budget: € 498.099,16

Total Grant: € 448.289,24

Start - End Date: 01.02.2013 - 31.01.2015

### About the Project:

The main object of the project is to contribute to the effectiveness of the measures taken by different stakeholders to address the issue of water pollution, as a common challenge in the environmental protection of the Black Sea area. The specific objectives of the Project are to develop cooperation partnership among NGOs and other stakeholders to share experiences on fighting against water pollution as common challenge, to increase the capacity of the NGOs in supporting local and regional authorities in the field of water management and to raise public awareness and strengthen public participation by promoting the protection of the ecosystem and advocacy for pollution control in Black Sea Basin, especially the tributaries rivers.

### Beneficiary:

Eco Counselling Centre Galati (ECCG)

### Partners:

1. Society of Natural and Wildlife Conservation (DYKD), Turkey
2. Ecological Counseling Center Cahul (ECCC), Republic of Moldova
3. Black Sea NGO Network (BSNN), Bulgaria
4. Regional Environmental Centre Moldova (REC Moldova), Republic of Moldova
5. Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (REC Caucasus), Georgia

### Main Activities:

1. Creating the framework for a better cooperation among NGOs and the other stakeholders in the field of water management and pollution combating.
2. Strengthening NGO cooperation capacity
3. Increasing public participation into water management

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**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 489.908,23

Total Grant: € 440.917,41

Start - End Date: 01.01.2013 - 31.12.2014

### About the Project:

The main objective of the project is to improve the quality of maritime environment using common innovative methodologies for Integrated Coastal Zone Management plans within the Black Sea region to assure the economical use of the common natural resources in a sustainable manner. The specific objectives of the project are to develop common and coherent ICZM approach within the regions, base for sustainable development of the area and improvement of environmental quality, to provide integrated support for the stakeholders and to increase the level of public participation in the decision-making process on environment using innovative methods.

### Beneficiary:

The National Administration Romanian Waters, Dobrogea - Litoral Water Basin Administration, Romania

### Partners:

1. Sinop Provincial Special Administration, Turkey
2. Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (UBBSLA), Bulgaria
3. Center for Regional Studies (CRS), Ukraine
4. Ecological Counseling Center Cahul (ECC), Republic of Moldova
5. Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV), Turkey
6. DAYKO Foundation for the Protection of Natural Life(DAYKO), Turkey

### Main Activities:

1. Developing an ICZM common approach in project area
2. Creating resources for Black Sea Basin ICZM
3. Public participation in ICZM progress
4. Visibility of the Action
5. Management and coordination of the Action

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**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 479.761,39

Total Grant: € 431.785,25

Start - End Date: 29.03.2013-28.03.2015

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to foster cross-border partnership for the development of harmonized policy and utilization of scientific studies relevant to monitoring and address environmental threats in the Black Sea Basin in the field of land-based sources of pollution. The specific objectives of the project are to harmonize river monitoring programmes, to harmonize Hot Spots identification and prioritization, to update the list of Hot Spots based on common methodology, to provide data / information management tool to support decision-making in the field of hot Spots management, to share competencies, to increase capacity in hot spots management embracing the adaptive approach and market instruments for pollution control and to increase public awareness and stakeholders participation in decision-making related to hot spots.

### Beneficiary:

National Institute for Research and Development in Electrical Engineering ICPE - CA, Romania



### Partners:

1. TUBITAK-Marmara Research Centre, (TUBITAK), Turkey
2. Foundation Caucasus Environment, (FCE), Georgia
3. Oceanological Centre under National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (OC), Ukraine
4. Burgas Municipality, Bulgaria
5. NGO for Sustainable Regional Development and Environment Protection, (SuRDEP), Bulgaria

### Main Activities:

1. Harmonization of policies required to identify and prioritize hot spots (including designing of market-based standard) and to monitoring rivers
2. Identification of other needs in harmonization to converge policies and legislation of Black Sea coastal states in LBS management
3. Identification, evaluation and prioritization of hot spots based on common regional criteria
4. Formation of regional on-line data base in support of decision-making in the field of hot spots management (toward adaptive management and bankable investment projects)
5. Exchange of knowledge between countries, wider stakeholders participation
6. Dissemination of knowledge and best practices, public awareness, visibility of the project.

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**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.3 - Promotion of cooperation initiatives aimed at innovation in technologies and management of Waste and Wastewater Management systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 481.586,82

Total Grant: € 433.428,14

Start - End Date: 01.07.2013 - 30.06.2015

### About the Project:

WASTEnet is a network joint action which aims at motivating the widest possible audience of local and regional authorities of the participating Black Sea countries (Romania, Georgia, Moldova, Armenia, Ukraine, Turkey and Greece) to develop and apply Natural Treatment System (NTS) and in particular the Constructed Wetlands (CWs) for the wastewater treatment of their remote rural communities. Specific objectives of the project are the promotion and adaption of NTS and CWs technologies among the local authority administrators of Black Sea countries, the dissemination of NTS and CWs technologies among engineers, planners, educators and managers of Black Sea countries, the development of NTS and CWs design and operation guidelines, adapted to suit local conditions and requirements for each WASTEnet Local Regional Authority.

