

8. NEWADA NEWSLETTER

GENERAL INFORMATION FROM THE SEE PROGRAMME

Latest information from the SEE programme indicates that the **fourth call for projects** shall be launched between spring and autumn 2011. Within this call the NEWADA project team will try to get an approval for NEWADA II.

The next **annual event** will be organised earlier than foreseen. On the website of the SEE programme it is already written that May 12th, 2011 is reserved. The meeting shall take place in Sofia. More details will follow. Furthermore, via donau was informed that the JTS will have a monitoring visit in the run of the Status meeting in Vukovar on May 5th, 2011.

The **implementation manual** has been revised. The latest version now is v3.1, which can be found on the SEE website and the NEWADA intranet.

The process for **project closure** was partly discussed in the run of the Status meeting, which took place in Galati on February 23rd, 2011. Most important information is that all project documents and deliverables have to be stored in the office until 31.12.2022.

A **budget shift between Vituki and VKKI** was approved by the Programme.

REPORTING ISSUES

No additional reporting activities have been launched since the distribution of the 7th NEWADA newsletter. Nevertheless the procedure for announcing **budget shifts** came into force. Now, each project partner is asked to inform the LP as soon as he recognises that there might be an overspending of a budget line and / or a work package. An estimation about the overspending has to be sent to the LP (the request for budget shift template shall be used for that). In the run of the certification process the exact amount of overspending is known. This amount has to be reported to the LP, which “approves” the budget modification. Only, the exact amount of overspending is accounted as budget shift.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

WP 1

It is foreseen to **close all activities** within work packages 3, 4, 5 and 6 until November 2011. The project management and the WPL are counting on your support to be able to achieve this aim.

On February 22nd a **LP event** took place in Budapest where news from the funding programme were presented (refer to “general information from the SEE programme”).

On February 23rd a NEWADA **Status meeting** was organised in Galati (Romania). Possible follow-up activities have been discussed here, as well.

WP 2

The JTS informed us that there will be a **joint conference** in September – organized by all 13 transnational programs – to showcase the results of transnational cooperation and the SEE programme will be present there. To showcase the contribution of the programme and its projects to the European stakeholders as well as to the general public, the JTS plans to develop several materials, such as a “**projects book**” that hopefully can be presented already at the annual conference and distributed at the foreseen conference of the transnational cooperation programs. For this purpose the LP provided a project summary containing a description of the importance and the biggest achievements of our project, the challenge we’ve been confronted with, as well as the added-value of cooperating with partners from different countries...etc. and forwarded it to the JTS.

The project furthermore has been presented in the **Danube Strategy Newsletter** developed by INTERACT Pont Vienna in January. Copies have been forwarded to about 200 recipients: EU COM; EU Parliament; all ETC

programmes in the Danube Regions, Committee of the Regions; EU27 High-level Group on macro-regions, and many other stakeholders.

Thanks to the efforts of our Bulgarian partner EAEMDR after the 9th **DISC Conference** (DISC'10) many **articles** about NEWADA and the DISC have been published in different Bulgarian newspapers. All relevant articles can be downloaded in the intranet under:

/home/NEWADA/WP 2 - Dissemination/Act. 2.2 External communication and dissemination/NEWADA articles

WP 3

Act. 3.1 – finished.

Act. 3.2

The **preparation of the reports** by the partners is running: One general “Report on Common Understanding on Surveying Activities” will be prepared based on the inputs of the partners. Furthermore, each partner country has to provide a report called “National Strategy Plan for Intensification of Cross-Border-Activities”.

In December the WP3 team have agreed about the template on **National Strategy Plan**; also a deadline for delivering the draft version of the report was set up.

In February a draft version of the **Report on Common Understanding** has been uploaded to the intranet and the WP3 leader asked for comments from the WP3 team.

Both activities will be presented during the next meeting in Ruse on the 6th and 7th of April 2011, where Act. 3.3 topics will be discussed as well.

