

## ENVIRONMENT COMPONENT

**Activity 2.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INVESTMENTS**

**Activity 2.3 WATER MANAGEMENT**

**Activity 2.5 AIR QUALITY**

**Activity 2.6 WASTE MANAGEMENT,,**

**Activity 2.7 NATURE PROTECTION**

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## Activity 2.2 Strategic Planning and Investments WG – objective and tasks

The overall objective of Strategic Planning and Investments WG was provision of support to the beneficiaries in the process of improvement of strategic planning, enhancement of regional cooperation and information sharing on environmental investment issues as a key element of the approximation toward the EU

### Task 2.2.1 Annual Working Group meetings

- Task 2.2.2: Strategic Planning
- Task 2.2.3: Cost recovery and tariff setting
- Task 2.2.4: IPA capacity building



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## Activity 2.2 Strategic Planning and Investments WG– implemented activities 2013 - 2016

- Task 2.2.1 Annual Working Group meetings
- Task 2.2.2: Strategic Planning
  - ✓ Country specific discussions and meta-plans (national roadmaps) for development of necessary planning documents for EU accession process
  - ✓ Regional training on the role of planning documents in approximation process for chapter 27
  - ✓ Two combined regional trainings with Waste Management and Water Management Working Group to assess the situation and agree on strategic planning documents to be developed in the selected sectors
- Task 2.2.3: Cost recovery and tariff setting
  - ✓ Combined regional trainings on economic-financial analysis and cost recovery with Water and Waste Management Working Groups,
  - ✓ Organisation of national roundtables on cost recovery, structure of costs, financial flows, polluter pays and other principles
- Task 2.2.4 Capacity building for IPA project fiche preparation
  - ✓ Regional training on the IPA 2 regulation and its implementing principles



## Activity 2.2 Strategic Planning and Investments WG – impact and results

- Improved regional cooperation between environmental authorities responsible for various aspects of environmental investments
- Raised awareness on the implications that national legislation has on various environmental investments aspects
- Improved institutional set-up and technical working arrangements established (methodologies, screening templates, questionnaires)
- Improved quality of transposition and implementation of the EU environmental and climate acquis
- Improved strategic planning and investments (acceptance of Directive Specific Implementation Plans as one of major planning documents)
- Increased knowledge on the cross cutting issues in the implementation of EU Directives.



## Activity 2.3 Water Management WG – objective and tasks

The overall objective of Water Management WG was provision of support to the beneficiaries in the process of development of sound water management policies fully in line with the EU water acquis through implementation of the following tasks:

- Task 2.3.1 Annual Working Group meetings
- Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary river basin management plans (RBMPs)
- Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis (EA) in accordance with the WFD (cost recovery and cost effectiveness considerations), including innovative systems of waste water treatment or water-pricing (water tariff settings)
- Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) objectives, synergies and approaches



## Activity 2.3 Water Management WG – implemented activities 2013 - 2016

- Task 2.3.1 Annual Working Group meetings -
- Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP
  - ✓ Drina River Basin selected as a pilot river basin for the RBMP,
  - ✓ Program of Measures (PoM) identified as a specific RBMP topic,
  - ✓ Supporting methodology (4-phase) for preparing the PoM in line with the Water Framework Directive (WFD),
  - ✓ Screening templates prepared and completed following the PoM methodology, provision of inputs by the beneficiaries,
  - ✓ Draft RBMP for Drina River Basin elaborated,
  - ✓ Facilitated transfer of knowledge, experiences and lessons learned through capacity building activities and practical work,
  - ✓ Organization and delivery of Screening, Regional and Thematic Synergy Workshops (through joint training), and Study visit.



## Activity 2.3 Water Management WG – implemented activities 2013 - 2016

- Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD
  - ✓ Selection of training topic: Cost recovery through water pricing,
  - ✓ Development of approach for selecting the most cost-effective combination of measures in Drina PoM, supporting methodology
  - ✓ Pragmatic approach and steps defined for creation of national data base on water pricing policies
  - ✓ Screening templates and case studies prepared by beneficiary countries, underlining different sets of interlinkages, synergies, actions and overlaps between the WFD and MSFD, such as: cost recovery, payment for environmental services, resource cost, environmental costs, water tariffs
  - ✓ Specific additional topics of relevance in the preparation of the RBMP approached, including: affordability, prioritization of investments, disproportionate costs and exemptions.
- Task 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD – objectives, synergies and approaches – Capacity building on the following: role and approach for and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) implementation, WFD and MSFD objectives, synergies, overlaps, establishment of targets and indicators designed to show whether a MS is achieving GES.



## Activity 2.3 Water Management WG – impact and results

- Raised awareness on the implications that national legislation has on various water management aspects
- Methodologies, screening templates, questionnaires and outline for case studies available
- Learning by doing - practical application of various analysis (RBMP, Economic Analysis and MSFD)
- Enhanced understanding on the need to establish a comprehensive database that can meet a wide range of requirements for assessment and reporting
- Creation of informal network of water management experts from beneficiary countries and EU MS involved in the capacity building programme (Croatia, France, Spain, Romania and Slovenia)
- Increased knowledge on the cross cutting issues in the implementation of EU Directives, to reduce burden on implementation through streamlined info management and reporting.
- Familiarization with the EU reporting schemes.





## Activity 2.5 Air Quality WG – objective and tasks

The overall objective of Air Quality WG was provision of support to the beneficiaries in the process of proper transposition and implementations of the provisions of new Air Quality Directive (Directive/2008/50/EC) through implementation of the following tasks:

- Task 2.5.1 Annual Working Group meetings
- Task 2.5.2: Training Needs Assessment
- Task 2.5.3: Preparation and delivery of designated training programme



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## Activity 2.5 Air Quality WG– implemented activities 2013 - 2016

- Task 2.5.1 Annual Working Group meetings -
- Task 2.5.2: Training Needs Assessment – development of Air Quality Training Needs Questionnaire and Report on the Air Quality Training Needs
- Task 2.5.3 Preparation and delivery of designated training programme on the following topics: Air Quality, NEC Directive, air quality modelling. Preparation and distribution of training manual on information sources for air quality.



## Activity 2.5 Air Quality WG – impact and results

- Raised awareness on the implications that national legislation has on various air quality aspects
- Increased knowledge on the methods for delimitation of zones and agglomerations according to the Air Quality Directive within the countries
- Increased knowledge on the methods for determination of the assessment regime (information on setting the number and locations of the monitoring sites)
- Raised awareness on the importance of AQ modelling in AQ assessment and AQ management
- Increased understanding of the requirements of the Air Quality Directive and where certain problems in implementation are to be expected.
- Identification of future needs for capacity building activities as well as further exchange of information, experiences, and recommendations of EU countries.



## Activity 2.6 Waste Management WG – objective and tasks

The overall objective of Waste Management WG was provision of support to the beneficiaries in the process of transfer from landfilling of waste to extensive systems for source separation, secondary separation, revised waste collection schemes, extended recycling capacities, treatment of biodegradable waste and, where economically feasible, mechanical and biological treatment systems, in order to reflect the EU requirements on waste management.

- Task 2.6.1 Annual Working Group meetings
- Task 2.6.2: Review of national waste management plans/strategies
- Task 2.6.3: Preparation and delivery of designated training programme



## Activity 2.6 Waste Management WG– implemented activities 2013 - 2016

- Task 2.6.1 Annual Working Group meetings - Agreement on the yearly Work Plan, acceptance of a new pragmatic approach for reaching the ECRAN project objectives
- Task 2.6.2: Review of national waste management plans/strategies
  - ✓ Analysis and review of the national waste management plans/strategies of the ECRAN beneficiary countries in line WFD and Methodological guidance note, issued by the EC on "Preparing the Waste Management Plans". (Review report on National Waste Management Strategy Policy Paper and draft Waste Management Plan 2014 –2020 Montenegro, Review report on Strategy of Kosovo\* on waste management 2013-2022 and Plan on waste management 2013-2017)
- Task 2.6.3 Preparation and delivery of designated training programme on the following topics: Transposition and Implementation of Waste Framework Directive (Directive 2008/98/EC), Strategic and Investment Planning in Waste Sector, Cost recovery in waste sector, Remediation of the Landfills in the context of the regional waste management.



## Activity 2.6 Waste Management WG – impact and results

- Raised awareness on the implications that national legislation has on various water management aspects
- Initiation of the revision of WMP in Montenegro, Kosovo\* initiated preparatory activities for development of Waste Management Master plan
- Inclusion of the instruments related to Status of end of waste (EoW) and by-product in the draft waste management legislation of Serbia and Montenegro
- Triggered preparation of relevant strategic documents in both, Serbia and Montenegro, related to reduction of Regional Waste Management Centres and developing source and secondary separation.
- Improved systematic approach to strategic planning corresponding accession needs;
- Awareness on the requirements for strategic planning in waste sector and relation of strategic planning to investment process management;
- Improved cooperation between planning and waste sector specialists;
- Improved understanding of approaches for negotiations in waste sector in particular for heavy investment directives.



## Activity 2.7 Nature WG – objective and tasks

The overall objective of Nature WG was provision of support to the beneficiaries in the process of establishment of Natura 2000 network and tools serving its protection and conservation, through implementation of the following tasks:

- Task 2.7.1 Annual Working Group meetings
- Task 2.7.2 Appropriate Assessments (AA);
- Task 2.7.3 Design and delivery of Regional Awareness Raising Programme
- Task 2.7.4 Preparation of Participatory Site Management Plan at the selected pilot site.



## Activity 2.7 Nature WG– implemented activities 2013 - 2016

- Task 2.7.1 Annual Working Group meetings –
- Task 2.7.2: Appropriate Assessments (AA)
  - ✓ development of Appropriate Assessments on the selected pilot sites;
  - ✓ regional trainings on the process of designation of potential Natura 2000 sites and
  - ✓ assessment of readiness of ECRAN Beneficiaries for Natura 2000 designation
- Task 2.7.3 Regional Awareness Raising Programme
  - ✓ Preparation and delivery of regional study visit “Natura 2000 – from theory to practice” in Czech Republic, to raise awareness on the management of Natura 2000 sites, conflicts between the conservation of Natura 2000 and national protected areas and ways of their resolving, organization of site management and funding opportunities
  - ✓ Preparation and delivery of Multi-beneficiary Workshop on Protected Area Management and Development of Tourism Infrastructure
  - ✓ Preparation and delivery of Workshop on Fighting Illegal logging and associated trade: Cooperation between the EU and EU Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates on Implementation of the EU Timber Regulation
  - ✓ Preparation and delivery of Regional Workshop on Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in cooperation with EC DG Environment and the EU Wildlife Trade Enforcement Group.





## Activity 2.7 Nature WG– implemented activities 2013 - 2016

- Task 2.7.4 Preparation of Participatory Site Management Plan at the selected pilot site;
  - ✓ Selection of pilot site (NP Alps, Albania)
  - ✓ Stakeholders identification
  - ✓ Organisation of Inception event
  - ✓ Preparation and delivery of situation analysis workshop
  - ✓ Cooperation with GIZ on preparation of proposal for zoning of future NP Alps
  - ✓ Preparation and delivery of stakeholders consultation meetings
  - ✓ Preparation of participatory methodology of the management planning process
  - ✓ Organisation of final event



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## Activity 2.7 Nature WG – impact and results

- Increased knowledge on the provisions of Habitats Directive Art. 6 Appropriate Assessment (AA).
- Raised awareness on the need for involvement of both nature protection and EIA/SEA authorities for the implementation of AA, which mostly occurs within EIA/SEA processes.
- Raised awareness on the implications that national legislation has on various nature protection aspects
- Direct exchange of practical aspects of implementation of environmental assessments and the linkages between Appropriate Assessments and SEA/ EIA with colleagues from the EU MS (Czech Republic, Slovenia and Croatia)
- Provision of practical hands on experience in preparation of a participatory management plan
- Determination of readiness to establish Natura 2000 network for each of the beneficiaries and delivery of “step-by-step manual” to be used by technical departments when presenting the complexity of establishing Natura 2000 networks to management structures in relevant public authorities.



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