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Watercycle Project

Minute of the Kick off meeting

District Council Hall Castello Estense - Ferrara

Tuesday 20th February 2007

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		Municipality
EX	Pietro Valentini	Consorzio di Bonifica I° Circondario
INT	Dragana Skabar	Interprete croato-italiano

Kick off meeting objectives:

Watercycle project partners are going to start project actions and to implement means, structures and action plans in order to comply to approved project plan. The new situation, belonging to implementation period and budget reduction have to be managed and to produce effects of action plans; new management and technical structures have to be created and approved during the present meeting.

Presentation/discussion

*Tuesday 20 February 2007
09.30 – 13.30*

Mr Giulio Campana - Area Europa Project Manager

Introduction

On. Alfredo Zagatti, Ferrara District Deputy President, Lead Partner of Watercycle project.

Greetings

- short presentation of the project partners, (10 min each one) and expected results from Watercycle actions

Mrs Paola Magri – Ferrara District

Project introduction

Ferrara District territory presentation, strenghtness points and problems. Main objective to be reached thanks to Watercycle project::

Development of tools for correct planning (connected to the Dstrict Plan foro Protection of Water) and water management applying a mathematical model to evaluate and simulate quantities and qualities of water due to:

- human activites evolution
- planned recovery action

In order to:

- connect to hydrodynamic models of coastal lagoons in the district
- user friendly approach for no.specialized technicians
- user friendly approach to help possible applications in similar basins

Stakeholders to be involved:

- Ferrara District Water Resource and Environmental Protection Service
- Joint Research Centre di Ispra (VA)
- Regional Environmental Agency, Ferrara Branch
- Reclamation Consortium (particularly Consorzio I Circondario)



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Mr Anto Rajić - Sisak-Moslavina County

Presentation of the Region, general characteristics.

Main problems are connected to the lack (except in big cities) of water distribution system, lack of a sewage system, with consequent flow of sewage water in big rivers.

Project objectives to be reached are:

- environment protection in industrial areas
- environment protection in cities with more than 15.000 inhabitants

The action plan:

- sustainable management of water resources, drinkable water as natural heritage
- raise public awareness and increase participatory approach to sustainable management of nature resources - drinking water
- Experimentation on biological purifier of waste water for areas of Dvor, Hrvatska Dubica, Hrvatska Kostajnica (regional territory)
- Utilisation and promotion of utilisation of thermal waters for health, tourism and energy purposes – Feasibility study
- Coordinating actions for Croatian partners (meetings, elaboration of guidelines, action organisation, management and financial assistance)

Mrs Valentina Papić - Koprivnica Municipality

Presentation of Koprivnica Municipality: population, geographical characteristics. Economic development with significant industrial presence; presentation of educational system opportunities.

Objectives to be reached:

- increase know how and capacities of public bodies in European project preparation and management;
- find out concrete and best solutions for the improvement of the waste water treatment ;
- lay out of a feasibility study on waste water treatment in the Drava River basin area;
- preparation of supporting documents for planning and management of a waste water treatment system;
- acquire new knowledges and best practices thanks to the co-operation with international experts;

Mr Franjo Lucić – Pleternica Municipality

Presentation of the small city of Pleternica: 3.800 inhabitants. Mainly rural area with need of good quality water.

Main objective:

- satisfy the need of new plants for waste water management for the people living in rural areas, farms, farmers, other citizens living in the surroundings of the city.

Mr Artan Haxhi - Municipality of Shkodra

Before the presentation of the Mayor Artan Haxhi, Mr Giulio Campana gives the information that the Albanian government decided not to cofinance the Watercycle project (together with the largest number of selected projects); anyway the Shkodra Municipality decided to participate as external partner (only participating to transnational actions) trying in the meantime to find out other funds in order to implement



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the planned actions, with the support of Area Europa and Teuleda – Local Economic Development Agency in Shkodra.

Presentation of the city, the biggest economic and administrative centre in the region, characterized by significant presence of water: three big rivers and Shkodra Lake.

Presentation of problems: deforestation, need to control and protect the lake from human over-presence, lack of a sewage and treatment system for the city.

Main objective:

- preparation of a Municipality technical unit for management and planning of water, in order to comply with the needs on intervention of the city.

Mr Elvin Hoxha - Teuleda

Presentation of Teuleda – Local Economic Development Agency in Shkodra.

Main activities:

- collect of informations on regional economic development
- assistance to SME;
- promotion of Shkodra territory

Role: participation to international projects to bring in shkodra best practices and knowledges, as well as network creation for future projects.

Mr Marko Ruzić - Velika Gorica Municipality

Presentation of the city, placed in the middle Croatia closed to Zagreb; there two big rivers in the area, Sava and Oder. The water plant of Velika Gorica in the strategic supplier for the city of Zagreb.

Main objective:

- sustainable management and protection of the groundwater body in the area of the municipal water supply plant (so called Kosnica I) and other areas with groundwater from the pollution of municipal waste-waters.

