

Working Group 3: Water management

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OVERVIEW

- OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPONENT 3 **Capacity building in transboundary water management and protection of marine and coastal areas**
 - support for the enlargement countries to transpose and implement the legislation in the water sector, including the marine issues
 - support to the beneficiaries in implementation of the MSFD - in the process of development of measures to protect the marine environment, and addressing marine litter
 - support for the implementation of Barcelona Convention - identification of MPAs in the Adriatic Sea basin covered by Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro
 - strengthen the transboundary water cooperation and protection including with the concerned EU Member States and support the regional coordination mechanisms (EUSDR, EUSAIR)
- RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED: Regional cooperation in transboundary water management and protection of marine and coastal environment facilitated.
- TIME FRAME: 1 Feb 2019 – Feb 2022
- OVERALL APPROACH: coordinated regional approach



ACTION 3.1

Participation of beneficiary experts in EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) and EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) meetings (e.g. Steering Group, annual forums, other relevant events).

Task 3.1.1 Support to participation in EUSAIR and EUSDR meetings

- **MILESTONES / APPROACH:** participation in EUSAIR and EUSDR meetings with full reimbursement of the travel and accommodation costs. Participation of 3 nominated experts from B&H, MNE and Serbia at the 8th Annual Forum of the EUSDR will be held between June 27th -28th in Bucharest, RO
- **TIMEFRAME / PLANNING FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:** follow up on the scheduled meetings of EUSDR and EUSAIR to ensure the participation of EPPA project countries representatives
- **OUTPUTS / DELIVERABLES OF THE TASK:** participation of the representatives of EPPA countries



ACTION 3.2

Capacity building and technical assistance for managing marine litter and support to the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Task 3.2.1 Organisation of 2 regional capacity-building activities for managing marine litter

- **MILESTONES / APPROACH:** Two regional workshops shall be organised in one of the beneficiaries covered by the study (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey).

The first regional workshop will focus on the introduction to marine litter prevention and management in the region aiming to raise awareness of the social, economic, and environmental damage and impact caused by marine litter which disrupts and impacts the trade, growth and livelihood of the region. At the second workshop, the best practices on marine litter management will be discussed.

- **TIMEFRAME / PLANNING FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:** Workshop 11-12 Sep 2019 (Croatia) and Sep 2020
- **OUTPUTS / DELIVERABLES OF THE TASK:** workshops organized and workshops reports completed.



ACTION 3.2

Capacity building and technical assistance for managing marine litter and support to the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Task 3.2.2 Organization of 3 national capacity-building activities for the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive

- **MILESTONES / APPROACH:** Three national workshops shall be organised in three of the beneficiaries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey). The workshops will include exchange of views and discussions on the topic of the event, which will be decided by the European Commission in close consultation with the beneficiary. The first workshop will focus on the preparation of the national legislation for transposition of MSFD, and the development of the Initial assessment of the current status of marine environment, and will be held in Montenegro
- **TIMEFRAME / PLANNING FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:** Workshops: Dec 2019 (Montenegro), June 2020 (Albania), April 2021 (Turkey)
- **OUTPUTS / DELIVERABLES OF THE TASK:** Three workshops organized and workshops reports completed.



ACTION 3.3

Assistance for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention.

Task 3.3.1 Organization of 2 national capacity-building activities for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention

- **MILESTONES / APPROACH:** Two national workshops shall be organized in one of the beneficiaries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Turkey). The workshops will discuss the status of implementations, gaps and recommendations for follow up actions. The workshop will also include exchange of views and discussions on the topic of the event which will be decided by the European Commission in close consultation with the host beneficiary. EPPA will coordinate the organization of the workshops with Barcelona Convention Secretariat, provided by UNEP through its MAP Coordinating Unit.
- **TIMEFRAME / PLANNING FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:** Workshops: May 2020 (Bosnia and Herzegovina), and May 2021 (Albania)
- **OUTPUTS / DELIVERABLES OF THE TASK:** Two workshops organized and workshops reports completed.