### Beneficiary:

Water and Sewerage Municipal Enterprise of Kavala, Greece

### Partners:

1. Kocaeli Water and Sewerage Administration, Turkey
2. Democritus University Of Thrace, Greece
3. American University of Armenia Foundation, Armenia
4. Ilia State University, Georgia
5. Eco-TIRAS International Environmental Association of River Keepers, Republic of Moldova
6. Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development, Romania
7. Odessa Regional State Administration, Ukraine
8. Yalova University, Turkey

### Main Activities:

1. Assessment of the current status of NTS in the wastewater treatment of rural communities in the participating regions

2. Assessment of the operational problems of existing NTS facilities along the Black Sea coastline
3. Two site-specific studies for potential small-scale natural treatment systems in the participating regions
4. Production of education and promotion material for NTS and CWs technologies
5. Organization of 2 multi-stakeholders workshop and 2 technical seminars on natural wastewater treatment systems
6. Organization of 1 international conference on NTS, as a closing event
7. Dissemination activities (brochures production, documentary video and web-page development)
8. Management and coordination activities

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## Priority 2 - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.3 - Promotion of cooperation initiatives aimed at innovation in technologies and management of Waste and Wastewater Management systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 465.536,67

Total Grant: € 418.936,45

Start - End Date: 12.06.2013-11.06.2015

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to work out and implement common policies in order to improve and protect the environment situation in partner-regions from the Black Sea Basin as a condition for sustainable economic development. The specific objectives of the project are the improvement of knowledge and experience in the field of efficient management of household wastes and of wastes' recycling system in partner regions, to working out a Joint Action Plan of partners for environment protection in the Black Sea Basin and raising the awareness of population from partner regions on correct managing of household wastes and protection of rivers, in particular, and environment, in general.

### Beneficiary:

SC "Amen - Ver" SA, Republic of Moldova



### Partners:

1. Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Waste Management/Department of Environmental Protection and Control, Turkey
2. Public Service "Ecosal", Romania
3. The establishment of communal service and construction of Kotovsk Town's Rada, Ukraine

### Main Activities:

1. Increasing the stakeholders informing level
2. Increasing sector expertise
3. Visibility of the action
4. Management and coordination of the action

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**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.2 - Promoting research and innovation in the field of conservation and environmental protection of protected natural areas

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 481.085,84

Total Grant: € 432.929,14

Start - End Date: 06.07.2013 - 05.07.2015

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to achieve a sustainable management of protected natural areas in the Black Sea Basin and development of innovative methods for integrating the protected natural areas in the overall strategies for urban and socio-economic development in the partnering regions. The specific objectives of the project are to improve partnering regions capacity for sustainable management of protected natural areas, to promote effective partnership in the field of sustainable management of protected natural resources based on practical and community significant solutions and to establish and promote the common informational tool for protected natural areas in the Black Sea region.

### Beneficiary:

Burgas Municipality, Bulgaria

### Partners:

1. Sinop Special Provincial Administration, Turkey
2. NGO Fund Sevastopol, Ukraine
3. Regional Development Agency of the South-East Development Region - SERDA, Romania

### Main Activities:

1. Building of capacity for joint management of protected natural areas
2. Development of joint web platform
3. Development of demonstration models of innovative methods for utilizing the potential of protected natural areas
4. Visibility of the Action
5. Management and coordination of the Action

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## Priority 2 - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

**Total Budget:** € 692.707,00

**Total Grant:** € 623.436,30

**Start - End Date:** 16.02.2013 - 15.02.2015

### About the Project:

The main scientific goals of the project are to define the main problem faced by the Ports of Thessaloniki, Trabzon and Tbilisi and to develop management tools able to downscale regional information for solving local problems and to upscale local field data in order to create the bases of a regional information service.

