

GENERAL PROJECT INFO	
Dataset ID	BSNN 3 - Best Practices in Agriculture Related to Quality of Waters and Nitrates Directive Implementation
Project title	Clean Rivers - Clean Sea! NGO actions for environmental protection within Black Sea area
Project acronym	237 CRCS
Project centre	Black Sea NGO Network, Varna, Bulgaria
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. In view of the experience of BSN in describing and promoting best practices of public participation in water management, it made a review of the best practices in agriculture in the project region. The team collected information about the experience of partners and stakeholders in the Dorudzha area, North Eastern Bulgaria NUTS II, a major agricultural and stockbreeding region. Over the recent ten years the BSNN implemented several awareness and best practices projects with the farmers and agricultural producers in the area with support from the Agricultural Advisory Services. The team reviewed the results of the national reporting for the implementation of the Nitrates Directive, which is part of the programme of measures for the achievement of Good Environmental Status of waters under the EU WFD. The results of both NE and SE NUTS II were very good and well within the limits. The team also made a review of the best agricultural practices with assistance from the Agricultural Advisory Service - Dobrich. What started as introduction of best practices a decade ago has evolved into a routine. The farmers and agricultural producers keep their diaries of chemical treatment regularly; the nitrates content in waters, soil and produce is monitored on regular basis by a laboratory; the construction of manure storage facilities is also done regularly. Best practices are part of the work of farmers in the area. The number of registered biological farms is growing although there is room for improvement in that sphere.</p>
Keywords	Best Agricultural Practice, Water quality, Nitrates, Nitrates Directive
Data theme	WATER QUALITY/POLLUTION
CENTRE-INFORMATION	

Project centre	Black Sea NGO Network, Varna, Bulgaria
Role of research centre	Partner
Other partners and countries	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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