ACTION 3.4

Assistance with water management issues facing land-locked countries based on their identification of key issues.

Task 3.4.1 Identification of water management related needs and implementation of the support plan developed based on the identified needs

- MILESTONES / APPROACH:
 - (i) identification of the capacity building needs of the land-locked countries related to water management, in close cooperation and consultation with the CA and beneficiaries. A work-plan developed and approved by the Contracting Authority and the beneficiaries.
 - (ii) two sub-regional workshops. The first workshop will discuss pressures assessment due to land based sources of pollution, preparing Program of measures (WFD/MSFD), involving sea based and landlocked countries, preparing scenarios consistent in the whole marine region or subregion, and assessing options for minimizing human-induced eutrophication, contaminants and marine litter. At the second workshop issues connected with the link between the Program of Measures and the WFD objectives, economic analysis of the WFD, exemptions to the environmental objectives in the WFD
- TIMEFRAME / PLANNING FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD: Workshops: Oct 2019 N. Macedonia, April 2020
- OUTPUTS / DELIVERABLES OF THE TASK: Two workshops organized and workshops reports completed.



ACTION 5.1

EU Strategies, including the Macro-Regional Strategies.

Task 5.1.1 Support for the implementation of the EUSAIR and EUSDR activities in the area of nature protection and biodiversity.

- MILESTONES / APPROACH:

- (i) study containing an analysis of green infrastructure deployment and ecological connectivity status in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia will be developed. The study should contain the identification of priority areas where ecosystem restoration and green infrastructure deployment are needed, and possible funding sources (GEF, IPA etc...) for the implementation on the ground of the identified interventions.

The Contractor will need to take into consideration possible modifications of the EUSDR Action Plan, to be revised end June 2019.

- (i) one regional workshop will be organized, where the results of the study will be presented and concrete activities will be proposed in order to ensure follow-up actions in the countries based on the study results.
- TIMEFRAME / PLANNING FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD: Study April 2020, Workshops: July 2020,
- OUTPUTS / DELIVERABLES OF THE TASK: Study finalized, workshops organized and workshop report completed.



ACTION 5.1

EU Strategies, including the Macro-Regional Strategies.

Task 5.1.2 Assistance in the identification of marine protected areas and exchange of best practices to achieve and/or to maintain the good ecological status of marine waters and preserve biodiversity.

- MILESTONES / APPROACH:

- (i) study developing initial proposals for establishment of new marine protected areas (MPAs) in the Adriatic Sea basin - two MPAs in Albania, one MPA in Bosnia and Herzegovina and two MPAs in Montenegro. The study will contain detailed recommendations for their establishment and management, based on the priority areas for MPA designation established under the contract "Achieving coherent networks of marine protected areas: analysis of the situation in the Mediterranean Sea" (EC, DG Environment) and the available scientific information on the marine biodiversity of these areas. The study has to build on the work already done in the framework of the Barcelona Convention and on other relevant projects such as MedMPAnet and AdriPan
- (ii) one regional workshop will be organized on the establishment and management of the proposed marine protected areas.

- TIMEFRAME / PLANNING FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD: study Sep 2020, workshop Oct 2020

- OUTPUTS / DELIVERABLES OF THE TASK: Study finalized, workshop organized and workshop report completed.



POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- MAJOR INPUTS REQUIRED FROM BENEFICIARIES
 - Ensure continue cooperation and involvement of experts in the project implementation
 - Commitment to support EPPA activities and make use of project expected results
 - Ensure permanent update and coordination with the NIRAS team and TL
- KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED
 - Careful documentation of the topics, reference materials available, follow on EU developments
 - Ensure synergies with the relevant ongoing projects building on past achievements and consider areas of improvement
 - Assist to the selection of local and international experts based on knowledge, skills and attitudes
 - Strengthen the cooperation with similar initiatives/projects
- MAJOR FINDINGS FROM INCEPTION PERIOD
 - Nothing of relevance



Thank you for your attention

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