

## 6. NEWADA NEWSLETTER

### General information from the SEE programme

According to available information the second phase of the second call for proposals of the SEE programme is now processed. The third call, unfortunately, will not be of relevance for the project NEWADA to deal with follow-up activities due to the fact that it will be a strategic call. That means that the SEE programme addresses special topics and only projects addressing these topics can ask for funding. The selected topic for priority 3 is "greener intermodality"! At the last BoD meeting it was decided that we will wait for the fourth call, which might be launched at the end of 2011. The SEE annual event is scheduled for September 21-22 and shall take place in Thessaloniki (Greece). Detailed information can be found on <http://www.seeconference2010.net>.

### Reporting issues

The JTS submitted to the LP a few remarks concerning the second progress report. Efforts taken by the project team to report expenditures more precisely pays off. Nevertheless the description of travel costs has to be improved as the JTS asked two partners to provide more information. Please check the SEE guidelines and furthermore the common agreement which was made during the Status meeting in Belgrade "Fill out guide for expenses under travel & accommodation". Furthermore it has to be kept in mind that project partners can't charge each other for services. Hence, participation fees for the DISC are not eligible.

### Achievements and next steps

#### WP 1

Until August 6<sup>th</sup> the LP was asked to submit the revised version of the second AfR (Application for Reimbursement) to the JTS. Due to holiday season there was a short delay of three or four days. Unfortunately efforts taken by our Bulgarian partner EAEMDR to hand in costs for reporting period 2 turned out to be unnecessary once again. In Bulgaria no satisfying solution for setting up the FLC properly could be found. Hence, we had to exclude the costs of EAEMDR once again. A Status meeting was organised in Belgrade on June 24. The status quo of project implementation was discussed here. The next day a WPL took place, where the work package leaders discussed common issues. After that Plovput organised a stakeholder meeting.

#### 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 prepared the first external newsletter and distributed this information to the partners. At the end the newsletter was distributed to nearly 300 contacts.

The next DISC Conference (DISC'10) will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November in Ruse. Our Bulgarian partner EAEMDR will be in charge of the organisation of this conference with the support of via donau. A save the date information was already sent out and detailed information regarding travelling and the conference will be distributed during August. This year it's also planned to set up a conference website.

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

via donau released an article about the project in the magazine "Waterways", which is distributed in Austria to relevant stakeholders (mainly private logistic service providers). Furthermore a film crew was visiting via donau and RSOE to compile a short clip about our project. The clip shall be available at the end of September.

#### WP 3

A trilateral meeting between SVP, Plovput and via donau took place in Belgrade on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 to discuss necessary next steps regarding Act. 3.2, especially the elaboration of common surveying standards as well as the national strategy plan. The WPL, with support of the PP, managed to fulfil all task of Act. 3.1, hence this activity will be closed with end of August.

#### **WP 4**

AFDJ as the responsible organisation for this WP was busy with the compilation of results out of the status quo reports. Furthermore the concept for “optimum interrelation between maintenance works and river engineering project” could be drafted now, the partners have submitted their inputs. It is the plan to close Act. 4.1 & 4.2 until the end of August as well, but maybe a few more days might be necessary!

#### **WP 5**

The status quo report on FIS data was finalised and hence RSOE drafted the specification on minimum set of FIS data. This document shall be the basis for developments within Act. 5.4 (FIS portal). Due to the fact that this was the last open issue for Act. 5.1 this activity is closed since May 2010.

Within Act. 5.2 the partners were asked to discuss the “area of responsibility” with neighbouring countries. Other partners were attending ENC training courses and updated their software tools. In the run of a meeting the conclusion was made that all Danube countries shall produce ENCs according to Inland ECDIS Standard 2.1.

For Act. 5.3 specifications (GIS web portal, maintenance portal and object catalogue) were drafted by responsible persons. Furthermore the partners had to purchase necessary software tools. Nikoletta Sajgó from RSOE took over the responsibility as “secretary”. She is now in charge of keeping track of deadlines and sending reminders to the partners. It has to be kept in mind that she will not deal with technical implementation questions. This will be done during the Act. 5.3 meetings. @ Nikoletta: welcome to the team!

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Act. 5.5 (WLAN) meeting took place in Budapest. Here details regarding the WLAN installation and common test procedures were discussed. At this event also IRIS EU II partners participated as RSOE coordinates between the projects NEWADA and IRIS EU II.

#### **WP 6**

The third BoD meeting took place in Bratislava on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The major topic was the presentation of the common understanding of future waterway administration objectives, which is drafted on basis of the status quo reports. 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. In the run of the BoD also follow-up activities were discussed.

The first meeting of the PR managers, so called PR Manager workshop, took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June in Vienna. The group discussed the current knowledge within the field PR and the expectations for the future. Furthermore a representative of the Platina project was present who informed about opinion of general public regarding inland navigation. The next meeting of this group is planned for autumn.

The first expert exchange programme took place in Budapest on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010. Vituki invited experts of ACN, via donau and SVP to present and discuss hydrological activities.

#### **Next Meetings**

Act. 5.2 (Enc) meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> September in Regensburg  
Act. 5.3 (D4D) meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> September in Regensburg  
Act. 3.2 meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> September in Bratislava  
SEE annual event – 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> September in Thessaloniki  
WPL meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> September in Vienna  
Status meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> October in Bratislava  
DISC'10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November in Ruse  
WPL meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> November in Bucharest (tbc)  
BoD & AC meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> November in Constanta  
Act. 5.5 (WLAN) meeting – date and location to be defined