

Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”

Newsletter January 2013

Common borders. Common solutions.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEWSLETTER

1. CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROGRAMME
2. FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS
3. SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS
4. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE PROGRAMME
5. WHAT'S NEXT?
6. USEFUL INFORMATION

1. Current Status of the Programme

In the second half of 2012, implementation of the running projects under the First Call for Proposals continued and two contracts out of 19 have already been finalized. Pre-contracting and contracting process started in July following the finalization of evaluation process for the proposals submitted under the Second Call for Proposals. In July, the European Commission decided to increase the financial allocation of the ENPI budget of the Programme with 2.422.439 Euro, making the current total allocation raise to 28.118.955 Euro ENPI funds. The total budget (including co-financing of the participating countries) amounts to 38.503.546 Euro (ENPI + IPA). As a result of institutional re-organisation, name of the Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism which acts as the Joint Managing

Authority for the Programme was changed. The new name is **Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration**. The contact details of the offices responsible for implementation of the Programme remain the same.

2. First Call for Proposals

Implementation of the 19 projects under the First Call for Proposals continued in the past six months and two contracts have already been finalized. The JTS of the Programme continued to provide day by day support to the project beneficiaries in project implementation. The project “Dialogue between Cultures” ended in August and “Black Sea TradeNet (BST)” in November.



Programme funded by the
EUROPEAN UNION

The Black Sea Basin Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”

Newsletter January 2013



Cross-border children's folklore festival "Friendship without borders" in Bolgrad, organised within the Project "Dialogue between Cultures" financed by the Programme.



Logo of the Project "Dialogue between Cultures"



Workshop in Constanta, (presentation of business environment in the Black Sea Basin) organized within the project "Black Sea TradeNet" financed by the Programme.



Logo of the Project "Black Sea TradeNet"

The project fact sheets containing information about the projects funded by the Programme have been finalized. You can now discover all the 19 projects that are funded by the Programme under the First Call for Proposals. You can access and download the fact sheets on the Programme website, [Our Projects](#) section.



Information on the projects under implementation can also be found in the 2012 Annual Brochure, which also contains information on the progress registered in the implementation of the programme in 2012. It can be downloaded electronically from the [Programme website](#).



Programme funded by the EUROPEAN UNION

The Black Sea Basin Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”

Newsletter January 2013

For more information about the projects, you can access the available project websites by clicking on the acronyms of the projects below:

[Black Sea Cultural Animation Program](#)

[Eco Satellite](#)

[FTAP](#)

[Less Waste in the North West](#)

[REEFS](#)

[Symnet](#)

[BS SEA](#)

[Black Sea TradeNet](#)

[ARGOS](#)

[InterTrails](#)

[TOURIST](#)

[MAREAS](#)

[Integrable](#)

3. Second Call for Proposals



With the decision to increase the ENPI budget allocation of the Programme with additional 2.422.439 Euro, the number of projects that are to be financed by the Programme within the Second Call for Proposals is now 41, with 4 more additional projects to the initially approved 37 projects. The contracting process for the projects that are approved under the Second Call for Proposals is ongoing.

An updated chart related to the 41 projects approved can be found below:



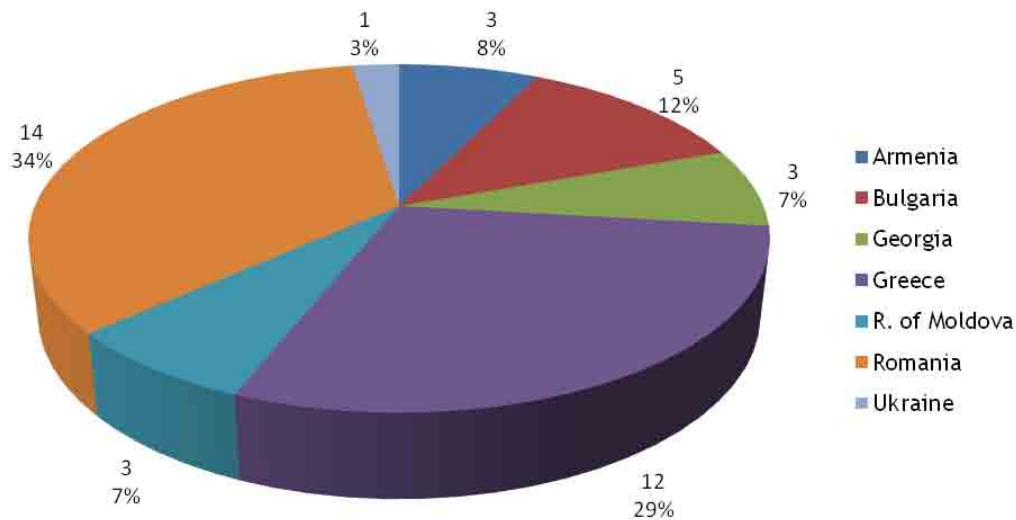
The Black Sea Basin Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”

