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Completion of 2 Warema Tools

Methodological Procedures Guidelines

The manual with the **Methodological Procedures** that will be followed in the Workshops was elaborated by **Mediterranean SOS Network** and the contribution of all partners. The methodology on public participation recommended was drafted after the meeting of partners in Velence, Hungary (December 15th 2006) and is based on the methodology agreed on this meeting which, in turn, is based upon the documents and studies produced by the Lead Partner and Mediterranean SOS Network. It is also based on the presentations, documents and minutes of the previous meetings of the partners available at the project's website (www.cadses-warema.net) and on the rich literature on public participation theory and practice that is collected and elaborated by Mediterranean SOS Network.

The Guidelines are based on visioning workshops and a sound structure of Partnerships, Committees and Working Groups with representatives of stakeholders at the watershed level. The WAREMA project partners will be in contact while they are applying this methodology and they will exchange experiences. Mediterranean SOS, the

partner responsible for this methodology, will support all partners by answering possible questions and helping to deal with upcoming problems.

Context Analysis Report

The **Context Analysis Report** of WAREMA was successfully completed by our Czech Partner **Centre for Community Organizing Middle Moravia**. A set of socioeconomic and quality water data was collected by each partner and in combination with the legislation of each country this valuable document was formed. The Context Analysis is a report on the imprinting of the existing situation in all 4 WAREMA Watersheds and its purpose is to inform the watershed partnership about the problems and the present situation in each watershed as well as to suggest appropriate action strategies based on scenarios discussed during the workshops with the watershed partnership members. The report is available at our website (www.cadses-warema.net) for a review under the Actions section.

NEWS FROM PARTNERS

Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia



The **Methodological Procedures Report** aimed at building up the **Biosphere Reserve** in Friuli, has been issued by the Trainer, Mr. Ruoss in cooperation with Mr. Poletto. The document will be distributed to watershed partnership stakeholders and to local authorities. The document has been welcomed by **Unesco** being the first text in Italian language concerning the methodology promoted by **UNESCO – MAB Programme**.

University of West Hungary



On February 8th, the **University of West Hungary** organized the **1st Workshop of WAREMA**, presenting the project, the participatory methodology, the WFD and the state of water management to Stakeholders. Emphasis was given on the importance of cooperation between the different groups of stakeholders and the University.



Chamber of Agriculture of Fejer County



The project WAREMA and its aim were projected at meetings regarding technical consultancies to farmers and stakeholders interested in the new changes in agriculture, organized by the **Chamber of Agriculture of Fejer County**. A slide show

introducing the project was presented and the importance of the project was discussed.

Mediterranean SOS Network



In the **preparation framework of the Workshops**, members of **Mediterranean SOS Network** and **Aitoliki S.A.** visited different authority bodies (Central Water Directory of Ministry of Environment, the Region, the Prefecture, the three municipalities, the Messolonghi Lagoon Management Authority) and the Primary and Secondary education offices of the pilot project area. Purpose of the meetings was the establishment of collaboration, the introduction of WAREMA and methodological procedures and information on the 1st Workshop. The Meeting with the educators concerned the 2nd Workshop and different ways of organizing it were proposed.

The **1st Warema Workshop** took place in Greece, in **Messolonghi** on February 27th, aiming at informing the authorities about Warema and the methodological procedures, committing them in supporting the participatory planning procedure, engaging them in implementing the designed action plan and informing them on carrying on the procedure of participatory management at watershed level after the completion of the project. The participation was satisfactory and different opinions and issues were raised and proposed. All participants agreed to support the project and decided to meet at the next Workshop.



Aitoliki S.A.



In the framework of a meeting that **Aitoliki S.A.** organized, aiming at informing the elected and the executive members of the Local Authorities Organizations on topics such as inter municipal collaborations, Enterprises of Local Authorities and the new programming period, a small reference to **WAREMA** was made mentioning the aims, results and involved actions of the project.



The Steering Committee Member and the Project Manager along with other members of Aitoliki S.A. participated in the **1st Workshop of WAREMA** supporting the members of **MedSOS** who organized the meeting.

Members of Aitoliki S.A. also participated in the preparatory meetings for the 1st Workshop together with the members of Mediterranean Network SOS, visiting different authority bodies (see **Mediterranean SOS Network section**).

