

GENERAL PROJECT INFO	
Dataset ID	BSNN 2 - Public Involvement in the implementation of the MSFD
Project title	Clean Rivers - Clean Sea! NGO actions for environmental protection within Black Sea area
Project acronym	237 CRCS
Project centre	<a href="#">Black Sea NGO Network, Varna, Bulgaria</a>
Associated programme	Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2007 - 2013
Beginning date	1/2/2013
End date	31/5/2015
Ongoing	Yes
LOCATION	
Geographical coverage	Black Sea basin
Area Type	Rivers and coastal waters
Sea-area	Black Sea
Coastal zone	Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Georgia, Turkey
DESCRIPTIONS	
Best Practice Summary	<p>BSNN, Bulgaria together with partners from four other Black Sea countries implements the project "Clean Rivers - Clean Sea! NGO actions for environmental protection within Black Sea area". The project is aimed at developing the capacity of the NGO community in the sphere of international water management and pollution reduction of the Black Sea. One of the specific objectives of the project is to strengthen public participation in water management by conducting information and education campaign to raise public awareness of the problems of water protection and the Black Sea. In this regard the Black Sea NGO Network informed the public about the preparation of the "Initial assessment of the state of the marine environment", a national obligation under the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC.</p> <p>At the end of April 2013 the Initial Assessment was published, nearly a year late. This assessment is part of the process of the preparation of the Marine Strategy of the Republic of Bulgaria, an obligation of the country as an EU member. The Initial Assessment and the preparation of the Strategy are outlined in the Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC and the related Ordinance for the protection of the marine environment.</p> <p>The project team monitored the process and published its findings and comments related to it. Leaving aside the big delay and the fact that the full text of the assessment was published even later, after the middle of May 2013, any ordinary citizen would be overburdened by the big volume of the document, almost 500 pages. There was practically no time for objections and comments. Probably there have been legitimate motives for the delay in the preparation and publication. It was not only the volume but the abundance of strictly scientific terms as well that would prevent the stakeholders from effective involvement in the consultation process. The document needed badly a popular version or at least a public presentation to a group of stakeholders by the team that prepared it. A recurrent comment along with the complex terminology is the lack of sufficient and reliable data for reliable conclusions and generalizations.</p> <p>The project team reviewed the timeline of the MSFD and outlined the two nearest dates related to the process. The Programme of Measures to achieve Good Environmental Status has to be ready by 1 January 2015 after</p>

	<p>the development and implementation of a Monitoring Programme of the current state of the marine environment with deadline 15 July 2014. The project team addressed the need to provide information about the process of MSFD implementation. It focused on the process of implementation on national, regional and EU level and informed the public about it. The team identified the need to find and disseminate information about EU projects providing information about the Black Sea marine environment and the monitoring of its condition - MISIS, MISIS+, EMODNET. The team focused on the problem of the deficiency of information about the marine litter descriptor and prepared a project proposal for providing NGO support to the national legislation process regarding the issue and to the collection of information about marine litter through public involvement and civil science. The project Marine Litter Watch 2004 - 2016 is funded by the NGO Programme for Bulgaria of the FM of EEA</p> <p>with ongoing projects and preparation of further project proposals</p>
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<b>CENTRE-INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Project centre</b>	<a href="#">Black Sea NGO Network, Varna, Bulgaria</a>
<b>Role of research centre</b>	Partner
<b>Other partners and countries</b>	Eco Counselling Center, Galati – Romania – lead partner Eco Counselling Center, Cahul – Moldova Regional Environmental Centre - Moldova, Chisinau Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus - Tbilisi, Georgia Society of Natural and Wildlife Conservation - Samsun, Turkey
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