

## Natural Small Water Retention Measures FOLLOW UP MEETING 3 December Bratislava, Slovakia

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### Agenda:

	Programme	
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Setting the stage</b>	
	Presentation of the possible follow-up topics/issues, IDMP and project related	Tomasz
	Presentation of the possible “funding” options	Sabina
<i>10:30 – 11:00</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>From “shopping list” to project idea(s)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are challenges/needs/similar initiatives?</li> <li>• What we want to change/achieve (objectives)?</li> <li>• Which activities need to be taken (activities, main outputs)?</li> <li>• Who is our main target group?</li> </ul>	all
<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Next steps</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining potential (core) partnerships for different calls</li> <li>• Next steps in project preparation</li> </ul>	all
<i>15:30 – 16:00</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Small Retention Guidelines &amp; Case Studies</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan for IDMP CEE NSWRM demo project in 2016 (<i>budget: 10.000 EUR</i>)</li> <li>• Plan for further promotion of the current Small Retention Guidelines &amp; Case Studies with partners and during meetings</li> <li>• GWP Toolbox and case studies</li> </ul>	Gergana, Sabina all

## Short report with main conclusions

### **1. Possible follow up topics**

After Tomasz presentation we all agreed that there are three potential follow up topics:

- *GIS based analytical tool*; where to locate the measures, different measures can be applied in different locations, etc.;
- *effectiveness* - How to assess effectiveness? How much of a certain measure really matter for droughts or floods protection? To which extend is particular measure helpful?;
- *connection with IWRM*; Where to get finance? How to include them into planning processes (RBMP)?

### **2. Possible funding:**

After Sabina presentation on funding mapping we agreed that the best options for follow up project would be Interreg Transnational Cooperation Programmes:

- [Interreg Central Europe](#): Sabina will prepare a summary of this programme and where our project idea fits (under which objective) the best. She will also contact Secretariat (focal point for environmental projects) for more info. Next call will be out in spring 2016 (March, April). This is one of our first possibilities to apply.
- [Interreg Danube Transnational Programme](#) (next call autumn 2016)& [Interreg Baltic Sea Region](#) (2<sup>nd</sup> call in February 2016 earliest): There is possibility to submit similar project idea to both programmes and on this way cover all interested countries.
- [Cross-border cooperation](#) was also mentioned but each of the participants needs to check what are the possibilities and when are next calls.

Several other options were also mentioned:

- [LIFE](#): Sabina will check possibilities with international projects. Each of the participants checks possibilities at the national level.
- [Horizon 2020](#):
  - There is a new call out which might be possible for our project. Tomasz will send more information.
  - Some months ago we submitted to the call "Calls for ideas" project proposal "*Ecoremediation for multipurpose use of vegetated drainage ditches (VDD)*". Anja will found out if this idea was included in any of the current or future Horizon 2020 calls.

### **3. Preparatory work**

Work that has to be done before starting compiling concrete project proposal in order to see what has been done and which gaps we need to fill with our project proposal:

- analysis of different similar previous or ongoing projects (till February 2016)
- Knowledge gap analysis - Meta analysis: How many papers have been produced? What kinds of tools have been already developed? Literature review in order to find what are gaps concerning small retention measures (till April 2016)

### **4. Preparation of a project proposal:**

Current project idea is presented in the table below:

What are the problems? Challenges that we want to address?	Actions to take to achieve the change	Outputs
<b>How to assess effectiveness of the NSWRM?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantity issues / Droughts, floods</li> <li>biodiversity</li> <li>Pollution</li> </ul> <i>Tomasz and Anja</i>	Two levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectiveness of the single measure (demo project – test on ground)</li> <li>Catchment level – combined measures: GIS tool</li> <li>Risk analysis for the different sectors (<i>water reservoirs, fish migration problems</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge Database of effectiveness of different measures</li> <li>GIS tool for a location on the catchment scale (tool for RBMP planning)</li> </ul>
<b>POLICY: How to implement?</b> <i>Law, administration, finance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RBMP</li> <li>Rural development planning /Forestry, agriculture</li> </ul> <i>Janos</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of the policy documents (cross-cutting)</li> <li>How to tackle selected policy documents and where to place measures, actions</li> <li>financial possibilities for NSWRM</li> <li>cost, benefit analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manual to support RBM planning (<u>organizational</u> – location and cooperation and <u>financial</u> possibilities – other sectors)</li> </ul>
<b>CAPACITY BUILDING:</b> How to look for coalition? <i>Richard and Tomas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration (<i>pick up few specific countries, sharing the similar climate, problems</i>)—Benefits of the single solution for different sectors / Multi-effect, different sectors (forest, enviro., agric.)</li> <li>Seminar on national level (or few countries together)</li> <li>Two regional conferences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know-how/capacity building</li> <li>For example - Videos from demonstration sites, webinar</li> </ul>

Issues that still need to be discussed or taking into consideration while preparing project proposal:

- How to achieve transnational effect? Why we need transnational collaboration? Connection with RBMP.
- The same tool can be applied for different issues: waste water treatment, higher biodiversity, CO2 problems, problems with policies (RBMP), etc.