Centre for Community Organizing Central Moravia



CpKP opened **WAREMA** to the public with a painting exhibition of children having the water as theme. An introduction of the project was made, the watershed partnership was discussed and attempts to find an area for the action plan were made by the members of **CpKP** and the public.



The **first workshop of CpKP** took place on the 28th of February with representatives of the Moravian-Silezian Region, Protected Landscape Area Poodri, Microregion Poodri, Agriculture Enterprise, municipalities of the project area and general public. The workshop aimed at informing the public on its vision, role of the partners in the WSP and expectations from the partnership. At the beginning a short presentation of the project and the WFD was made. An introduction on the rules for members of the Expert Advice of the WSP was followed and established. Discussion among the participants followed.



COMING WATER EVENTS

Water Framework Directive

Conference

12 – 14 March 2007

Le Nouveau Siecle, Lille, France

WFD Status Monitoring under the WFD

This event will review issues of status monitoring of aquatic ecosystems in the context of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The program includes a policy session (covering ecological status and chemical monitoring), a science session (with input from related EU – funded RTD projects) and an industry session (spreading the technology – perspectives on science and technology integration into WFD implementation). The conference is timed to share information on science – policy interactions related to chemical / ecological water monitoring WFD programs, the design of which is due to be reported by the Member States in March 2007. Further information and on – line registration are available on the conference website at **www.WFDLille2007.org**

European Water Conference – WISE

Public Launch

22 – 23 March 2007

Brussels

Water Management Challenges in Global Change – CCWI2007 and

SUWM2007 Conference

3 – 5 September 2007

Leicester, UK

WEBSITE PROPOSALS

Links to Official WFD websites in Member States

Austria – www.lebensministerium.at/wasser/

Belgium – <http://eau.wallonie.be>

www.ciwvlaanderen.be

www.ibgebim.be/francais/contenu/content.asp?ref=210

Cyprus - www.moa.gov.cy

Czech Republic – www.env.cz

www.mze.cz

Denmark – www.mst.dk/vand/06000000.htm

Estonia – www.envir.ee

Finland – www.ymparisto.fi

France – www.eaufrance.fr

Germany – www.bmu.de/gewaesserschutz

<http://wasserblick.net>

Greece – www.minenv.gr

Hungary – <http://euvki.hu>

Ireland – www.wfdireland.ie/

Latvia – www.lvgma.gov.lv

Luxembourg – www.waasser.lu

Malta – www.mra.org.mt/wfdintroduction.shtml

Netherlands – www.kaderrichtlijnwater.nl

www.waterland.net

Poland - www.bgw.gov.pl/wfd/

Slovenia –

www.gov.si/mop/podrocja/uradzaokoljesektorvode/porocila/wfd/

Sweden – www.vattenportalen.se/

U.K. – www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/wfd/index.htm

Interview of Roman Haken
WAREMA Steering Committee Member
Director of Centre for Community Organizing Central Moravia



How is WAREMA contributing to your organization?

CpKP central Moravia is an NGO specialized in public participation. We already have some experiences from many processes in which the method and techniques of public participation have been used. None of them however were about planning on the field of the Watershed Partnership. It's a new experience for us and it's really interesting to cooperate on the methodology and then on fulfilling internationality.

How would you characterize the participating processes in Poodri area?

It's just starting. In this area they have some experiences with the LEADER programme. It means that they have used the participative planning in preparation of the strategy and then in preparation of the single projects. But I can say that probably it's the first time that they are working together on water problems for such a large area.

Do you feel the support of local and water authorities?

I can say yes and the level of support depends on the personality of the participant. We have no written rules of participative democracy so these

steps are for the public participation and voluntary. It means good practice.

Are you expecting that you will face some complications with stakeholders while establishing the Watershed Partnership?

We have to find more partners that are really interested. It means that we have to wake up the interest of the organizations that have been asked and they still do not participate into the process. In the future we can expect some type of conflict with the commercial sector which is interested in water supply and wastewater systems; especially in the case that the Watershed Partnership will formulate alternative ways in sharing the managing tasks of water services. Also part of our area is in a strictly protected area so there is a long term protection of the nature system of the watershed and we know that the Ministry of Agriculture is preparing some strategy for building up new dams so maybe we can expect some conflicts in these tasks too.

What will WAREMA project bring to Poodri area and actually to the water management system of the entire region?

New experiences, international transfer of know how, participative planning like a standard method and assurance that partnership between citizens society, private sector and public administration is a method of the future decision making.

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