Azioni previste:

- feasibility study for the sewage system of surrounding villages;
- working out the environmental impact study for the innovation and improvement of the municipal waste-water treatment plant in Velika Gorica;
- working out the documentation needed for receiving the site permit for the reconstruction of the municipal waste-water treatment plant in Velika Gorica

Mr Lorenzo Cirasino - Brindisi District

Presentation of Apulia territory, whose main characteristic is the lack of water; this need for water brought to the construction of the biggest aqueduct in Europe, taking water from the neighbour regions like Basilicata, Campania, Molise.

Main problems:

- lack of water also due to environmental changes
- enormous waste of water (more than 30%)
- pollution of phreatic zone

Main objectives:

- putting together all the public bodies involved in water management in order to build a permanent network of know how and monitoring finalized to avoid waste of water.

Main directions in action planning are:



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- set up of a permanent cooperation model able to become a best practice;
- set up of information services to put institutions in condition to share informations, procedures and tools as well as water monitoring systems, having also new chances to meet and integrate with the local companies and citizens.

The actions:

- creation and activation of a technical board;
- strategic/operative organization;
- planning and development of water-net community;
- promotion and awakeing at territorial level

Mr Antonio Mezzino - Pesaro Municipality

Pesaro Municipality presentation, territorial framework.

Project definition, intervention framework: security and fruition of Foglia river.

Main objective is the riconstruction of the river basin system, thinking to foglia river as a territorial resource, working in direction of security, requalification and fruition of foglia river.

Two aspects need to be further developed:

- a) morphological lay-out and environmental quality of the river area in general;
- b) water management and water pollution

Foreseen actions are:

- Gathering more information on the geo-morphological lay-out, the ecological characteristics and the vegetation of the river;
- Geographical reference and integration of information on the SIT (informative territorial system);
- Identifying physical and infrastructural interventions aimed at the recovery of the environment and landscape of the river and the high-river bed, and at the hydraulic safety and recreational purposes;
- experimentation of a pilot project;
- developing participation, information
- Expected results:
 - Improvement of the environmental situation of the River Foglia, access to river areas for the citizens;
 - Improvement of the environmental quality of the urban territory;
 - Increased involvement of citizens in the decision-making process concerning territorial management;
 - Improvement and integration of the information tools used by public administrations and citizens to evaluate interventions for the protection of the territory.

Actually Pesaro Municipality has just started the project actions from the information analysis point

Mrs Giuliana Carano - Campobasso Municipality

Campobasso Municipality presentation, territorial framework, problems connetted to human activties, purification plant actually operating in the area.

The purification plant must become a resource for the city: actually in Italy 50-60% of water resource are beeing utilized in agriculture; in this way results evident the vïnecessity to utilize purified water for irrigation purpose.



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Campobasso city doesn't have interesting industrial settlements, not even concentrated handicraft settlements able to produce polluting waste. For this reason Campobasso is in a good position to work in recycling of purified water for agricultural purpose or for civil purpose, like street washing, green city areas irrigation, cooling/heating systems, for city fountains.

Planned actions:

- Action 1: experimentation in area on possible users of purified water;
- Azione 2: study and experimentation on purification slush utilization fields;
- Azione 3: results diffusion and awakening campaign in order to reach possible users and to inform local technicians;

Actually in Campobasso there are some young innovative companies that are being settled up in special "business incubator area", operating in compost creation, and sustainable agriculture practices. as well as working on a new natural fuel resulting from olive oil process.

- Presentation of objectives, tools, project management structures

Mr Giulio Campana - Area Europa Project Manager

Project frame:

- Adriatic New Neighbourhood Programme INTERREG/CARDS-PHARE, which general goal is the "promotion of social and economic development and cooperation between the Countries of the Adriatic Area"

Axis 1: Protection and enhancement of the environment, culture and infrastructures of the cross-border territory

Measure 1.1 Protection and enhancement of the environment, culture and infrastructures of the cross-border territory and improvement of energy efficiency

the project partners:

- LPI ERM ITALIA, EMILIA-ROMAGNA, PROVINCE OF FERRARA
- PI MAR 1 ITALIA, MARCHE, MUNICIPALITY OF PESARO
- PI MOL 1 ITALIA, MOLISE, MUNICIPALITY OF CAMPOBASSO
- PI PUG 1 ITALIA, PUGLIA, PROVINCE OF BRINDISI
- LPE CRO CROAZIA, COUNTY OF SISAK-MOSLAVINA
- PE CRO 1 CROAZIA, TOWN OF KOPRIVNICA
- PE CRO 2 CROAZIA, TOWN OF VELIKA GORICA
- PE CRO 3 CROAZIA, MUNICIPALITY OF PLETERNICA
- LPE ALB ALBANIA, MUNICIPALITY OF SHKODRA

General Objectives:

- the enhancement of the surface water network as territorial resource and the identification of innovative "organizational/institutional" instruments and sustainable, effective management forms
- the establishment of suitable instruments to ensure the correct planning and management of surface waters, given the hydrological, hydraulic and management characteristics of the waters

