

GENERAL PROJECT INFO	
Dataset ID	ECCG 5 - Best Practices in Cross Border Cooperation in River Basin Management
Project title	“CLEAN WATERS- HEALTHY PEOPLE”
Project acronym	‘CW-HP’
Project centre	Eco Counselling Centre Galati, Romania
Associated programme	Neighborhood Programme Romania-Moldova 2004-2006, Phare CBC 2006 Co-funding: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg
Begin date	28.11.2008
End date	28.11.2009, extended 2010
Ongoing	No
LOCATION	
Geographical coverage	Romania: Galati County, Moldova: Cahul, Chisinau Counties
Area Type	Rural mainly
Sea-area	N/A
River Zone	Prut River Basin District
DESCRIPTIONS	
Best Practice Summary	<p>It is historical common knowledge already that Romania and the Rep. Moldova have been separated by former tsarist Russia regime, later to become Soviet Union, for decades and decades. It was the Prut River that bordered them historically, culturally and ecologically; on one hand, the border river ecosystem was secured protection but, on the other, cooperation had been severely terminated; it was launched again in the 1990-ies, after the Rep Moldova became independent and Romania began its democratic process.</p> <p>The ECCG has been involved in the re-launching of the cross-border cooperation process starting 1998 that meant connection to the NGO movement (Ecological Movement of Moldova-EMM), and also with the governmental representatives to the ICPDR Working groups within the DEF network (<i>DEF stands for Danube Environmental Forum network, Observer to the ICPDR (International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River).ECCG was mandated to act as the Focal Point within DEF for the Lower Danube Region).</i></p> <p>The project ‘CW-HP’ goal was to assist the sustainable and cohesive socio-economic development within the cross-border area by improving the cross- border cooperation highlighting the innovative approach regarding wastes and waste water reduction impact.</p> <p><b>Specific objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing the local capacity, along the Prut River banks in both countries, to cooperate, design and implement partnership projects aiming at reducing the soil and water pollution, and integrate the environment-related infrastructure in order to improve quality of life of the designated area inhabitants</li> <li>• Increasing the awareness level regarding the innovative solutions by facilitation the access to specific information regarding the waste management and wastewater treatment, adequate and available technologies to the frontier communities.</li> </ul> <p><b>The main results achieved were:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 30.000 people received information related to waste and water issues out which about 20.000 had access to brochures (4.500) and leaflets (8.000);1.500 guidelines prepared and distributed to Local Administrations in the area, the info-panels regarding composting process, while 16.923</li> </ul>

	<p>visited the project web-site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 227 people attended the project conferences, the round table and the study tour organized all of which facilitated better knowledge of the situation, of the different solutions available; they also enhanced the establishment of closer connections among the participants from Moldova Republic and Romania.</li> <li>• of practical importance proved to be evaluation of the water quality from a number of 31 water wells; the result was less than satisfactory as 80% of those had higher level of nutrients than legally accepted</li> <li>• the project promoted innovative, extensive methods to treat the wastewater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- by preparing a presentation brochure and a practical guideline and by inviting international experts to the conference and the round-table, to present their hands-on experience in building and maintaining such facilities.</li> <li>- 2 Working Groups (WG-wastes and wastewater) were established, of 10-12 members each (university students, representatives of local authorities, experts) in order to develop joint project proposals.</li> <li>- 2 pre-feasibility studies have been prepared in order to assist rural communities to advance in their efforts to reduce the pollution generated by wastes and waste waters.</li> <li>- Pilot composting facilities were built in 20 schools from Galati villages and city, allowing them to transfer the theory into practice.</li> <li>- the beneficiary and the partner organizations were better equipped thanks to their complementary knowledge and the experience achieved through the project to continue their joint efforts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Follow-up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'Composting' component was later on implemented in 8 schools within the Galati Municipality due to another ECCG-led project.</li> <li>• Another larger cross-border cooperative project was later on elaborated and is being implemented at present: "Clean Rivers-Clean Sea"</li> </ul>
<b>Keywords</b>	Cooperation continuity, Public involvement, Water Framework Directive requirements (River Basin Management Plan)
<b>Data theme</b>	Socio-economic development, Cross-border Area, Soil and Water Pollution, Solution- targeted approach
<b>CENTRE-INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Project centre</b>	Eco Counselling Centre Galati, Romania
<b>Role of research centre</b>	To secure transfer of knowledge and information about the requirements of the WFD regarding the integrated water resource management through the achievement of the River Basin Management Plan ( 1 <sup>st</sup> edition); to enable the transfer of concrete practical knowledge about innovative solutions to waste water treatment by creating reed-bed filtering units for smaller communities and villages with less than 2.000 p.e.; to elaborate informative and educational materials together with the partners.
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