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Making space for water in the Bodrog River Basin (HU, SK, UA)

The Inception Workshop
Uzhgorod - village Barvinok, Ukraine
June 10, 2009



The Inception Workshop

Objectives:

- **Evaluation of the Inception Phase activities:**
 - Identification of additional details and revisions to the project implementation arrangements
- **Changes in project design based on Inception phase findings**
- **Approval of the Draft Inception report**



Agenda

- 10:00 – 10:15** **Opening of the meeting**
- Welcome by the ICPDR - UNDP/GEF Tisza MSP
 - Adoption of the draft agenda
- 10:15 – 10:25** **Project goals and expected impacts – brief introduction (Bartkova)**
- 10.25 – 11:00** **Changes in project design based on Inception phase findings**
- The draft Inception Report – Introduction (Bartkova)
 - Report on identification of demo site in Ukraine (UA partner)
 - Demo site in Hungary - presentation of activities during the Inception phase (HU partner)
 - Demo site in Slovakia - presentation of activities during the Inception phase (SK partner)
- 11:00 -11:15** **Discussions**



Agenda

- 11:15- 11:30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 12:45** **The Draft Inception Report - discussion chapter by chapter**
- 12:45 – 13:00** **Miscellaneous – Sub- contracts – GWP Slovakia & project partners**
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00 -14:45** **Wrap up of the Draft Inception Report**
Follow up
- 14:45 – 15.00** **Conclusions and the end of the Inception Workshop**



Project: Making space for water in the Bodrog River Basin

The main project objective:

To mitigate consequences of floods through **achieving consistent and holistic management of flood risk in Bodrog River catchment** countries (HU-SK-UA) by creating partnerships at national and local levels.



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Baseline situation

The Bodrog River Basin area - 11 552 km² , shared by four countries (Slovakia, Ukraine , Hungary and Poland (only 0,3 km²)

Problems

- reduced area of natural floodplain, declining biodiversity
- water quality – affected by point and diffuse sources of pollution (agriculture, chemical production, urban effluents)
- insufficient water management regarding flood prevention and protection
- missing harmonization of national strategies on flood management and flood prevention within Bodrog River Basin



Project Component activities

Project outputs:

1. Formulation of the “Strategy for mitigation of floods for Bodrog River Basin countries”.
2. Improvement of conditions of original floodplains and wetlands affected by current land uses and environmentally inappropriate flood protection measures
3. Dissemination of project results to achieve replication on the basin and national levels.



Project Component activities

Project outputs:

1. Formulation of the “Strategy for mitigation of floods for Bodrog River Basin countries”.

Activity 1.1 Preparatory meeting with local stakeholders and national authorities to find common approaches in flood protection

Activity 1.2 Brief review and comparison of national plans and strategies in flood protection

Activity 1.3 Formulation of the “Strategy” – 8 months

Activity 1.4 Joint conferences to present and discuss the strategy with local stakeholders and national authorities



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The Strategy will be based on :

- an integrated land and water management principles,
- improving the cross-border cooperation in flood prevention, with a view to giving “rivers more space”
- requirements of the WFD regarding achievements of environmental objectives, Directive on Assessment and Management of flood risks
- measures:
 - proposals to set up the monitoring network and tailoring the monitoring indicators to the needs of Bodrog river basin
 - to reduce possible adverse effects of floods on infrastructure necessary for sanitation and contaminated sites located in flood-prone areas, especially in case of contamination by hazardous substances.



Project Component activities

Project outputs:

2. Improvement of conditions of original floodplains and wetlands affected by current land uses and environmentally inappropriate flood protection measures

Activity 2.1 Final selection of pilot demonstration site in Ukraine during Inception phase

Activity 2.2 Technical preparation of interventions and agreements on new management approaches

Activity 2.3 Discussions with local stakeholders and Local Management boards established

Activity 2.4 Implementation of interventions – 9 months

Activity 2.5 Official "opening" of interventions



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Implementation of proposed demonstration projects:

- help to answer questions regarding effective implementation Basin Management Plan :
 - improve natural wetland habitats (simple technical solution, financially feasible can be done in very short period of time - within 12 months)
 - mitigation of floods
- pilot demonstration activities will serve as examples for the implementation of new approaches in other river basins
- involvement of municipalities, river basin organizations, NGOs, farmers, and urban planning authorities



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Project Component activities

Project outputs:

3. Dissemination of project results to achieve replication on the basin and national levels.

Activity 3.1 Meeting to inform local stakeholders on the project activities

Activity 3.2 Writing articles into the national newspapers

Activity 3.3 Preparation of a joint booklet and its presentation to the stakeholders

Activity 3.4 Meetings with state authorities

