Integrated Water Management of the Mesta/Nestos River Basin

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The territory of Bulgaria has divided into 4 RBDs:

- Danube River RBDistrict
- Eastern Aegean RBDistrict
- Black Sea RBDistrict
- Western Aegean RBDistrict
Mesta River Basin (on Bulgarian territory)
Overall objective of both project phases of MESTA/NESTOS project

• The project is financed in the frame of INTERREG IIIA/PHARE Cross Border Cooperation Bulgaria-Greece

• To establish transboundary and integrated management of the Mesta/Nestos River Basin through applying:
  – a common approach to water quality and quantity objectives
  – a common approach to methodology
Project purpose - phase II

- **Through the technical and institutional support** to the Western Aegean Basin Directorate and the Joint Cooperation Committee for transboundary and integrated management *to identify and present to the public the main management issues for achieving and maintaining good water status in Mesta/Nestos River Basin*

- **The Joint Cooperation Committee will be established on 20-21 of October on a meeting in Bulgaria**
Specific objectives

Phase I objectives:

• detailed compilation and assessment of Mesta River Basin characteristics based on the results of the Basin Overview

• detailed data, technical and human resources gap analysis and identification of critical requirements to be met for undertaking Phase II
Specific objectives

Phase II objectives:

• to establish transboundary cooperation for river basin management
• to implement the monitoring requirements of the WFD
• to identify and present to the competent authorities and public the main water and transboundary issues in the Mesta/Nestos river basin
• to develop a hydrological model for Mesta/Nestos
• to finalize the technical and institutional requirements necessary for the preparation of the Draft River Basin Management Plan by December 2008.
Phase II project consists of 2 components:

- Component 1 – Technical assistance
- Component 2 – Purchases and delivery of equipment
RESULTS

• Component 1
  • The transboundary cooperation for Mesta river basin management established
  • the monitoring requirements of the WFD implemented
  • identification and presentation of the main water and management issues in Mesta river basin
  • hydrological model developed
  • finalizing of all requirements for the preparation of the Draft River Basin Management Plan

• Component 2
  • purchase of laboratory equipment
  • purchase of monitoring points equipment
  • purchase of hardware and software
  • supply of off-road vehicles
Cross Border Impact

• The Project implementation will assist participating countries (Bulgaria and Greece) in the development, protection and use of the Mesta/Nestos waters in an integrated and sustainable manner

• The Project shall improve cross-border counterparts’ coordination through:
  – common technical approach to the requirements of WFD
  – durable lines of communication and management frame between responsible regional Bulgarian and Greek Basin authorities
  – common agreed water quality objectives as well as common programs of measures within the Mesta/Nestos River Basin Management Plan
Detailed budget and project duration for Mesta I and Mesta II projects

- **Mesta I project**
  - budget: 0,400 MEUR, duration -10 months (under implementation)

- **Mesta II project:**
  - EU PHARE CBC Budget - 1,300 MEUR:
  - Service contract - 0,950 MEUR
  - Supply contract - 0,350 MEUR
  - National Co-financing - 0,120 MEUR for the supply contract
  - TOTAL - 1,420 MEUR
  - Duration - 24 months
Thank you for your attention!