

## 5. NEWADA NEWSLETTER

### General information from the SEE programme

Currently the second call for proposals has been evaluated at the JTS. The third call could be of interest for the project team as this would be the last opportunity for a follow-up project with duration of three years. Follow-up activities shall be discussed at the next BoD in June. The SEE annual event is scheduled for September 21-22 and shall take place in Thessaloniki (Greece). Detailed information can be found, or will be provided on the SEE website (<http://www.southeast-europe.net/en/>). Costs of our Croatian project partner APP are now eligible due to the fact that national problems could be solved.

### Reporting issues

Reporting period 2 ended with 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 and reporting period 3a will end on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. Due to the fact that the programme splitted the third reporting period we are currently facing 9 months of permanent reporting. To be able to prepare all documents for the reporting, the amount of meetings should be reduced to a minimum in the months June and September.

	REPORTING PERIOD 3A 01.03.2010 – 31.05.2010	REPORTING PERIOD 3B 01.06.2010 – 31.08.2010
PREPARATION PARTNER REPORT	JUNE 2010	SEPTEMBER 2010
SUBMISSION TO FLC	01.07.2010	01.10.2010
CHECK AT FLC	JULY 2010	OCTOBER 2010
PREPARATION PROGRESS REPORT	AUGUST 2010	NOVEMBER 2010

Meanwhile all project partners have gained knowledge and experience in how to deal with their national FLC. Nevertheless, there is an agreement among the project team (presented at the last Status meeting) on how expenditures have to be reported. Especially travel costs need to be described more clearly. All persons in charge of filling out the partner report are asked to stick to this agreement.

### Achievements and next steps

#### WP 1

At the end of February the revised version of the AfR (Application for Reimbursement) has been submitted to the JTS.

We have been informed that the Bulgarian FLC system was not set up properly, due to that the costs of the Bulgarian project partner (EAEMDR) had to be removed from the AfR, unfortunately. This situation should be solved until the summer. According to the information of our Hungarian partners they now have an online tool for the preparation of the partner report.

The project partners are asked to stick to the agreement regarding document names, which was fixed in the communication handbook. Furthermore, all PPs should submit their outputs by uploading them to the intranet, hence, all documents are available and secondly the date of submission can be checked. Each WPL is responsible for his section to update it regularly. Especially documents of the meetings have to be uploaded right after the meeting took place. It is also very important that all draft versions should be deleted if the final version is available.

#### WP 2

The partners were asked to prepare a list of possible stakeholders, whom they are going to send the external project newsletter, which is foreseen to be distributed twice a year. RSOE is responsible for preparing the

external newsletters with the support of via donau. Since the number of stakeholders to be reached by this newsletter has to be reported, all national coordinators were asked to send their distribution lists to RSOE.

The next DISC Conference (DISC'10) is scheduled to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November in Rouse, this year. Our Bulgarian partner EAEMDR will be in charge of the organisation of this conference with the support of via donau. Due to the fact that the number of visitors is falling from year to year at this conference, an information regarding exact date and place of our coming yearly event has already been sent out per email and the PPs were asked to forward the information to all possible interested stakeholders.

The web statistic for [www.newada.eu](http://www.newada.eu) has been evaluated by RSOE. The amount of hits exceeds the amount stated within the application form.

The preparation of a press article was also discussed between the PPs and RSOE. RSOE will prepare a proposal for that, which will be discussed at the next WPL meeting in June. Updates of the Internet Sites as well as the dissemination activities of the NEWADA PPs shall be presented there as well.

In the framework of our dissemination activities we have carried out a survey concerning the general project-satisfaction in NEWADA. About 30 of the partners decided to evaluate their WP and Activity Leaders and to give some feedback about general project issues. On the basis of the questionnaires filled in, a short summary and some charts have been made to visualize the results of the evaluation, which can be looked at in the intranet under [home/NEWADA/WP 1 - Project management/ Documents/Evaluation\\_Questionnaires.pdf](#).

### **WP 3**

The final versions of the status quo reports on hydrological and hydrographical activities have been presented in the run of the WP3 meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in Bratislava. Act. 3.2 issues (Enhance cross-border cooperation), which are based on outputs of Act. 3.1, have been discussed there as well. The main two tasks for WP3 in 2010 to be prepared are:

- report on common understanding of surveying activities (a general report will be prepared based on the inputs of all project partners)
- national strategy plan for intensification of cross-border activities (final strategy plan has to be prepared until the end of November 2011)

### **WP 4**

A meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> April in Bratislava, where the "Study about the impacts of the WFD on ecological optimised waterway administration" has been presented. A representative of ICPDR participated at this event and provided valuable feedback

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.

### **WP 5**

Common services for the FIS portal have been discussed at the last Act. 5.1 meeting in February, in Győr. A few questions were open regarding the roadmap, which have been answered until the end of February. Basic agreements regarding the FIS portal itself were also made. At the beginning of May a meeting for Act. 5.4 & 5.5 has taken place in Budapest.

Act. 5.2 (ENC activities) the status quo reports have been finalized. So far only partly achieved is the update of the ENC production software, the implementation of quality checks as well as training courses. In the future via donau will be responsible for updating and maintenance of the common border section from km 1880.0 to 1872.7. An advantage of that agreement is that the depth of this section will be measured twice a year from Austrian side. The other PPs are asked to update their ENC systems as soon as possible and also attend the ENC

training courses. Of equal importance is the definition of the “area of responsibility” which only can take place with neighbouring countries.

Act. 5.3 (D4D) a common meeting took place in Regensburg from April 19-21, 2010. Due to the ash cloud coming from Iceland Romanian and Bulgarian project partners could not attend the meeting. Nevertheless, it was agreed on how the necessary developments will be distributed among the project team. Within this activity it was visible how a common implementation and system structure supports the further development.

Act. 5.4 The first version of Minimum FIS data set specification was distributed by RSOE to the partners on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and the PPs were asked to provide feedback. Further discussions took place in the run of a common meeting in Budapest on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2010. Here more details about the FIS portal were discussed. The members came to the conclusion that a central server solution is more suitable than a decentralised one. RSOE will be responsible for providing a first draft. Within this meeting synergies with other projects and services could be identified. Outputs from the EU funded project IRIS EU II will be the basis for data submission and the already existing web service for Danube ports (<http://www.danubeports.info/>) will be used and updated. The common FIS web portal is one of the most important outputs of the project due to the fact that the users can benefit from it.

## **WP 6**

Act. 6.1: The final versions of the status quo report on waterway administration have been submitted to the LP end of April 2010. On basis of these reports a proposal regarding the common understanding of future waterway administration objectives shall be drafted and presented at the next BoD. This common understanding shall be finalized until the end of 2010 and then a national strategy plan for optimized waterway administration shall be prepared in 2011. This common understanding will be the basis for follow-up activities which could lead to a follow-up project.

Act. 6.2: all PPs defined their PR manager and as a next step a PR workshop is scheduled to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June in Vienna, where the managers shall discuss their tasks and are asked to present the PR activities of their companies.

Act. 6.3: the expert exchange programme was defined and now the PPs are asked to make use of that programme. 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**

Act. 5.5 WLAN meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> June in Budapest

Act. 6.2 PR Workshop – 14<sup>th</sup> June in Vienna

BoD meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 in Bratislava

Status meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Belgrade

WPL meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Belgrade