### Beneficiary:

Municipality of Thessaloniki, Greece

### Partners:

1. Karadeniz Technical University, Turkey
2. Union "Science and Energetics", Georgia
3. Union Yerevan State University of Architecture and Construction, Armenia



### Main Activities:

1. Formation of a multidisciplinary thematic network on the monitoring of the environment in the wider areas of ports
2. Three workshops to raise awareness on environmental, policy and other issues of monitoring of the wider area of ports:
  - a. Workshop with end-users to present model results and to describe and discuss subsequent developments on water quality and sediment transport modelling
  - b. Workshop for discussing the sampling strategy and methods and to finalize a report with the sampling protocol
  - c. Workshop with end-users to present the data and data management
3. Study visit during the meetings of the programme in order to see how each country monitor the wider areas of ports
4. Core actions:
  - a. To collect and study the relevant hydrological and meteorological observations data, topographic and bathymetric maps and other materials, to organize expeditions to carry out field observations of the investigated objects and to process and classify the obtained data on geomorphological changes
  - b. Port modelling
  - c. Water Quality Monitoring
5. Dissemination activities

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**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

**Duration:** 18 Months

Total Budget: € 769.265,00

Total Grant: € 692.338,50

Start - End Date: 10.07.2013 - 09.01.2015

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to support the development of durable environmental policies by deploying innovative research initiatives focused on the analysis, monitoring and investigation of physical-chemical and biological parameters of surface aquatic systems in North Western Black Sea Basin.

### Beneficiary:

Dunărea de Jos University of Galați, Romania

### Partners:

1. Danube Delta National Institute for Research & Development (DDNITL-RO), Romania
2. Association of Cross-border Cooperation "Lower Danube Euroregion" (ACCLDR-RO), Romania
3. Cross-border Cooperation and European Integration Agency (ACBCEI-MD), Republic of Moldova

4. Agency for Sustainable Development and European Integration "Lower Danube Euroregion"- (ASDEILDE-UA), Ukraine

5. European Integration (EI-AR), Armenia

### Main Activities:

1. Monitoring physical - chemical and biological parameters of surface aquatic systems in North Western Black Sea Basin
2. Expert training for Environment Experts
3. Visibility of the Action
4. Management and coordination of the Action

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**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.3 - Promotion of cooperation initiatives aimed at innovation in technologies and management of Waste and Wastewater Management systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 374.882,84

Total Grant: € 337.394,55

Start - End Date: 10.08.2013 - 09.08.2015

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to facilitate the enhancement of the quality of the environment and life in the Black Sea countries through promotion of transboundary partnership and cooperation in modern waste management. The specific objectives of the project are to increase the capacity of local authorities in Georgia, Moldova and Armenia in waste management through the introduction of innovative practices based on the approaches of the European Union in this field using the example of Romania and to enhance cross-border cooperation between local authorities and NGOs of Georgia, Moldova, Armenia and Romania for development of waste management capacities.

### Beneficiary:

Self-government City of Kutaisi, Georgia

### Partners:

1. Ungheni City Hall, Republic of Moldova
2. Ararat Municipality, Armenia

3. Eco- Counselling Centre Galati, Romania

4. Imereti Scientists' Union "Spectri", Georgia

5. Regional Centre of Sustainable Development, Republic of Moldova

6. Environmental Survival, Armenia

### Main Activities:

1. Introducing the best practices and governance tools of solid waste management for local authorities - based on EU approaches,
2. Increasing the target groups' and public awareness in the field of solid waste management and recycling,
3. Visibility of the Project,
4. Management and coordination of the Project.

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# Regional Cooperation for Black Sea River Basins Environment Protection from Agricultural Polluters, REPAIR

**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

**Duration:** 22 Months

Total Budget: € 681.393,76

Total Grant: € 612.913,69

Start - End Date: 01.08.2013 - 31.05.2015

## About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to strengthening partnership and cooperation in the region, to work together to promote the solution of common problems of environment protection sustainability. The specific objectives of the project are to increase the promotion of cross border cooperation of monitoring and protection of Black Sea coastal zones and river basins, to strengthen data networks, promoting integration of instruments, methodologies and activities in the field of environment protection of the Black Sea Region, to increase joint knowledge and expertise for elaboration of river basins environmental action programs within the European research area, to prepare to develop methods for preparing River Basins Environmental Action Programme; to elaborate model environmental action programs for the Black Sea region river basins by mutual participation of the partners; to support to improve civil society participation for strengthening the joint knowledge and information data with increased involvement of women to address common challenges in the environment protection of rivers and maritime systems and to share experiences and solution methods which were gained while solving pollution problems for further extension and development of joint action achievements.

