**ECRAN Water Working Group**

**Activity 2.3.1**

**INVITATION to the**

**1st Annual meeting of the Water Working Group**

Istanbul, February 10, 2014

**Background**

The purpose of the annual meetings is to gather together the nominees from the beneficiary countries to exchange information on implementation of the work plan and progress made in the reporting period. As the project is in the initial phase, the special purpose of the 1st Annual meeting is to introduce all national coordinators and Project team with main objectives of the Project, work plan for the implementation of the activities and tasks, project management and coordination. The main focuses will be given to: how provide efficient assistance in the development of the river basin management plans (RBMPs) for selected transboundary pilot river basin (task 2.3.2); approach to the trainings on economic analysis in accordance with the WFD (cost recovery and cost-effectiveness considerations), including innovative systems of waste water treatment under task 2.3.3 as well as on how to encouraging discussion on drawing line between WFD and Marine Strategy Directive throughout regional seminars within task 2.3.4.

**Objectives of the meeting:**

Wider Objective: to adopt work plan for 2014 with a wider prospect for the subsequent years.

Specific Objectives:

* To agree on collaboration within the Water Working Group;
* To open discussion the criteria for selection of the most appropriate participants to particular events;
* To discuss the draft criteria for selection of transboundary river basin that will used as a pilot under task 2.3.2.1;
* To discuss proposal for specific RBMP development topic under task 2.3.2.2 (RBMPs);
* To discuss proposal for regional training plan including the study visit programme under task 2.3.2.3;
* To discuss and agree on the approach to task 2.3.3 and liaison with the Strategic Planning and Investment Activity (Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD cost recovery and cost-effectiveness considerations), including innovative systems of waste water treatment)
* To discuss and agree on approach to task 2.3.4 (WFD and Marine Strategy Directive – where to draw the line?)
* To adopt the work plan for 2014.

**Expected Results of the meeting**

The expected results are going through and concluding on all the points listed above.

**Draft Agenda Outline and List of Confirmed Participants**

**Topic: 1st Annual Meeting of the Water Working Group**

**Chair: Visnja Omerbegovic/Co-Chair: Mihail Dimovski**

**Venue: Mövenpick Hotel Istanbul, Büyükdere Caddesi 4, Istanbul, Turkey**

| **Start** | **Finish** | **Topic** | **Speaker** | **Output/Note** |
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| **08:30** | **09:00** | **Registration** | | |
| 9:00 | 9:20 | Address by EC | Ms Edita Dranseikaite, EC DG Environment | Welcome and introduction |
|  |  | Address by the representative of the Turkey | Ms. Nermin Cicek, Water Management Coordinator Turkey, TBC | Welcome and brief intro on the state affairs in water sector in the country |
|  |  | Address by ECRAN /Introduction to the meeting and agenda | Mr Mihail Dimovski, Project Team Leader  Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, senior short-term expert, coordinator of the Water Working Group | Introduction to the Annual Meeting, objectives and expected results  Adoption of the Agenda |
| 9:20 | 9:40 | Summary of activities delivered and results achieved under RENA Water Management Working Group | Mr. Mihail Dimovski, Project Team Leader | Lessons learned from RENA  Brief recap on the activities based on which the work plan for Water Management Working Group of ECRAN has been developed |
| 9:40 | 9:50 | Introduction to the activities expected within the ECRAN project under the Water Working Group | Ms Visnja Omerbegovic | Presentation of the planned Water t WG activities  Method : PPP  Materials provided : Document on planned activities and expected outputs to be achieved |
| 9:50 | 10:10 | Discussion and agreement on the collaboration within the Water Working Group | Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, all participants | Presentation of the approach and methodology to be applied for implementation of the activities under ECRAN Water WG  Discussion on the way of selection of most appropriate participants to particular events  Method : PPP and Q&A  Materials provided: Draft criteria for selection of the participants |
| 10:10 | 11:00 | Discussion on the selection criteria selection of the transboundary river basin that will be used as under task 2.3.2.1 | Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, all participants | Presentation of criteria for selection of the transboundary river basin that will be used as pilot and overall approach to the task 2.3.2.1  Method : PPP and Q&A  Materials provided: Document with criteria for selection of the transboundary river basin that will be used as pilot for specific RBMP development topic. |
| 11:00 | 11:25 | ***Coffee Break*** | | |
| 11:30 | 12:00 | Discussion and agreement on the specific RBMP development topic under 2.3.2.2 (RBMPs) | Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, all participants | Presentation of and discussion on overall task approach and implementation for specific RBMP development topics for task 2.3.2.2  Method : PPP and Q&A  Materials provided: Document for specific RBMP development topics |
| 12:00 | 12:25 | Presentation and discussion on the approach to the Task 2.3.3 Economic Analysis and links with Strategic planning and Investment Activity | Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, all participants | Discussion on the on the approach to the Task 2.3.3  Method : PPP and Q&A  Materials provided: Document on approach and methodology of Task |
| 12:30 | 13:25 | Lunch | | |
| 13:30 | 14:00 | Presentation and discussion on the approach to the Task 2.3.4 (WFD and Marine Strategy Directive) | Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, all participants | Discussion on the on the approach to the Task 2.3.4  Method : PPP and Q&A  Materials provided: Document on approach and methodology of Task |
| 14:00 | 14:30 | Opening of the discussion on the draft work plan for 2014 | Ms Visnja Omerbegovic | Draft work plan for 2014 will be provided in advance. |
| 14:30 | 14:45 | Discussion on and adoption of the work plan for 2014 | Ms Visnja Omerbegovic, all participants | Work plan for 2014 adopted. |
| 14:45 | 15:00 | Practical arrangements/cooperation with TAIEX | Ms Ruza Radovic, ECRAN Project Director |  |
| 15:00 | 15:30 | Summary conclusions and closure of the meeting | Ms Edita Dranseikaite, EC DG ENV  Ms Visnja Omerbegovic |  |

**List of confirmed participants**

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