More elaborated project proposal (Concept Note) need to be prepared, therefore we have decided that each of the participants will take over one of the work packages/ideas/activities:

- Tomas and Anja will work on “How to assess effectiveness of the NSWRM?”
- Janos will work on “POLICY: How to implement?”
- Tomas and Richard will work on “Capacity building”

Sabina will prepare a template for the Concept Note which should be finalized by the end of January 2016.

### **5. Partnership:**

There were several partners besides the core partnership (GWP CEE, Warsaw University, Limnos) mentioned:

- We would need good partners from Germany or Austria. Tomasz mentioned that he has some good contacts in Germany, Tomas in Austria. Janos can contact participants from Austria and CZ which were presenting at the Danube “fundraising event” in November 2015.
- Janos can also contact one of the evaluators of the EU projects and asked her for suggestion, recommendations regarding partnership.
- We should consider REC as one of the possible project partner.

### **6. Promotion of the project idea**

We need to promote our idea as much as possible and also get political (strategic) support from (for example), ICPDR, EU Danube Strategy, etc.:

- ICPDR is a good platform to present our idea and get their support. With our outcomes (new tools) we can support preparation of the next cycle RBMP (2016-2021). One of the first opportunities to present the idea will be ICPDR conference of all ministries, which is planned for 9 February 2016.
- We all agreed that project idea should also be sent to Priority Area 4 (Water Quality) of the EU Danube Strategy in order to get their support (Letter of recommendation). They are planning to have next meeting in March 2016 and till then we need to prepare proposal in their template.
- Janos Feher proposed to apply for Letter of Recommendations also from PA 5 (Environmental Risk) because they are also dealing with drought and scarcity issues within the Danube Strategy. Their next year Steering Group meeting will be between March-April 2016.

### **7. Next year activities:**

We have decided to use the budget for preparatory work for the project proposal and all participants will give input to both activities:

- Review of similar past or ongoing projects; this activity will be coordinated by Sabina

- Knowledge-gap analysis (literature review, etc.); this activity will be coordinated by Tomas Orfanus

#### **8. Other issues**

- case studies in GWP Toolbox; coordinated by Danko.
- continuation of the promotion of the Guidelines and Case studies in the next year

#### **9. Next meeting:**

There are two meetings planned:

- skype meeting in early January 2016 on composition of the potential partnership (*date will be agreed after 8 January*)
- skype meeting at the end of January 2016
- live meeting (back-to-back with the Council meeting in Bratislava; 10-11 April); 12 April

#### **TO DO list:**

Task	Responsible	Deadline
<b>Funding options</b>		
HORIZON 2020: check new interesting Call and if we can apply	Tomasz	23 December 2015
"Ecoremediation for multipurpose use of vegetated drainage ditches" idea submitted to HORIZON 2020; to check if it is included in any of the future calls	Anja	23 December 2015
Interreg Central Europe Programme: check the programme documents and prepare summary for all	Sabina	8 January 2016
LIFE: check possibilities with international projects	Sabina	15 January 2016
LIFE: check possibilities at the national level (next calls, what ideas they support, etc.)	All	15 January 2016
Cross-border cooperation: check which programmes exist (are active), what topics they support and when are the next calls	All	15 January 2016
<b>Preparatory work</b>		
Analysis of projects ( <i>prepared till February 2016</i> ) – prepare plan, template, etc. for all	Sabina	10 January 2016
Knowledge gap analysis ( <i>prepared till April 2016</i> ) – prepare plan, template, etc. for all	Tomas	10 January 2016
<b>Preparation of the project proposal</b>		
Preparation of the template for the Concept Note/ project proposal	Sabina	10 January 2016
List of potential project partners (for different programmes areas)	All	15 January 2016
Preparation of the Concept Note	Anja, Janos, Richard, Tomas, Tomasz	31 January 2016

Preparation of the project idea in a template for PA4 EU Danube Strategy	Sabina, Janos (all)	15 February 2016
Preparation of the project idea in a template for PA5 EU Danube Strategy	Janos, Sabina	15 February 2016