## Beneficiary:

Agro-Business Consulting (ABC), Georgia

## Partners:

1. Disaster Preparedness and Earthquake Training Centre, AHDER, Turkey
2. Regional Environmental Centre Moldova, REC, Republic of Moldova
3. Pro Rural Invest, PRI, Republic of Moldova
4. Black Sea - Danube Coastal Association for Research and Development, BDCA, Bulgaria
5. Eco Counselling Centre Galati, ECCG, Romania

## Main Activities:

1. Increasing Joint Expertise in the sector
2. Preparation of the Research Methodologies
3. Creation and Development of Information Data Networks
4. Increasing Public Awareness with active involvement of women
5. Preparation of 'River Basins Protection from Agricultural Polluters - Environmental Action Programs'
6. Visibility activities of the action
7. Management and coordination of the action

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**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 497.034,16

Total Grant: € 447.330,74

Start - End Date: 08.07.2013-06.07.2015

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to improve the ability of the Black Sea Basin national and coastal authorities to respond timely and effectively to water pollution and strengthen the joint knowledge and information base needed among partners, target groups and final beneficiaries on addressing the common challenges of water pollution in BS Basin marine and river environment.

### Beneficiary:

“D. Ghitu” Institute of Electronic Engineering and Nanotechnologies of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Republic of Moldova

### Partners:

1. Karadeniz Technical University, Turkey
2. Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development, Romania
3. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
4. Institute of Ecology and Geography, Republic of Moldova
5. Kerch State Marine Technological University, Ukraine

### Main Activities:

1. Monitoring of surface, underground and waste waters from the area of the Black Sea Basin under study including:
  - a. Analysis of distribution and variation of water quality chemical indicators in the area
  - b. Inorganic pollutants with potential identification of sources
  - c. Potential quantification of relationships of pollution in surface and underground water
2. Research of laser induced fluorescence and spectral features of natural waters and development of fiber-

optic laser fluorometer instrument appropriate to measurements in aquatic media for the real-time detection of organic pollutants, dissolved organic matter of natural origin and phytoplankton

3. Research and development of efficient sorbents with improved selectivity on base of specifically modified diatomite for defluorination of underground drinking water and potential oil pollution removal
4. Development of the 3-D oil spill transport and fate model coupled with appropriate operational forecasting systems for optimization of the necessary organizational and response actions by the oil pollution combating authorities
5. Research of current state of biodiversity in coastal water of the east part of Crimea and in rivers and inland waters of Eastern Black Sea region of Turkey for assessment of water pollution impact on stability and functioning of ecosystem.

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**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 700.000,00

Total Grant: € 630.000,00

Start - End Date: 01.05.2013 - 30.04.2015

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to achieve a strong regional partnership and cooperation by the Development of a Scientific Network for the establishment a scientific consensus, in order to setup common strategies and natural hazard prevention methods. The Scientific Network members will work together sharing competencies and resources to address earthquake, landslide and floor hazards which does have Trans-boundary consequences both on the economy and on the environment.

### Beneficiary:

Technological Education Institute of Serres, Greece

### Partners:

1. Bogazici University, Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (Koeri), Turkey
2. Democritus University Of Thrace, Greece

3. Earthquake Planning And Protection Organization EPPO, Greece
4. Burgas Assen Zlatarov University, Bulgaria
5. Ovidius University Of Constanta, Romania
6. Institute Of Electronic Engineering And Nanotechnologies "D.Ghitu" Of Academy Of Sciences Of Moldova, Republic of Moldova
7. Ukranian Environmental Academy Of Science, Black Sea Branch, Ukraine

### Main Activities:

1. Present status overview
2. A review of the available methodologies in ELFH mitigation
3. Development of a WebGIS platform to support decision making
4. ELFH models development / adaptation to local conditions
5. Pilot implementations
6. Dissemination / Training

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## Priority 2 - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.2 - Promoting research and innovation in the field of conservation and environmental protection of protected natural areas

**Duration:** 24 Months

**Total Budget:** € 422.250,00

**Total Grant:** € 380.025,00

**Start - End Date:** 28.12.2012 - 27.12.2014

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to bring a contribution through commune effort of the partner for a sustainable development in the project areas, through actions for improving the agricultural practices and awareness on reducing chemical fertilizers uses.

### Beneficiary:

Association for protection of Human Being and the Environment for a Sustainable Development in the World ECOM, Romania

### Partners:

1. Of Chamber of Agriculture, Turkey
2. The Institute of Chemistry of the Academy of Sciences, Republic of Moldova
3. Yerevan State University, Armenia
4. Trabzon Exchange Commodity, Turkey



### Main Activities:

1. Merging information and increasing sector expertise: Bringing together academic research results gained so far and their support with examples of good practices by making studies of knowledge and guidance of good practice;
2. Defining all the alternatives of chemical fertilizers and identifying them with respect to the regions where the project will be applied;
3. Increasing public awareness: with respect to the results of the previous group of activities alternative fertilizer replacements will be clarified for each participant country and trainings that will be held, thematic the Romanian database and thematic brochures;
4. Visibility of the action: 1 workshop at the beginning of the project, 1 workshop at the middle of implementation period and 1 workshop at the end of the project with the participation of all the partners, mass media, farmers and relevant organizations like chambers, universities, vocational organizations will be held;
5. A website in four languages, leaflets, personalized pens, thematic TV appearances, questionnaires for disseminating the idea of the project will be prepared. Also local media will be exploited;
6. Management and coordination of the action.

