

Newsletter 4 - Facts in Danube WATER Project

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17 December, 2014 Danube WATER Project Conference, C l r a i, presenting IT integrated system and forecasting models platform to the main stakeholders along the Danube. Different stakeholders from local administration, water management systems and Clara i Environmental Protection Agency participated in the event. Representative from Lp, PP2, Pp3 and Pp4 participated in the event.



20 January, 2015, Bucharest Working Group Meeting for SII WATER maintenance- the testing period results were discussed, the main developments partners intend to do for Portals, preparing new outputs of the project activities, mainly dedicated to emergency situation management for flood warnings, requesting assistance to be included on the portal and for automatization of the process. The PowerNet Consulting representative, will give assistance during the period of the SII WATER maintenance period and were planned separate meetings in the partners institutions (PP2-ANAR, PP3-INHGA and PP5-ANPM) for further assistance and trainings. It was also planned a training for the national level dispatch. They look for further beneficiaries requests.



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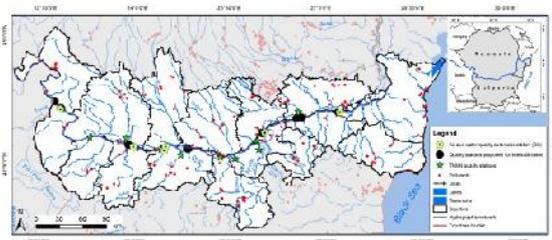
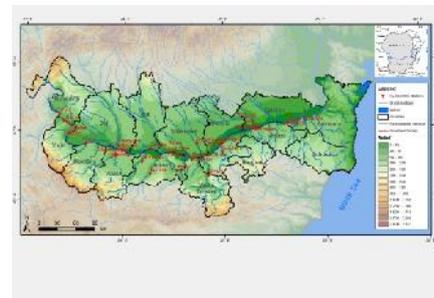
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22 January, 2015, Bucharest Working Group Meeting for Activity 6- Integrated geodetic system - discussions about field activities, and geodetic measurements training organization were discussed, as well as about GNSS data needed for Romanian-Bulgarian geodetic systems integration. Data acquisition and data exchange between the two countries and PP4 UTCB-PP11 MEADR, PP 2 ANAR and PP3-INHGA field monitoring experts activities were planned till the end of March 2015.

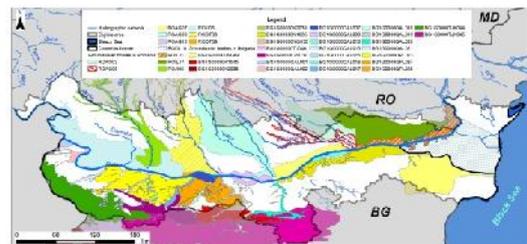


10-11 February, 2015, Bucharest Seminar for Water Framework Directive implementation, discussing issues as water resources pressure indicators, surface and groundwater integrated monitoring, reporting preparation for River Basin



Management Plan for groundwater aspects. A general presentation of the Danube WATER Project monitoring system was provided,

reflecting aspects as contribution to increasing institutional capacity in groundwater survey and data collection, processing and modelling for preparing a high knowledgeable report for the Danube Floodplain.





18-21 February, 2015, Sofia Management Meeting was ORGANIZED BY PP10- National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, Bulgaria and LP- Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests, Romania, mainly to discuss the Audit reporting preparation and for last activities implementation- preparation of the technical final reports. All partners participated. Management meeting and working meetings for Activity 7-Forecasting and warning system, and Activity 12 – Safety waste deposits, as well as discussions for common geodatabase were organized. Activities indicators were once again discussed and the main project contribution to fulfill the Romania-Bulgaria Program indicators.



