



CC-WARE

Integrated transnational strategy for water protection and mitigating water resources vulnerability

Water is a precondition for human, animal and plant life as well as an indispensable resource for the economy. Managing water and land resources in an integrated way is critical to ensuring access to clean drinking water, reducing water pollution, protecting biodiversity, controlling flooding and food security. The EU and its various programmes are promoting comprehensively the sustainable management of water resources aiming at optimizing the available natural water flows, including surface water and groundwater, to satisfy these competing needs. Adding uncertainty, climate change will increase the complexity of managing water resources.

Recent studies are revealing that water resources in South-East Europe are under increasing pressure originating in particular from land use and climate changes. Both processes will have severe impacts on water resources in general and drinking water resources in particular. This development is triggering an increasing vulnerability of water resources.

In order to meet these challenges CC-WARE is focusing on the adaptation to climate change by developing a common transnational strategy for vulnerability reduction leveraging the potentials of ecosystem services, land use change, improved water use efficiency and economic incentives for water management to decrease the vulnerability of water resources.

Objectives

- The development of an integrated transnational strategy for water protection and mitigating water resources vulnerability as basis for an implementation of national / regional action plans
- Transfer of the achieved and developed knowledge and resulting measures into the regions and on local level to strengthen the institutional capacity and human resources at national, regional and local level
- Setup of a framework on national level in regard to legislation and national / regional institutional structures to be able to implement the strategy developed on transnational level smoothly after project duration to assure a long term impact of CC-WARE project
- The extension of the promotion of implementing national activities for mitigating vulnerability of drinking water supply based on a jointly developed transnational strategy to the entire SEE area with special regard to pre-accession countries
- The utmost dissemination of the gained knowledge regarding the strategy how to implement national action plans to relevant policy makers and stakeholder particularly of pre-accession countries through consultations, workshops and publications

Schedule

CC-WARE is divided into five work packages, two administrative ones and three concerning thematic work. The progress of each WP will be documented by several outputs and results. The outputs can be downloaded from the project website.



Facts & Figures

Project acronym: CC-WARE

Project title: Mitigating Vulnerability of Water Resources under Climate Change

Project code: SEE/D/0143/2.1/X

Programme: South East Europe

Priority: Protection and Improvement of the Environment

Area of Intervention: Improvement of integrated water management and flood risk prevention

Project Partners: 18

ERDF partners*: 12 (1 lead partner, 11 project partners)

IPA Partners**: 1

EU ASP Partners***: 2

10% Partners****: 3

Involved countries: 11 (AT, BA, BG, GR, HR, HU, IT, MD, RO, RS, SI)

Lead Partner: Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management – Forest Department (BMLFUW)

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ERDF budget: € 1.415.163,47

IPA budget: € 137.474,75

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*** Associated strategic partners (ASP)

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