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**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 672.572,04

Total Grant: € 605.314,83

Start - End Date: 25.05.2013 - 24.05.2015

## About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to develop, enhance and evaluate impact assessment and management tools for the sustainable land use of the watershed areas of coastal deltas. The specific objectives of the project are to create an integrated database system involving all relevant European research and application practices, to foster communication and collaboration on land management, in target deltas, to develop land-use models for target deltas, to induce a cooperative institutional structure, to create cooperation and networking among scientists, land developers and decision makers in Black Sea Basin and to develop an environmental education program.

## Beneficiary:

Bourgas Regional Tourism Association (BRTA), Bulgaria

## Partners:

1. Hayrabolu Municipality (HBM), Turkey

2. Bourgas Assen Zlatarov University, Bulgaria
3. Ukrainian Marine Environment Protection Assoc., Ukraine
4. Civitas Georgica, Georgia
5. Turkish Marine Environment Protection Association, Turkey
6. Namık Kemal University, Turkey

## Main Activities:

1. Integrating activities
2. Joint research program
3. Spreading excellence activities
4. Management activities

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# Creation of Interuniversity centre for risk management and assessment for prevention of ecological and technological risks in the Black Sea, IUCRISKMAN

**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1 - Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 412.669,60

Total Grant: € 371.402,64

Start - End Date: 15.08.2013 - 14.08.2015

## About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to work towards cooperation for stronger and more sustainable economic and social development of the regions of the Black Sea Basin. The specific objectives of the project are to work together to address common challenges related to environmental preserving, educational and research cooperation in the area of monitoring, control and protection of the Black Sea Basin, to develop models for interdisciplinary and cooperative actions for education, research, innovation, awareness and scientific partnerships in the fields of assessment of technological and ecological risks and management of preventive measures and sustainable development, to create an Interuniversity centre for risk management and assessment for prevention of ecological and technological risks in the Black Sea Basin, to create a postgraduate study program for obtaining a professional qualification on risk management and assessment for prevention of ecological and technological risk and to develop activities towards ecological monitoring and sustainable development of the Black Sea Basin.



## Beneficiary:

Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov University, Bulgaria

## Partners:

1. Constanta Marine University, Romania
2. Odessa National Marine University, Ukraine
3. Black Sea Institute, Bulgaria

## Main Activities:

1. Creation of a common methodology (on paper and CD) for analyses and assessment of the ecological and technological risk and for effect and management outputs of prevention measures in the Black Sea Basin. Implementation of a WEB based software application with GIS output created as a database of oil spill risk areas, vulnerable zones and enforced and planned prevention measures for practical needs of education and management,
2. Creation, certification and implementation of a Postgraduate study program for obtaining a professional qualification on risk management and assessment for prevention of ecological and technological risks in the Black Sea Basin created for the 3 partner universities,
3. Creation of an Interuniversity centre and a network for risk management and assessment for prevention of ecological and technological risks in the Black Sea,
4. Visibility of the action
5. Management and coordination of the action.

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# Utilizing Stream Waters In The Suppression Of Forest Fires With The Help Of New Technologies (Streams-2-SUPPRESS-Fires)

**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.2 - Promoting research and innovation in the field of conservation and environmental protection of protected natural areas

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 679.400,00

Total Grant: € 611.460,00

Start - End Date: 01.04.2013 - 31.03.2015

## About the Project:

The main objective of the project is to share competencies and innovative tools for the protection of protected areas by fires. The specific objectives of the project are to promote research and innovation in the field of fire suppression to protect protected natural areas by utilizing new technologies by developing a holistic and complete fire suppression system. These new technologies will: a). allow to identify the areas of greatest danger of having fires, b). utilize in a sustainable way stream water to suppress fires in protected areas that will be land vehicles will use during night planes and helicopter can't be use, c). develop software for the optional location of the water reservoirs and mobilization of fire vehicles, d). operation a neighborhood network of experts in fire suppression in the Black Sea Region that will collaborate to suppress fires in protected areas and other areas and, e). enhance the knowledge and awareness on forests fire suppression of the appropriate institutions and general public.

## Beneficiary:

Kavala Institute of Technology (KavTech). Greece



## Partners:

1. Braila County, Romania
2. National University of Life and Environmental Science of Ukraine, Ukraine
3. Zikatar Environmental Center SNCO of Ministry of Nature Protection, Armenia
4. Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers, Republic of Molodva

## Main Activities:

1. Neighborhood Network built up;
2. Digital Geographic Database for the research areas;
3. Forest Fire Potential Danger and Behavior Software;
4. Modifications and Validation of the Runoff Model for the Research Areas;
5. Number, Dimension and optimal Locations of the Reservoirs for Fire Suppression;
6. Optimization of the mobilization of the land fire vehicles;
7. Dissemination of the Results.

