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HIGHLIGHTS

- Launching REPAIR project web-site
- Good practices selection
- Rioni River Pollution Data
- REPAIR project highlighted in Turkish press
- BS JOP news: The next programming period



LAUNCHING REPAIR PROJECT WEBSITE

The official REPAIR project website was launched on 31 January 2014. The website contains detailed information about project objectives, main activities, partners involved in, various project events, workshop meetings, expected results.



One important component of the website is the data network that will provide information about:

- **Who is who:** Information & links to international, regional, national and local authorities, organisations, institutions, governing bodies
- **Conventions, law, regulations:** links to international, regional, national and local conventions, law, regulations
- **River Basins data:** will provide detailed historical and actual data upon hydrology and environmental parameters about river basins studied within the project - Prut, Rioni, Kamchia and Sakarya river basins.

The Data network component will be developed and supplemented for the whole duration of the project in terms of data exchange between all partners.

GOOD PRACTICES SELECTION

Project partner BDCA, Bulgaria has studied several good practices of reducing pollution from

agriculture sources within the Kamchia river basin area. The following three practices were identified as "good practices", with respect to reducing river pollution from agricultural sources:

- Treatment plant cattle ranch, Ecomax innovation Ltd. - specially designed treatment plant for livestock farms. The technology solves the problems with landfill and composting of animal waste, turning them into premium fertilizers. Combines 3 steps in one: purifying, drying, composting.
- The new Municipal wastewater treatment plant of Veliki Preslav (2013) - purifies the city waters, previously directly discharged into Kamchia River.
- Numerical flood model developed by CORES Ltd. for assessing the environmental impact of flooding at Kamchia estuary. The model has been developed to forecast inundation caused by flash floods, and evaluate environmental impacts. The model can be used for both risk and environmental impact assessment.

RIONI RIVER POLLUTION DATA

Project partner Agro-Business Consulting (ABC), Georgia has launched the implementation of the project activity to gather data on the pollution of the river Rioni.

The subcontracted company, for the purposes of the project - Rural Investment Support (RIS) - will collect and analyze data on the Rioni river pollution from agricultural production. The contract has duration of eight months. First results will be published in May 2014.

Similar activities will be undertaken also by the other project partners regarding the Black Sea rivers Kamchia (Bulgaria), Prut (Romania / Moldova), and Sakarya (Turkey).

Activities for collection and analysis of hydrological and environmental data on pollution of the river

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basins in the Black Sea region are of paramount importance to achieve the project objectives.

REPAIR PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED IN TURKISH PRESS

After the first press release by project partner **AHDER** (Disaster Preparedness and Earthquake Training Centre), Turkey, two publications about the activities of the project REPAIR were released in the Turkish press:

- an article published in Milliyet electronic newspaper;
- an article published in Yenigun newspaper;



The above publications highlight the importance and timeliness of the project, as well as the significance of the cooperation of Black sea countries within the BS JOP CBC programme.

Information for the above publications can be found also on the web-site of AHDER: www.ahder.org

The Turkish project partner AHDER will host the next workshop meeting. The workshop will take place in Istanbul, Turkey in April 2014.

BS JOP NEWS: THE NEXT PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2014-2020

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As the 2007-2013 ENPI CBC Programmes are closing to the end, the preparations for planning the new Programmes for the 2014-2020 period are now under way.

In the view of elaboration of the next ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme, a Joint Programming Committee was established with the involvement of all participating countries. The Joint Programming Committee is partnership structure with a strategic decision-making role in the programming process of the BSB Programme 2014-2020.

The first meeting of the Joint Programming Committee was held on 18th of April 2013 in Bucharest, Romania. The event was organized by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration as Joint Managing Authority for the Joint Operational Programme "Black Sea Basin 2007-2013", and it marked the official launch of the official launch of the 2014-2020 programming exercise. The discussions were focused on the main necessary steps, the main milestones and the indicative timeline of the new programme.

The second meeting the Joint Programming Committee for the future ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020, was held on 20th June 2013 in Constanta, Romania. The discussions were focused on the future managing structures (Managing Authority – MA and Audit Authority - AA) of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020.

The Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania was nominated as the Managing Authority for the new ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020, as a confirmation of the successful cooperation in the framework of the current Black Sea Basin Programme 2007-2013, which must be continued in the future programming period.

Also the Joint Programming Committee has nominated the current Audit Authority to continue its mandate for the future ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020.

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