

## 7. NEWADA NEWSLETTER

### General information from the SEE programme

Since the third call addresses the topic “greener intermodality” for priority 3, there is no place for a follow-up project of NEWADA. Therefore it was decided at the last BoD Meeting to wait until the fourth call for proposals of the SEE programme – to be launched probably at the end of 2011. The SEE annual event has taken place in Thessaloniki (Greece) on September 21-22. Some project partners were able to attend the meeting and received vital information regarding the status quo of the SEE programme and future calls.

### Reporting issues

The second half of the third reporting period passed nearly without any major troubles. In addition to that only minor remarks have been received from the JTS. Hence, the effort taken by the project team pays off. Unfortunately, the costs of VKKI could not be reported due to the fact that the declaration could not be submitted in time. It has to be pointed out that not only the FLC control body has the right to request changes of the partner report and the declaration, but also the LP is entitled to ask for changes.

### Achievements and next steps

#### WP 1

On September 30 a WPL meeting took place in Vienna and on October 5<sup>th</sup> a NEWADA Status meeting was organised in Bratislava. The LP received the second trench of ERDF reimbursement, which was distributed to the PP bank accounts. The next trench should arrive late 2010 or early 2011.

#### WP 2

The second external newsletter has already been distributed to the stakeholders. The 9th DISC Conference (DISC'10) has taken place in Ruse, Bulgaria, on 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Our Bulgarian partner EAEMDR was in charge of the organisation of this conference with the support of via donau. Since this conference will be organised in the framework of NEWADA during the lifetime of the project, we have prepared a questionnaire in order to get feedback from the participants concerning the organisation of the conference, the topics and other relevant information which could help us make DISC more popular and frequented. 50% of the participants were so kind to give their feedbacks. We could be very proud of the results which show that the organisation was assessed as excellent, all participants had the same opinion that DISC is a conference which plays an important role in their business lives and should take place at least once a year. The topics were assessed as very interesting, however few of the participants would also appreciate the integration of other selected activities, such as hydrography, hydrology, waterway maintenance, specialized software, networking and even mathematical models.

The film crew Tipik – which has visited via donau and RSOE in the summertime to compile a short clip about our project – has made the video clip available. Many thanks for Ivan Mitrović as well, who has made a very nice, impressive NEWADA movie. Both movies are available in the intranet filemanager (link):

**[/home/NEWADA/WP 2 - Dissemination/Act. 2.2 External communication and dissemination/NEWADA movies.](#)**

A common calendar of events and meetings has been made with the help of the PPs which can also be found in the intranet filemanager:

**[/home/NEWADA/WP 2 - Dissemination/Act. 2.2 External communication and dissemination](#)**

### **WP 3**

Act. 3.1 has been closed by the end of August.

A WP3 meeting took place in Bratislava (SK) on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 2010 where the proposal for the content of the report has been presented, focusing mainly on hydrography and the hydrography table with main data but also giving a small part for hydrology (general description). The main inputs will be prepared out of the reports within Act. 3.1.

Also the proposals for the content of the National Strategy Plan have been presented. The partners agreed that a draft version of the NSP template will be prepared by the WPL in the framework of Act. 3.2.2, which will be then sent to the partners in order to collect their comments and remarks. The final template should be available at the end of November.

There was a bilateral meeting between Plovput/SRB and APP/CRO regarding 3.2 topics on 19<sup>th</sup> of October in Belgrade. The Template for the national strategy plans for intensification of cross-border activities in the field of hydrographic survey were presented there. The requirements for each part of the template for the NSP's for intensification of cross-border activities in the field of hydrographic survey were discussed in detail.

It was agreed that one single planning document will be drafted for the joint section between Serbia and Croatia. The first draft is to be finished until February 2011, until the meeting of the inter-state Serbian-Croatian Commission, where the draft plan will be presented to the members of the commission.

### **WP 4**

Activities 4.1 and 4.2 have already been closed. The outputs of these activities can be downloaded from the NEWADA intranet.

The activity 4.3 has already started. In the last common meeting in Giurgiu on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, 2010 the template was discussed, which had to be updated until the 6<sup>th</sup> of November and feedback is expected from the partners until the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 2010.

It was decided, that the NSP has to deal with waterway maintenance only. Chapter C will be the most important topic in the NSP, where all information – needed for a future action list – will be presented. In order to make an action list, all PPs are asked to identify the problems – that could be improved by investments or just by a study – in their waterway administrations regarding waterway maintenance. A kind of market survey should be done to know if there is a necessity of new services, also by asking clients, users and skippers. On the basis of this action list new follow-up activities can be identified, for example to connect all water level gauges at the same reference level. If this will be done, all the activities from hydrology to waterway maintenance can be done and all the information can be exchanged.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place in Ruse in March, 2010, after a common agreement. This activity should be finished until April 2011.

### **WP 5**

Within Act. 5.2 – ENC harmonisation – a common meeting took place in Regensburg on September 07<sup>th</sup> where the partners had to present their conclusions regarding the “area of responsibility” with neighbouring countries. The task is more complicated than expected but finally all partners came to an agreement. The agreements of border cell maintenance are in final phase, all bi-trilateral discussions are close to conclude. The achievements of this Activity have been presented to the IEEG during a meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Within Act. 5.3 – GIS Data – a common meeting was organised in Regensburg on September 08<sup>th</sup>. Here the specifications (GIS web portal, maintenance portal and object catalogue) were finalised and handed over to Geomapping. As a next step each PP received an offer and was asked to contract it as soon as possible. Until early 2011 the new tools shall be up and running. Besides that the D4D web portal was steadily improved and extended to more Danube countries and more Danube countries will join soon. Right now, maps from Germany until the iron gate section are available. Next challenge is the D4D installation in Bulgaria and Romania.

#### Act. 5.4 FIS Portal

The first specification of FIS Portal was sent out in August 2010 by RSOE. A technical meeting was organised on 25th November in order to clarify some pending issues and to coordinate with other project and expert groups.

#### Act. 5.5 WLAN

All partners have delays with installation according to original schedule. Serbia has done installations and tests in June 2010 and Hungary in September 2010. Meeting is scheduled for 9th December 2010 to report on the results and to proceed with further tasks.

#### **WP 6**

We are heading towards the fourth BoD meeting in Constanta on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The common understanding of future waterway administration objectives was finalised. Based on that report the PP are asked to draft a national strategy plan. A draft version shall be ready until June 2011, where the next BoD meeting will take place. Another important issue for the directors are follow-up activities. All PP brought in possible future topics which will be discussed in more detail at the next BoD event.

The second PR Managers' workshop took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October in Vienna. The group discussed the objectives of a communication strategy, the establishment of target groups and how to create a strategic message. The next meeting of this group is planned for April.

The expert exchange programme is still running. Some exchanges, scheduled for 2010, had to be shifted to 2011.

#### **Next Meetings**

Act. 5.5 meeting – 09<sup>th</sup> December in Budapest