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# Continuous improvement strategy for increasing the efficiency of wastewaters treatment facilities in the Black Sea coastal states

**Priority 2** - Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.3 - Promotion of cooperation initiatives aimed at innovation in technologies and management of Waste and Wastewater Management systems.

**Duration:** 24 months

Total Budget: € 455.380,00

Total Grant: € 409.842,00

Start - End Date: 01.01.2014-31.12.2015

## About the project:

The project is aiming to achieve a stronger regional partnership and cooperation to realize significant improvements of the wastewater treatment facilities management in the Black Sea coastal states. The specific objectives of the project are to consolidate cooperation between Black Sea partner regions, in order to improve the management of the wastewater treatment facilities and to increase the performance of wastewater treatment facilities through a new, continuous improvement strategy - CIS model development.

## Beneficiary:

National Research and Development Institute for Gas Turbines COMOTI, Romania

## Partners:

1. SC Raja SA Constanta, Romania

2. Black Sea Centre of Excellence, Bulgaria
3. European Regional Framework for Co-operation, Greece
4. Yerevan State University, Armenia
5. State University of Moldova, Republic of Moldova
6. International Centre for Social Research and Policy Analysis, Georgia

## Main Activities:

1. Documentation elaboration to define and implement the continuous improvement strategy (CIS) in wastewater treatment facilities (WWTF).
2. Balanced Scorecard elaborating to measure, monitor and communicate the WWTF performance.
3. CIS training of regional operators, agencies, universities and institutes personnel involved in environmental protection and wastewater management.

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**Priority 3** - Supporting cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the Basin  
Measure 3.1 - Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities

**Duration:** 12 Months

**Total Budget:** € 236.482,08

**Total Grant:** € 208.104,23

**Start - End Date:** 23.05.2013 - 22.05.2014

### About the Project:

The main object of the project is to contribute to regional partnerships and cooperation towards a common cultural environment where common values and the richness of Europe's cultural diversity are shared and valued. The specific objectives of the project are to enhance relations among Youth Clubs/ Centres for better sharing of cultural values of different regions in the Black Sea Basin and increased youth education on the core values of the EU.

### Beneficiary:

Heifer Project International Armenian Branch Office

### Partners:

1. Gümüşhane Provincial National Education Directorate, Turkey
2. IDP Women Association "Consent", Georgia
3. Varna Economic Development Agency, Bulgaria

### Main Activities:

1. Training programs aimed at enhancing awareness of young people on the fundamental values of EU and Action partner countries and organization of an intraregional forum aimed at enhancing awareness on the rich cultural heritage and diversity in the Black Sea Basin,
2. Training programs aimed at increasing the ability of young individuals regarding argumentation and art of debating. This will allow them to effectively get engaged in discussions with youth from different backgrounds and cultures without disrespecting others and conflicts,
3. Involve organization of an intraregional conference, where youth centers can meet each other to discuss ways of cooperation for promotion of increased acceptance and respect for cultural diversity in the region developing a website as an online forum, selection a coordinating board for coordinating the network and forum activities beyond project lifetime.

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**Priority 3** - Supporting cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the Basin  
Measure 3.1 - Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 298.920,06

Total Grant: € 268.968,27

Start - End Date: 06.06.2013 - 05.06.2015

### About the Project:

The main objective of the project is the creation of a network of research, cultural and administrative institutions for long term promotion of the exchange of scientific and cultural values in the Black Sea Basin, the integrate and joint promotion of the movable and immovable cultural heritage dated to the Roman epoch of the Black Sea Regions, the raising awareness and responsibility of the local communities and authorities regarding the necessity of the protection, conservation and valorization of the cultural heritage - inheritance of the Roman Antiquity.

### Beneficiary:

Administrative Territorial Unit Tulcea County, Romania

### Partners:

1. Sinop Special Provincial Administration, Turkey
2. Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki, Greece
3. Varna Regional History Museum, Bulgaria
4. Crimean Branch of the Institute of Archaeology, Ukraine



5. Batumi Archaeological Museum, Georgia
6. Free International University of Moldova, Republic of Moldova

### Main Activities:

1. Organization of project activities - Meeting of the project team - definitive - Version of the joint activity plan and nomination of the Scientific Committee and implementation of the public procurement procedure;
2. Documentation and elaboration of the materials necessary to project development, work meetings of the scientific committee in Sinop and Thessaloniki, library. Laboratory and field documentation for the elaboration of materials (posters, database, catalogue), printing, multiplication and completion of the project cultural products;
3. Implementation of cultural events and dissemination of project products, organization of joint exhibition opening in 7 cities, organization of thematic workshop implemented in 7 cities, organization of the Archeology School and organization of the final seminar in Istanbul;
4. Visibility of the action;
5. Project management.

