

GENERAL PROJECT INFO	
Dataset ID	ECCG-6: Information Campaign and Public Debates
Project title	Clean Rivers - Clean Sea! NGO actions for environmental protection within Black Sea area
Project acronym	237 CRCS
Project centre	Eco Counselling Centre Galati, Romania
Associated programme	Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2007 - 2013
Begin 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>Eco Counselling Centre Galati (ECCG), Romania, has been jointly developing the project "Clean Rivers - Clean Sea, (CR-CS) together with partners from four other Black Sea countries: Bulgaria, Georgia, Turkey and Moldova, aiming at enhancing the NGO Community capacity in the field of international water management and pollution reduction of the Black Sea. Out of the specific objectives of the project of great importance is strengthening public participation in water management process; thus, an information and education campaign is being developed in order to raise public awareness of the main water significant issues.</p> <p>To achieve the objective, the Eco Counselling Centre Galati firstly informed the public about a national obligation under the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC. The project team addressed the need to provide information about the process of MSFD implementation, focused mainly on the process of implementation on national, regional and EU level and informed the public about it. The project team reviewed the timeline of the MSFD and outlined the two nearest dates related to the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Monitoring Programme of the current state of the marine environment with deadline 15 July 2014 (its development and implementation), and • The Programme of Measures to achieve Good Environmental Status expected to be ready by 1 January 2015. <p>The latest document made publicly available on March 4th, 2015 by the EEA under the title SOER 2015, Romania "Marine and Coastal Environment - Black Sea reveals the following data as of 2012:</p> <p><i>"The Romanian 244 km-long coastal area along the Black Sea, representing 7.65% of the national border, has been impacted by the main anthropogenic pressures identified ; these came from tourism and recreation; construction of holiday homes in tourist areas; expansion and modernisation of existing tourist ports; harbours and navigation; fisheries; agriculture and the petrochemical industry. As effects of these pressures, Romania's coast now faces significant problems including habitat destruction, coastal erosion, water pollution, depletion of natural resources and large-scale exploitation of</i></p>

natural resources” (SOER 2015, EEA)

The ICPDR document presented at the OM 17 in December 2014 show clearly that:

“The Total Nitrogen and Phosphorous levels measured in the three arms of the Danube Delta (...) showed that the contribution of the Danube Delta in nutrients retention is negligible, because most of the Danube water passes directly to the Black Sea, almost not reaching the Delta itself.”(www.icpdr.org)

One of the challenges that the ECCG has been confronted with refers to the seemingly lack of connection between the Prut River and the Black Sea considering the distance that separates them, of about 90 km. The Prut River indirectly affects the marine waters ecosystem as its waters reach the Danube River waters firstly, then it flows into the Black Sea.

Thus, ECCG has contributed to the dissemination of the Significant Water Management Issues (SWMI) referring to:

- the Prut River starting with 2014 sharing the information produced by the ABA Water Authorities to the stakeholders in the region, and with the public at large. Also,
- SWMI within the Danube River Basin produced by the ICPDR

As of January 2015, ECCG has informed the public about the availability online of both

- the Prut-Barlad River Basin Management Plan draft available at www.apeprut.ro, and the
- Danube River Basin Management Plan open for public debate until mid-July 2015 on the ICPDR’s webpage: www.icpdr.org, and on the ‘Romanian Waters National Administration webpage at www.anar.ro; www.rowater.ro

Also, ECCG has accessed and shared the information with the partners and the public of the documents produced by the European Commission, for example:

*Report on the implementation of Council Directive 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources based on Member State reports for the period 2008–2011

*Studiul privind managementul apei in Romania si in Sud-Estul Romaniei”, www.rowater.ro (ANAR),

*Milieu LTd Consortium, “**Article 12 Technical Assessment of the MSFD 2012 Obligations Romania**”, 7 February 2014 Final version” elaborat de un Consortium sum Milieu Ltd Consortium (www.ec.europa.eu/environment/ (trad.CCEG)

Keywords

Public involvement, MSFD, Good Environmental Status, Prut River Basin

Data theme

WATER QUALITY/GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS/POLLUTION ?

CENTRE-INFORMATION

Project centre

Eco Counselling Center, Galati – Romania – lead partner

Role of research centre

Partner

Other partners and countries

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
BlackSeaNGONetwork, Bulgaria

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