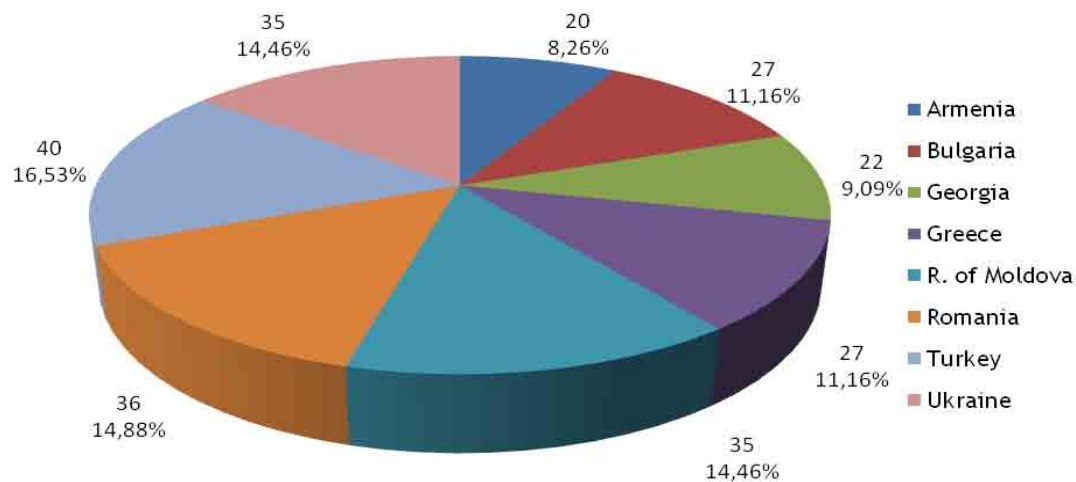
Newsletter January 2013

a) Total number of applicants involved in the approved projects, per country



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”, Second Call for Proposals

b) Total number of entities involved in the approved projects, per country



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”, Second Call for Proposals



The Black Sea Basin Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”

Newsletter January 2013

4. Annual Conference of the Programme

The Annual Conference of the Programme was held in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova on 18-19 September 2012. Around 150 participants were present at the conference from 8 programme countries (Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine). The conference gathered representatives of the European Commission, local, regional and national authorities, non-governmental organisations, project beneficiaries/partners, consultancy and research organisations from the EU member/candidate states and partner countries.



The conference followed a method of “from general to particular” starting from general issues related to the Basin, ending with the particular issues presented by the project beneficiaries.

The focus on the first day of the conference was on the Black Sea Basin region and it involved high level representatives of the National Authorities from 8 Programme countries as well as representatives of several

prominent organisations active in the Basin, such as Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), United Nations Black Sea Trade and Investment Promotion Programme (UNDP BSTIP), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) (The Balkans and Black Sea Regional Commission), The Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS) and International Black Sea Club (IBSC).



The focus on the second day was on more practical and detailed subjects regarding cross-border cooperation and Programme’s status. Status in implementation of the ENPI CBC Programmes and Black Sea Basin Programme, results of the Mid-term Evaluation of the Programme, the Mediterranean CBC Experience and Future CBC Programmes in the Framework of the ENI were presented and interactive discussions took place regarding status and future of EN(P)I. It involved representative of various institutions/initiatives, representatives of the National Authorities directly involved in



The Black Sea Basin Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”

Newsletter January 2013

implementation of the Programme and partnership within two projects financed by the Programme. Representatives of the project beneficiaries presented their projects, as well as the opportunities and challenges they experienced in implementation of their projects.



The conference involved interactive discussions on the current status and future of European Neighbourhood Instrument, cross-border cooperation and the Programme. In addition, with the contents touched upon and profiles of the participants, the conference served as a useful platform to draw a general picture of cooperation and exchange of ideas to enhance and harmonize cooperation efforts.



