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Structure of the presentation

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Objectives / focus

- Practical application of various analysis for implementing EU directives
- Enhanced understanding on the need to establish a comprehensive database useful for assessment and reporting
- Analysis, synthesis and presentations of the countries inputs
- Facilitate active participation, interaction and motivated involvement
- Speakers engaged in mobilizing the audience through knowledge, skills, attitudes
- Making use of training materials: written materials, in preparation of the meetings, handouts with key points to guide the discussion
- Ensure continuation in representation of the target audience
- Emphasis on integration issues – to streamline info management and reporting.



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Overview of main activities

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

- the 4th Screening Workshop 15 – 17 Sep 2015, Tirana, Albania
- Study Visit and Workshop with EA WG (WG 3), 22 – 24 Sep, Prague, Czech Republic

Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD

- Workshop with SPI WG (WG 1), 03 - 04 June 2015

Task 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD – objectives, synergies and approaches

- 2nd Regional Training Workshop, 20 - 22 May 2015, Istanbul, Turkey



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Results within the reporting period (1)

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

4th Screening Workshop, 15 – 17 September 2015 – main focus PoM development

Specific results

- 1) Further development of the methodology for concluding the Program of Measures, with a new phase
- 2) Performed specific assessments, based on screening templates completed by the experts in the WM WG, such as:
 - (i) the identification of transboundary issues
 - (ii) the identification of the Significant Water Management Issues in the Drina River basin
 - (iii) the pressures and impact assessment based on screening templates, in line with EU reporting schemes
 - (iv) baseline scenarios and definitions of assumptions
 - (v) the definition of the Drina River Basin visions and management objectives for each of the identified SWMIs
 - (vi) economic analysis and financing of the Program of Measures, in line with the WFD
- 3) Enhanced understanding on the need to establish a comprehensive database that can meet a wide range of requirements for assessment and reporting.



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Results within the reporting period (2)

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

Study visit and Workshop on key links between the WFD and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAD) and Strategic Environmental Directives (SEAD), with the Environmental Assessments Working Group (WG 3), 22 – 24 September 2015, Prague, Czech Republic.

Specific results

Improved awareness on (i) the links between the WFD and, the EIAD and the SEAD, (ii) the assessment approach required by the WFD, for those situations when likely significant environmental impacts are identified and then assessed according to the EIAD/SEAD, and (iii) the objectives of WFD and EIAD/SEAD to integrate the environment into decision-making process.

Clarification of the legal relationship between the WFD, especially the RBMP and the PoM, and the assessment under the EIAD/ SEAD

Better understanding on the similarities and overlaps (extent, nature) - WFD, EIAD/ SEAD

Lessons learned from three Czech case studies, each of them with potential to underline different sets of interlinkages, synergies, overlaps and actions between the WFD and EIAD/SEAD.



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Results within the reporting period (3)

Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD

Regional Workshop on “Strategic Planning in Water Sector” with Strategic Planning and Investments Working Group (WG 1), (3-4 June 2015, Podgorica, Montenegro) - to facilitate the transfer of knowledge on the need to prepare strategic planning documents in the water sector, in line with the EU directives requirements

Specific results

Improved understanding of the requirements for national planning documents as part of the Acquis

Clarity on the requirements of EU water directives relevant for the discussion of sustainable financing in the water sector

Enhanced knowledge on techniques and tools for prioritization of water investments based on a set of criteria reflecting not only environmental benefits, but also the cost effectiveness of measures.



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Results within the reporting period (4)

Task 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD – objectives, synergies and approaches

2nd Regional Training Workshop, 20 - 22 May 2015, Istanbul, Turkey

Specific results

- 1) Clarification of the practical approach and the methodology for MSFD implementation, specifically in relation to the requirements of the Initial Assessment and the determination of GES
- 2) Discussed the results of questionnaires related to the coordination requirements between river basin management and marine environment protection, for all ECRAN beneficiary countries (including the landlocked countries)
- 3) Improved knowledge and awareness on the need to consider overlaps and interlinkages between the WFD and MSFD, in relation to the development of the Program of Measures, performing the Initial Assessment and Economic Analysis
- 4) Lessons learned on the implementation shared by Black Sea Commission and Romania on MSFD implementation
- 5) Provided support through background documents for specific steps along MSFD implementation.



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Challenges of the next period

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

- Supporting methodology for next steps of PoM preparation (finalization of the pressures assessment, identification of basic and supplementary measures, setting up environmental objectives, assessing anticipated effects of the PoM, finalization of the PoM report)
- Countries inputs - screening templates and case studies prepared by Candidate countries
- Organization and delivery of 3 Screening workshops at pilot Drina RB in 2016

Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD

Subtask - Approaching for selecting the most cost-effective combination of measures in Drina JPM

- Supporting methodologies and concepts for exemptions, derogations, affordability and prioritization of investments
- Discussion of financing options and of issues linked to the cost of measures, implementation and reporting of the program of measures
- Pragmatic approach to create a national data base in relation with water pricing policies
- Screening templates and Case studies prepared by beneficiary countries
- Organization and delivery of 2 workshops in 2016, of which one will cover economic analysis for both WFD and MSFD

Task 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD – objectives, synergies and approaches

- Training on approaches for establishing of GES and development of PoM in line with MSFD
- To accomplish the necessary understanding of the role of landlocked countries for addressing land-based pressures, which are also affecting the marine environment
- Organization and delivery of 2 workshops in 2016, both considering interlinkages WFD/MSFD.



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Issues worth to be mentioned

The training included practical application of different concepts, approaches and assessments, related to the implementation of WFD and MSFD, through inputs from beneficiary countries, based on screening templates, case studies, and following an agreed methodology.

This training approach ensured continuation in representation of the target audience, facilitated an active participation and interaction, and guaranteed motivated involvement of the experts in the beneficiary countries.

Further, it contributed to strengthen the co-operation between all countries sharing transboundary water catchment areas and marine waters, and avoided any potential obstacle.



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