Specific objectives:



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- improve the instruments for the evaluation and management of the territory (Water Protection Plans)
- improving the environmental quality of water in the urban territory in terms of sustainability and pre-emption of pollution
- implementing systems for the improvement and rationalization of water resources, enabling better use and recycling
- starting a technical working group to foster a systemic and integrated overview of water problems and needs shared by all Institutions and Bodies (Apulia);
- provide the regional/local authority with the instruments to manage and monitor water, thus giving it a new role as **mediator between central government and citizens**
- achieve **efficiency in the system** for the management and treatment of waste water through planning, environmental protection and quality of life;
- renovate the whole water resource management system, creating fruitful partnerships between private and public sector
- wide the structure for the management of waste water in rural areas surrounding cities
- creating a system for the management of waste water at urban level, which can deal with complex environmental situations (the Shkodra Lake)

Activity presentation:

Action 1

creation of Transnational Technical Project Group (GTTP) and Watercycle Steering Committee

- a) coordination and management
- b) transnational meetings organization
- c) elaboration of results dissemination instruments

The Watercycle Steering Committee will be composed by all the project partners, like public administrators (political level) as well as public officers (for example Water Department managers). The best solution will be the appointment (following efficiency criteria) of the person that is practically coordinating water policies inside the specific partner body.

Mr Giulio Campana proposal is to unify the two structures (GTTP and Steering Committee) in one body called Steering Committee, in order to simplify the project management procedures.

All the partners positively agree, Pesaro Municipality notes that will be preferable, in the Steering Committee, the appointment of technical representatives instead of political representatives .

The appointment of representatives in the Steering Committee have to be postponed, due to the necessity for the project partners to discuss the question inside the



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structures. At present the contact persons are confirmed, up to the deadline of two weeks from today, in order to appoint new representatives.

Ferrara District, due to its role of Lead Partner, will preside over actions and meetings of the Steering Committee.

Action 2: Thematic Working Group actions

Brief presentation from Project Manager of the Thematic Working Group activities, as well as the specific partners' role in each Working Group.

As for the Steering Committee, the appointment of representatives for each working group has to be postponed in order to have a confrontation inside the partner structures; the actual representatives are maintained until new appointments are coming from the partners.

After that, the assembly proceeded to identify Thematic Working Group leaders, being responsible for group activity coordination.

Thematic Working Group 1:

Ferrara and Brindisi have the biggest part of activities inside the group, so the project manager proposes the leadership to one of them. Brindisi District proposes itself as coordinator, all the other partners agree.

Thematic Working Group 2:

Pesaro Municipality proposes itself as candidate, everybody agrees.

Thematic Working Group 3:

Campobasso Municipality proposes itself as candidate, everybody agrees.

Attività 3: transversal actions

- organization of transnational meetings for project management (like Steering Committee)
- organization of scientific transnational conferences
- organization of meetings between operators in the sectors of water planning and water management;
- best practices reports
- web and communication management tools (web site, publication);

The transversal actions will be promoted and managed by Watercycle Steering Committee.

Ferrara District underlines that every working group will work independently, however the project added value will be communication and exchanges, through network implementation, between the Thematic Working Groups.

After that, a discussion starts on the best tool for project communication, tools like web site, forum, newsletter. Ferrara District, being the project leader, reserves to compare the different tools and prepare a proposal for the Steering Committee.

Timetable

Project conclusion: June 2008

Definition of frequency of Steering Committee meeting: every six months, saving the possibility to organize exceptional meetings in case of need.

Next Steering Committee proposal is: 8/05/07



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- Implementation, management and accounting of project actions

Mr Marco Foschini - Area Europa Financial Manager

Presentation of project actors and specific roles inside the project:

- Internal Lead Partner: responsible for implementation of Interreg-financed resources operating inside IAR eligible territory
- External Lead partner: responsible for implementation of CARDS-financed resources operating inside EAC eligible territory

Presentation of budget divided in different financing channels, project years and expenses category.

Presentation of different phases and accounting periods.

- Cost bearing by Partners;
- Expenses accounting and reporting from Partners to Lead Partner;
- Expenses reporting to Managing Authority by Lead Partner
- Eligibility check of expenses by the Certification unit of MA;
- Authorization to payment to Payment Authority from MA
- Payment to Lead Partner by Payment Authority;
- Money transfer from LP to Partners

Monia Barca, representing the Structural Funds Office of Lead Partner, commits herself, after the contract sign with Managing Authority, to prepare an accounting system proposal, proposing an information meeting for Italian partners. After the sign of Cofinancing Agreement between the LP and MA, Ferrara will send a few copies to every partner, to be signed by everybody and sent back to LP.

The LP will send an original copy signed by all the partners both to MA and Payment Authority and to every single partner. As a second option, the Agreement could be signed during the next Steering Committee, being present the Legal Representative or delegate.

At 17.00 p.m. ends the kick off meeting of Watercycle project and the project partners are leaving Ferrara.