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**Priority 3** - Supporting cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the Basin  
Measure 3.1 - Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 330.901,17

Total Grant: € 295.494,74

Start - End Date: 01.07.2013 - 30.06.2015

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to enable the cross border exchange of culture by promoting an innovative, multilingual IT platform, based on available open source social platform solutions and adapted for culture producers (artists, etc.) and other actors of the culture market. The platform will be an online tool, where all entities related to the culture will be able to advertise, discuss and organize cultural assets and events in the region. The platform will also be an important source of information about the culture and related cultural events (artists, operators, events) for the culture consumers.

### Beneficiary:

Georgian Research and Educational Networking Association (GRENA), Georgia

### Partners:

1. European Regional Framework for Co-operation, Greece
2. District Government of Burgas, Bulgaria

3. Armenian Monuments Awareness Project Cultural NGO, Armenia
4. Research and Educational Networking Association of Moldova (RENAM), Republic of Moldova

### Main Activities:

1. Platform requirements definition
2. Selection of existing open source software platform
3. Platform adaptation and implementation
4. Preparation and migration of cultural content to the platform
5. Platform operation and maintenance
6. Platform dissemination
7. Platform management

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**Priority 3** - Supporting cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the Basin  
Measure 3.1 - Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities

**Duration:** 18 Months

Total Budget: € 207.634,20

Total Grant: € 186.870,78

Start - End Date: 21.06.2013 - 20.12.2014

### About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to build capacities for networking and transnational transfer of good practices of educational management in a multicultural environment, in view of strengthening the Education and Training systems in the Black Sea Basin and promoting regional development of Lifelong Learning (LLL). The specific objectives of the project are to promote transnational networking among educational institutions and other relevant stakeholders in the Black Sea Basin; to strengthen institutional educational management capacities at the local, regional and national level in Bulgaria, Moldova, Georgia, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine; to develop context-sensitive regional policy plans for the promotion of efficient educational management in the target regions, in view of responding to the changing demands of society and the world of work in a knowledge-based economy and multicultural contexts; to raise awareness of the EU modernization agenda in the field of education and culture.

### Beneficiary:

Centre for Civil Initiatives, Consultancy and Training, Bulgaria

### Partners:

1. Namık Kemal University, Turkey
2. Caucasus University, Georgia
3. Moldova State University, Republic of Moldova
4. Alumni Academic Foundation of "Mircea cel Batran" National College, Romania
5. Taurida National V.I.Vernadsky University, Ukraine

### Main Activities:

1. Sustainable Transnational Networking on Education Management (MANAGE.EDU Network);
2. Development of regional Action Plan (RAPs) for promoting efficient educational management in support of Lifelong Learning at the regional level;
3. Transfer of good practices and innovations in educational management;
4. Visibility of the action: dissemination of results and raising awareness on Lifelong Learning;
5. Management, coordination and monitoring of the Action.

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**Priority 3** - Supporting cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the Basin  
Measure 3.1 - Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities

**Duration:** 18 Months

Total Budget: € 240.581,10

Total Grant: € 216.522,99

Start - End Date: 02.07.2013 - 01.02.2015

### About the Project:

The main object of the project is the mobilization of local resources for creation of a common cultural environment for the Black Sea communities. The specific objectives of the project are the foster integration and sharing of cultural heritage and traditions of within the Black Sea region; upgrade skills and knowledge and build capacity and competencies of management in the culture field in the Black Sea region; support children and youth from Black Sea communities to involve in culture and art related activities; stimulate the mutual understanding between communities within the Black Sea basin and respect for cultural diversity; create sustainable network for long term cooperation in the field of culture and art.

### Beneficiary:

Municipality of Komotini, Greece

### Partners:

1. Chorlu Municipality, Turkey
2. Association "Platform AGORA - Active Communities for Development Alternatives - Branch Burgas", Bulgaria
3. Agency for Support of Cultural Initiatives "KusiCreaVision", Ukraine

### Main Activities:

1. Establishment of a Regional Network for Cooperation in the Culture sphere "Black Sea Areal for Culture and Art";
2. Activities for capacity building, human resources development and exchange of good practices;
3. Cultural events in the Black Sea Areal for Culture and Art;
4. Visibility of the Action;
5. Management and coordination of the Action.

