

GENERAL PROJECT INFO	
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Project centre	Black Sea NGO Network, Varna, Bulgaria
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Ongoing	No
LOCATION	
Geographical coverage	Danube basin, wider Black Sea basin
Area Type	Coastal, vulnerable zones
Sea-area	Black Sea
Coastal zone	Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova
DESCRIPTIONS	
Case Study Summary	<p>The main problem common for the target rural areas in the three Lower Danube countries is the overenrichment of surface and ground waters with basic nutrients from agriculture, which leads to eutrophication and the related negative environmental impacts. Another general problem is low awareness among farmers, experts, NGOs and media of the problem's transboundary nature, poor cooperation on all levels and insufficient application of the ecosystem approach. More specifically, stakeholders, including local media, do not understand sufficiently the Best Agricultural Practice concept and the requirements of GAP, do not apply and promote GAP and are poorly motivated to apply ecosystem approach and develop organic farming, as well as multi-stakeholder and transboundary cooperation and exchange.</p> <p><i>Goal(s)</i> • 150 - 200 farmers /stakeholders from the 6 vulnerable regio from Bg, Ro, Md effectively contribute to the reduction of the negati environmental impact from agriculture (nutrient & toxic pollution) in tl Danube Basin surface and ground waters</p> <p>•Local NGOs from selected regions in Bg, Ro, Md contribute to reinfor local, national and trans boundary cooperation and the ecosystem approa for Danube protection</p> <p><i>Objectives: Participants will</i> •Understand the concept and requirements the adopted/to be adopted GAP in Bg, Ro, Md at local level; •Promote a apply GAP in their current agricultural practice in the very near future a mobilise and motivate 150 - 200 local stakeholders to bring about a change the region</p> <p>•Make local media interested in DRP, GAP, ecosystem approach/orgar production and transboundary cooperation in target countries; •Strengthe multi-stakeholder cooperation and promote exchange and networking locall nationally and regionally</p> <p>The partners employed the following approaches within the DRP program strategy: encouragement of stakeholder involvement - 265 Bg farmers, 35 l farmers and 57 Md farmers applying GAP; BAP applied on 70 000 ha of land Bg, 1100 ha in Ro and 98 livestock in Bg and 150 in Ro; promotion of chang in consumer behavior - conversion to organic production on 94 ha in Bg (3 crops), 1000 (tentative) ha in Ro (vineyards); improved chemicals u reporting - 120 farmers in Bg, 10 in Md; support to policy work on nation</p>

level - 6 trainings on GAP and the EU Nitrates Directive in the 3 countries; exchange of information between government experts and NGOs in the countries; involvement of media in regular coverage of agro-environment issues - 1 competition, 5 - 6 regular features on agro-environmental and water issues; application of regional approach and transboundary perspective - 15 Romanian and Moldovan farmers and experts visit 4 Bulgarian model farms; 24 Bulgarian and 3 Moldovan farmers and experts visit 1 demonstration manure storage site and 3 farms in Romania. The project employed tools such as: awareness raising, information dissemination and media involvement preparation for the implementation of the WFD, training, networking and partnerships.

Thus the project has contributed basically to the indirect reduction of the loads of nutrients from agriculture by stimulating farmers to change some of their farming practices in the direction of GAP by observing the regulation and by adopting voluntarily the Code of BAP and good environmentally friendly practices, some of them saving money and resources. The project has also encouraged the exchange on ecosystem approach and organic production on national and regional level thus contributing to changes in the existing practices and pattern of production toward environmentally friendly solutions reducing the loads of nutrients and toxics.

Achievements • Farmers/stakeholders better informed, motivated and mobilized to apply GAPR - 3 info summaries, 3 summaries for media and experts, 221 farmers trained, 1500 brochures disseminated to about 6000 reading public.

• Local stakeholders and wider public involved in learning about/applying alternative methods of production and the ecosystem approach - 7 public outreach events with a set of information materials identifying visually the project (banners, posters, diplomas, T-shirts, notebooks, leaflets etc.), 2 cross border visits (45 visitors, 15 local experts involved, 7 farms and 1 manure storage facility visited), 3 media competitions with 20 journalists nominated, 3 networks created, 300 direct and about 6000 indirect beneficiaries

Products/Outputs 3 info expert summaries, 1 fact sheet on the Codes of GAP, 3 summaries for media (on GAP, BAP, DRP etc.); 6 sets of materials for trainings on GAP; 3 brochures on GAP (1500 c.); 3 posters -1500 c., 3 banners, 100 T-shirts, 100 personalized diaries, 500 leaflets, 500 leaflets with Charter.

Follow up • Networking and extending the network of farmers applying BAP in Bg, Ro and Md.

• Dissemination of results on national level among NGOs and experts
• Involvement with ongoing projects and preparation of further project proposals

Keywords

Best Agricultural Practice, Pollution, Nitrates, Agriculture

Data theme

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY/WATER QUALITY/POLLUTION

CENTRE-INFORMATION

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Role of research centre

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