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Newsletter 1 - Facts in Danube WATER Project

Joint Operational Programme Romania-Bulgaria 2007-2013

The bilateral project „,Danube WATER integrated management- Danube WATER”, cod 161, funded by the **Joint Operational Programme Romania - Bulgaria**

1. 7 July, 2012: Training for hydrological equipments for discharge measurements



2. 25 September 2012: **ICPDR Meeting** in Austria Dr. Mary-Jeanne ADLER presenetd both Danube Floodrisk and Danube WATER Projects, **large projects wth important impact for good implementation of EUSDR.**





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- 3. **22 January 2013:** In Russe Working Meeting for operational activities and planning the integrated IT system; the main issues of hydrological and environmental informational systems were discussed and technical description of the system was and requirements were setted.



In the afternoon, the project management meeting planned the future project development. All activities were presented and solution for Addendum 2 were setted.



4. 24-27 September, 2013: Annual Conference of INHGA: Danube WATER was presented during the round table for the EC projects for waters and environment. In opening ceremony participated the Deputy Minister for Waters, Forests and Fisheries. Danube WATER was presented in the context of the Danube Floodrisk project implementation, a strategic project for EUSDR, as well as Danube WATER is a large project for the Operational Program Romania-Bulgaria.





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5. 28-29 October, 2013: 2nd Forum of the EUSDR, Bucharest – was an important meeting, where the Operational Program Romania-Bulgaria presented its activity and projects had opportunity for presenting their flyers, to let stakeholders know about their main activities. High level policy makers provided presentations and offered their support for further programs and projects implementation.



EU policy in water domain was expressed by the Blueprint's policy recommendations which is based on the results of the following ongoing assessments.

1. Analysis of the WFD's **river basin management plans**:
 - giving information on how Member States have improved their water management.
2. Review of the 2007 policy on **water scarcity and drought**:
 - including water efficiency measures.
3. The evolution of water resources:
 - **water's vulnerability to climate change** and man-made pressures such as urbanisation and land use.
4. Outcome of the **fitness check of EU freshwater policy**:
 - a gap analysis to identify any uncovered areas and assess the adequacy of the current framework.

The results of these four reviews, together with other EU studies and EC projects results, provide knowledge to help better implementation of EU water policy; Danube WATER partners representatives are proud to support the EC policy through the results of a complex regional study on the lower Danube.

6. 31.October, 2013: Water Day - Celebration of 100 years from the first water management system in Romania, when a scientific balance was made and between numerous projects implemented by Romanian Water Administration, Danube WATER was one was mentioned. The importance of the project implementation resulted by support for the EC water policy implementation. In 2000 the Water Framework Directive (WFD) established a legal basis to protect and restore clean water across Europe and ensure its long-term, sustainable use. The general objective of the WFD is to get all water — for example, lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater aquifers — into a healthy state by 2015. But the achievement of EU water policy goals is threatened by a number of old and emerging challenges, including water pollution, water abstraction for agriculture and energy production, land use and the impacts of climate change. All this issues are addressed by Danube WATER project, enhancing the WFD implementation for the law Danube Floodplain region.