Bilateral meetings held since the last WP3 meeting on the 16th of September 2010 in Bratislava were:

- 15.10.2010 – meeting BG-RO in Ruse
- 19.10.2010 – meeting RS-HR in Belgrade
- 03.02.2011 – meeting BG-RO in Ruse,

where the main topics were the two reports: National Strategy Plan and Report on Common Understanding.

WP 4

Act. 4.1 – finished.

Act. 4.2 – finished.

Based on the common agreement between the WPL and the PP's on the 21st of December 2010, the updated version of the template of the **National Strategy Plan for Waterway Maintenance** has been presented. All PP's were invited to finalise their NSP for Waterway Maintenance.

A common meeting for WP3 and WP4 has been organised, which is scheduled to take place in Ruse on the 6th and 7th of April 2011, where the PP's are invited to present their draft versions of the NSP for Waterway maintenance.

WP 5

Act. 5.2 ENC

The questions regarding the **area of responsibility** were successfully clarified between the project partners. Agreement was reached for the **quality requirements** for and to use 2.1 standard. Most of the tasks are finalized in this Activity. The last task, namely the elaboration of “**Concept for paper navigational charts**” is planned to be finalised during spring 2011.

Act. 5.3 D4D

On 8th–10th of February, 2011 many topics were discussed successfully during the Act. 5.3 meeting in Regensburg. Relevant progresses were done in all tasks. Bulgaria and Romania will have the basic installation of **D4D infrastructure** during spring 2011.

Act. 5.4 FIS Portal

On 24th November, 2010 many **technical issues** were discussed in Budapest about the development of the Danube FIS Portal. The technical experts concluded with a technical solution and cooperation with Notices to

Skippers Expert Group is done on regular basis. Implementation of the FIS Portal is planned to end in summer 2011.

Act. 5.5 WLAN

On 9th December, 2010 the WLAN partners were having a meeting where current **status of installations** and tests were presented. Most partners have their system ready early 2011, technical delay occurs sometimes. The next task after finalising the tests is to summarize the experiences and suggestions in the **Implementation guide** for future installations along the Danube.

WP 6

Act. 6.1

As presented at the last BoD meeting, every partner shall now draft the "**National Strategy Plan for optimized waterway organization**" (Activity 6.1.4.). The basis for this activity is the agreed version of the common understanding of future Danube waterway administration objectives. The draft version of this report shall be briefly presented by every partner in our next meeting in June 2011 in Varna, the final version being delivered until December 2011. There will be no additional template for this report, as it has been agreed during our last BoD meeting that the structure of the report shall be orientated towards the topics of the common objectives report.

Act. 6.2

The **third PR Managers' workshop** took place from 9th-10th of March in Ruse and Giurgiu, where the common template for the national reports on comprehensive **communication strategies** for national waterway administrations has been presented. All partners have delivered their reports on communication strategies which have been discussed at the workshop in detail. The next meeting of this group is planned for June 28th – 29th.

Act. 6.3

Expert exchange programme is in progress. The latest status can be found on the NEWADA intranet.

Act. 6.4

Act. 6.4 – dealing with **follow-up activities** – was started earlier than foreseen. In the run of nearly all project meetings possible follow-up activities will have to be identified and discussed.

NEXT MEETINGS

Common WP3 & WP4 meeting	5 th – 6 th April, 2011 in Ruse
Act. 5.4 meeting	12 th – 13 th April, 2011 in Budapest
Expert exchange of Plovput	19 th – 20 th April, 2011 in Belgrade
Status meeting	5 th May, 2011 in Vukovar
SEE annual event	12 th May, 2011 in Sofia
Expert exchange of AFDJ	16 th – 19 th May, 2011 in Galati/Giurgiu
Act. 5.3 meeting (D4D)	24 th – 25 th May, 2011 in Vienna (tbd)
WPL meeting	14 th June, 2011 in Varna
Board of Directors Meeting	15 th – 16 th June, 2011 in Varna
Act. 6.2 meeting (PR Workshop)	28 th – 29 th June, 2011 in Dubrovnik (tbd)