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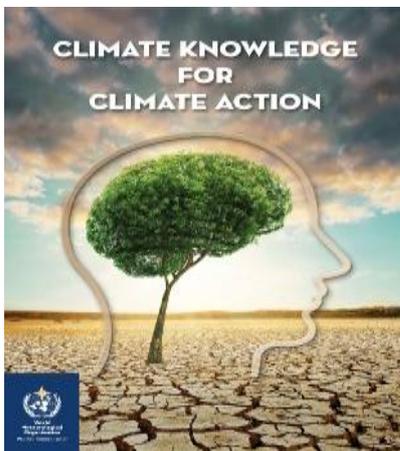
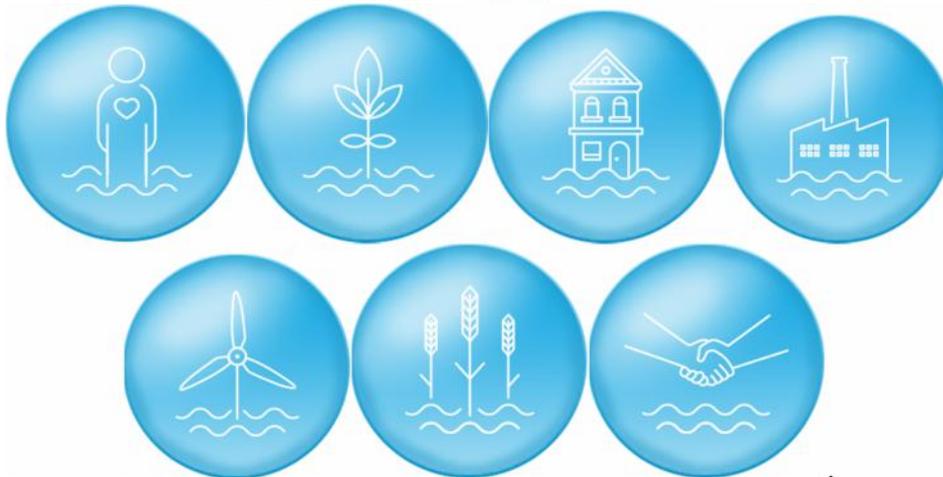
22 March, 2015, WORLD WATER DAY 2015: Water and Sustainable Development. The thematic of 2015 for celebrating UN Water Day emphasized there is a need to shift towards environmentally sustainable economic policies that take account of the interconnection between ecological systems. One challenge is to maintain a beneficial mix between built and natural infrastructure and provision of their respective services. - See more at: <http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/learn/en>, regarding water and its role for sustainable development. Water is health, nature, urbanization, industry, energy, food, WATER IS EQUALITY IN THE TRANSBORDER RIVER BASIN.



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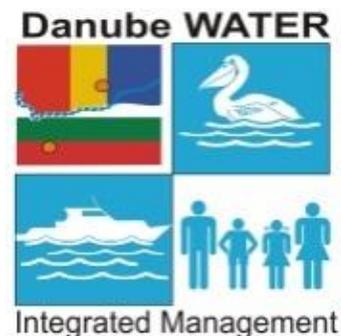
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23 March, 2015 celebrating “World Meteorological Day 2015 – Climate knowledge for climate action” - The World Meteorological Organization, as the successor of the International Meteorological Organization, created in 1873, has its fundamental mission to support the countries of the world in providing meteorological and hydrological services to protect life and property from natural disasters related to weather, climate and water, to safeguard the environment, and to contribute to sustainable development. This cannot happen without the necessary observations, research and operations that develop the understanding and knowledge of weather

and climate. Danube WATER Project, came to celebrate together with Water Day, the World Meteorological Day, coming with solutions for water and environmental parameters monitoring and protection.

23 March, 2015, Bucharest/Giurgiu is planned the **REGIONAL WORKSHOP “WATER DAY- Danube WATER experience capitalization”**, an event getting together stakeholders along the Danube interested in water management and environment protection. Climate change increased extremes along the Danube Floodplain. We need to be better prepared to face such events. Projects dedicated to integrated water management, support sustainable development of the region. This is why is important Danube WATER Project, as a link between climate action plan and sustainable development.



A conference press will be also organized, for the high level representatives and stakeholders. JTS and AM representatives are invited and also the local administration representatives. A Basin Committee is planned, to celebrate the Water Day, where the Water high level deciders are also invited to attend.