Both days of the conference were accompanied by an exposition of the projects under implementation on the occasion of the European Cooperation Day (ECD) which is celebrated all over Europe, in order to showcase the impact of the European Territorial Cooperation Programmes in the participating regions. European Cooperation Day was celebrated through over 280 local events by 72 programmes in almost 40 countries. To find out more about the events by ETC Programmes, visit the [ECD website](#).



More detailed information, presentations and other useful documentation from the conference can be downloaded from the [Programme website](#).



The Black Sea Basin Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”

Newsletter January 2013

5. What's next: New Programming Period

As the 2007-2013 Programming period for European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Programmes is closing to end, the preparations for planning the new Programmes for the 2014-2020 period are now under way. Similar to the other Programmes, the Black Sea Basin Programme will also be holding meetings throughout the year 2013 in order to determine specific rules of the new Programme based on the experiences gained from implementation of the current Programme.

6. Useful Information

First Level Controllers Update on the Programme website

The Contact section on the Programme website was updated with general information and contact details of the First Level Controllers from the 3 Member States that are participating countries in the Programme: Bulgaria, Greece and Romania. Please [click here to visit the Contact section](#).

The Audit in the partner countries and Turkey are carried out by private auditors and therefore the information concerns the 3 EU Member States in the Programme.

Interact 5th Annual Conference

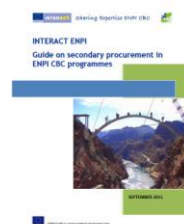


The 5th Annual Conference of the Interact ENPI was held in Jordan, Dead Sea in October. The conference was of crucial importance as it marked the official opening of the new programming process (2014-2020) for ENI CBC programmes.



You can find the [flash report](#) from the conference as well as presentations on the [Interact ENPI website](#).

Interact Guide on Secondary Procurement



Guide on secondary procurement in ENPI CBC Programmes has been developed by the INTERACT ENPI project aiming to develop and facilitate the use of the universal and harmonized approach to the procurement by the Ukrainian and Moldovan Beneficiaries and Partners in the frame of the ENPI CBC Programme projects. To download the guide please [click here](#).



The Black Sea Basin Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”

Newsletter January 2013

Europe 2020 on EC website

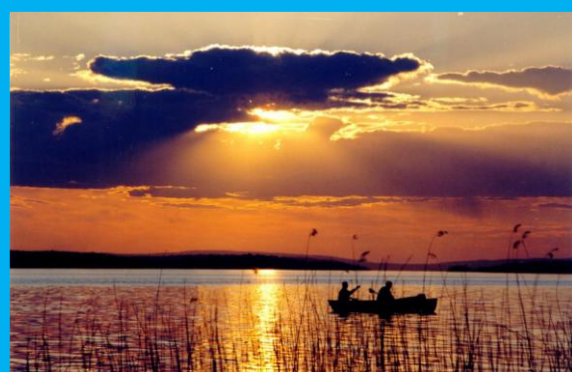
The EU has launched a website containing overview of the EU’s 2020 growth strategy in 23 languages of the EU. The website contains information on the main targets for a decade and flagship initiatives. The English version of the website can be accessed [from here](#).



Common borders. Common solutions.

Joint Operational Programme
“Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”
Joint Technical Secretariat and Joint Managing Authority
December 2012

This publication has been produced with the assistance of the European Union. The contents of this publication are the sole responsibility of the Joint Technical Secretariat and the Joint Managing Authority of the Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013” and can in no way reflect the views of the European Union.



Contacts:

Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration

Joint Managing Authority

12 Libertatii Blvd., 5 Sector, Bucharest, Romania

www.blacksea-cbc.net

Head of Joint Managing Authority

Mr. Iuliu BARA

Phone: +40 372 111 319

Fax: +40 372 111 456



The Black Sea Basin Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance



Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”

Newsletter January 2013

Programme Manager

Ms. Laura Bobamac

Phone: +40 372 111 323

Fax: +40 372 111 456

E-mail: Laura.Bobarnac@mdrap.ro

Head of Joint Technical Secretariat

Mr. Sergiu ȘERBAN

Phone: +40 372 784 182

Fax: +40 372 111 456

E-mail: serban.sergiu@blacksea-cbc.net

Information and Communication Manager

Mr. Arkam OĞRAK

Phone: +40 372 784 179

Fax: +40 372 111 456

E-mail: arkam.ograk@blacksea-cbc.net

For the contact details of the National Info Points, please check the [Programme website](#)



Programme funded by the
EUROPEAN UNION

The Black Sea Basin Programme is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance

