

## 4. NEWADA NEWSLETTER

### General information from the SEE programme

The two IPA partners (Plovput and APP) have received their IPA contract. While the Serbian partner (Plovput) is now able to contribute to our project implementation due to the fact that their costs are eligible the case is different for APP. They have to wait for a notification until their costs are also eligible. This issue has to be solved between the Republic of Croatia and the European Union.

The SEE programme is currently evaluating the second call for proposals. It could be the case that also the third call will be launched within this year. Depending on the approved projects for the third call it might happen that this call is a strategic call.

The SEE annual event will take place in autumn this year. As a location Greece or Croatia are possible.

### Reporting issues

All NEWADA project partners have successfully passed their first reporting process and were able to get their costs certified. As usual we were faced with different problems in the countries. Furthermore the project was able to spend nearly the amount of money (~130.000€) as it was foreseen within the Application form (144.000€). The LP submitted on behalf of the project team the first Progress Report to the JTS. Nevertheless there are a few points which have to be considered in the future. For all meetings an agenda, meeting minutes and a list of participants (incl. signatures) have to be available when asking for reimbursement. Furthermore the JTS checked the report carefully and raised a few questions. Most of them addressed the budget line travel and accommodation. Hence, the project partners are asked to pay more attention when filling in the partner report. Detailed information regarding this issue was given at the Status meeting in Vienna.

With the last day of February the second reporting period ends. Hence, the project partners are asked to prepare their partner reports and get in contact with the FLC for certification. Due to the fact that the programme splitted the third reporting period we are currently facing 9 months of permanent reporting. All partners are asked to reduce the amount of meetings, when possible in the months March, June and September to a minimum due to the fact that the documents for the reporting have to be prepared.

|                             | REPORTING PERIOD 2<br>01.09.2009 –<br>28.02.2010 | REPORTING PERIOD 3A<br>01.03.2010 –<br>31.05.2010 | REPORTING PERIOD 3B<br>01.06.2010 – 31.08.2010 |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|
| PREPARATION PARTNER REPORT  | MARCH 2010                                       | JUNE 2010   | SEPTEMBER 2010                                 |
| SUBMISSION TO FLC           | 01.04.2010                                       | 01.07.2010  | 01.10.2010                                     |
| CHECK AT FLC                | APRIL 2010                                       | JULY 2010   | OCTOBER 2010                                   |
| PREPARATION PROGRESS REPORT | MAY 2010   | AUGUST 2010                                       | NOVEMBER 2010                                  |

### Achievements and next steps

Within the last newsletter you were informed about PR items which will be produced and also distributed among the project team. At the BoD meeting in December the first project partners have finished the production of items and started to distribute them. At the Status meeting in Vienna the remaining project partners did the same. Attached please find an overview about PR items.

| Project partner | PR item                            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| via donau       | table flags (SEE, EU, NEWADA)      |
| SVP             | T-shirts                           |
| RSOE            | vignettes, posters, roll-up design |
| Vituki          | calendars                          |
| VKKI            | roll-ups                           |
| ACN             | umbrellas                          |
| AFDJ            | notepad and pens                   |
| EAEMDR          | mousepads, keyholders              |

In WP 3 the final versions of the status quo reports on hydrological and hydrographical activities have been delivered. They will be presented in the run of the WP3 meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Furthermore Act. 3.2 issues (Enhance cross-border cooperation), which are based on outputs of Act. 3.1, will be discussed there. Furthermore, the main task for WP3 within 2010 will be the elaboration of strategy plans for each country.

On December 7<sup>th</sup> a WP 4 meeting took place in Budapest. Here, the draft versions of the status quo report on waterway maintenance were presented and discussed. The draft versions for waterway maintenance had to be delivered in autumn. Another WP4 meeting took place in Bucharest from February 23-24. The final version of the report was presented there as well as the draft version for the report on “impacts of the WFD for ecological optimised waterway administration”. Until May also information regarding the interrelation between maintenance works and river engineering projects has to be available. Also within this WP the major task for 2010 is the preparation of a national strategy plan.

For Act. 5.1 a meeting was organised in Győr to discuss the last steps regarding FIS data. Furthermore the participants made a first step to agree the common services for the FIS portal (Act. 5.4). Until the end of February the PP had to include an implementation roadmap for FIS services to their national status quo report. Within Act. 5.2 a meeting took place in Vienna on 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2010. Also here the national status quos were finalised and presented. At this event also the agreement regarding standard, updating and quality was discussed. Within 2010 this agreement shall be finalised, even though it has to be highlighted that some parts will have to be brought forward to standardisation bodies. In Act. 5.3 the “new” partners (RO & BG) had the task to obtain the relevant software licences for D4D. In addition to that first drafts of specifications for the D4D web portal and the object catalogue were elaborated. A meeting for D4D is foreseen to be held in April in Regensburg. Within Act. 5.5 (WLAN) the partners are currently busy with the selection of equipment and the necessary architecture.

On December 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 the second BoD took place in Budapest. Here the directors proceeded with the national reports regarding waterway administration. These reports shall be finalised until April 2010 and presented in the run of the next BoD in June. For Act. 6.2 the PR managers were nominated which will meet before the summertime to discuss their tasks. For the expert exchange programme (Act. 6.3) the draft agendas are available in the intranet. Now, each PP is asked to get in contact with the respective organisation and agree on details regarding the expert exchange. As informed this exchange is foreseen for experts in the field of hydrology, hydrography, ecology and waterway maintenance.

### Next Meetings

WPL meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in Bratislava  
 Act. 5.3 meeting in the week from 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April in Regensburg  
 WP 5 meeting between 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> of May (location to be defined)  
 WPL meeting in June 2010 (to be specified)  
 BoD in June 2010 in Slovakia (details will be provided)  
 Status meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2010 in Belgrade