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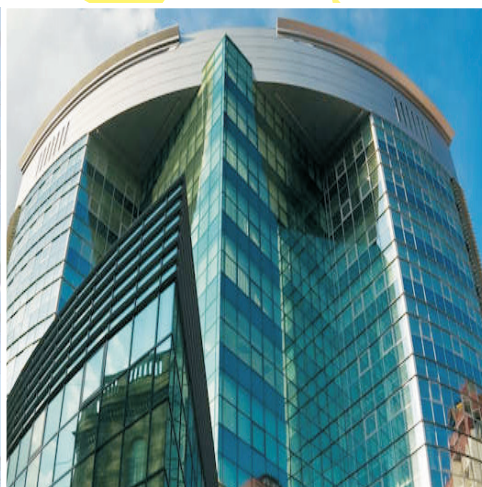
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**Priority 3** - Supporting cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the Basin  
Measure 3.1 - Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities

**Duration:** 24 Months

**Total Budget:** € 330.127.59

**Total Grant:** € 297.114.83

**Start - End Date:** 12.03.2013 - 10.03.2015

## About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is to promote exchange of educational values and experiences between universities in partner countries through a joint educational program and network. The specific objectives of the project are to identify common components of educational programs between universities in partner countries; to promote educational values using online and offline instruments and to strengthen regional identity by creating a virtual community between universities.

## Beneficiary:

Andrei Saguna University of Constanta, Romania

## Partners:

1. Istanbul Aydin University, Turkey
2. International Black Sea University, Georgia
3. Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Moldova, Republic of Moldova
4. Karabük University, Turkey

## Main Activities:

1. Carrying out exchanges of good practices (common workshops) for identifying the components of common educational programs to be developed in the project,
2. Development of common educational programs regarding the promotion of educational values; the course modules will be available online in digital format through an educational portal.

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# Maritime network of education for the development of the maritime culture in the Black Sea basin - MARINE

**Priority 3** - Supporting cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the Basin  
Measure 3.1 - Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities

**Duration:** 24 Months

Total Budget: € 329.647,50

Total Grant: € 296.682,75

Start - End Date: 12.03.2013 - 11.03.2015

## About the Project:

The overall objective of the project is the development of the maritime culture in the Black Sea Basin through emphasizing the common maritime traditions of the partner countries and enhancing the preparedness of the professionals involved in the maritime industry (maritime/river transportation, shipbuilding, fisheries, offshore oil/gas extracting industry, ports, environmental research, humanities and so on). In order to efficiently store the data and share information on maritime culture in the western Black Sea area, an integrated educational network will be developed (the MARitime PLATform - MARPLAT). As the backbone of the joint Action, MARPLAT is envisaged as a modular, updatable design in order to continuously serve its role and even to expand after the completion of the project. By promoting especially to the young of the region the rich heritage and the development perspectives of the maritime - related occupations, the project is designed to enrich the resourcefulness of future seafarers or simply of anyone with a heart for the sea. The partners wish to endorse the idea that the Black Sea is not a barrier, but a communication way among people all around it and farther inland.

## Beneficiary:

Mircea cel Batran Naval Academy, Romania

## Partners:

1. Piri Reis University, Turkey
2. Odesa National Maritime Academy, Ukraine
3. Technical University of Moldova, Republic of Moldova

## Main Activities:

1. Increasing public awareness regarding the rich maritime cultural heritage and promotion of the professional qualifications related to modern maritime transportation in the partner countries;
2. Design and implementation of a collaborative integrated platform (MARPLAT) for the transfer of maritime knowledge, skills and research results among the partners involved in the Action;
3. Visibility of the Action;
4. Management and coordination of the Action.

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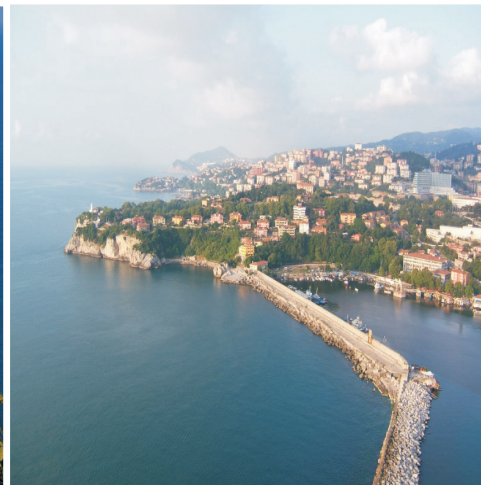
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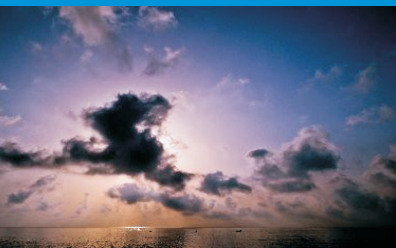
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