

Technical and administrative support for the joint implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) in Bulgaria and Romania

Under Framework contract for services related to coordination between the different marine regions in implementing the ecosystem approach.



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**Steering Group meeting 2
27 March 2014, Brussels**



Agenda

1. Progress & results: based on detailed workplan
2. Results Capacity Building Events (CBEs)
3. Strengths & Critical issues
4. Further planning

1. Progress & Results

- Reference to detailed workplan – (Progress report p. 8)
- Annex 1: Final Template Monitoring Fact sheets (task 1.1)
- Annex 2: Draft overview tables GES/targets per descriptor (task 1.1 & 1.3)
- Annex 3: (Coordinated) Consultation process BG & RO (task 1.1)
- Annex 4: Structure & first documents on EEA website (task 1.2)
- Annex 5: First list priority support needs BG & RO (task 1.3 & task 2)
- Annex 6: Draft structure public webpage (task 1.4)
- Annex 7: Finalized document planning CBE events (task 2) (REF: Chapter 3.1)
- Annex 8: CBE reports of events taken place in January & February (task 2)
- Annex 9: Revised Annex 9 – Guidelines for CBEs & SGMs organisation (task 2)

Agreed Consultation

Development, consultation & reporting MFS	Timing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pilot project MFS (D5+D10)	22/02/2014	■	■										
Approval general MFS by appropriate authorities	07/03/2014			■									
Final pilot case D5	14/03/2014		■	■									
Final pilot case D10	24/03/2014		■	■									
Completion General + Program level MFS (EN)	15/05/2014			■	■	■							
Translation MFS (BG & RO)	15/06/2014					■	■						
Public consultation of MFS	15/06/2014- 15/07/2014						■	■					
Review of the MFS	15/08/2014							■	■				
Administrative agreement MFS	15/09/2014									■			
Completion of the subprogram MFS	15/04/2014- 15/09/2014				■	■	■	■	■	■			
EC Reporting	15/08/2014- 15/10/2014								■	■	■		

Monitoring

- Approval by BG & RO of use common MFS
- MFS Descriptors D5 & D10: almost finalised
- MFS Descriptor D3, D1/4/6: support by ICES in CBE April
- MFS other Descriptors: to be worked out by BG & RO based on previous examples
- Supporting CBEs planned
 - CBE completion MFS subprogramme (June)

Action plans

- Identification of technical & research needs (CBE Jan)
- Template action plan (draft version)
- GES & targets:
 - Bilateral EC meeting
 - Comparative analysis doc common GES/targets
 - CBE common GES/targets
- Monitoring (already discussed)
- Public webpage:
 - common structure
 - Hosted Arcadis (2 yrs) – afterwards?
- Data management
 - CBE data (October – JRC)

Public webpage

- Hosted by ARCADIS Belgium (2 yrs)

Public webpage - MSFD Romania/Bulgaria (english)

Open access

Purpose: project information, contact information, news, background documents, linkages to relevant national/regional/international website

Romania MSFD webpage
(existing/Romanian)

Public consultation

Bulgaria MSFD webpage
(existing/Bulgarian)

Public consultation

EEA EIONET
Black Sea Region Marine Documents
Information sharing portal
PW protected

Other links
(EU DG Env, DG Mar, ...)
BSBD
other

2. CBEs SGMs

- Agreed planning CBEs & SGMs(see table)
- In total: 16 CBEs & 4 SGMs
- Agreed cooperation with:
 - ICES: integrated monitoring (April)
 - JRC: data management (October)
- CBEs already taken place (~CBE reports):
 - SGM 1, 17/12/2013, Brussels (BE) – *Kick-off*
 - CBE JAN, 21-22/01/2014, Constanta (RO) – *CBE: template MFS, status monitoring, identification priority needs, needs for public webpage*
 - CBE FEB, wk 10-14/02/2014, unilateral meetings in BG (Varna) & RO (Constanta) - *CBE: Preparatory completion pilot MFS*
 - CBE FEB, 17/02/2014, Bucharest (RO) – *CBE: Technical meeting public webpage*
 - CBE FEB, 19-20/02/2014, Varna (BG) - *CBE: Completion pilot MFS (bilateral meeting)*

Meetings (Steering group/ capacity building events)													Location	Date	Timing			
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mrch	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov				Dec	Jan	
Kick-off meeting - Brussels	x															Brussels (BE)	17/12/2013	1 MD
CBE JAN		x														Constanta (RO)	21/01/2014	
Project team meeting		x														Constanta (RO)	21/01/2014	0,25 MD
CBE1: Discussion on the template monitoring fact sheet (Task 1.1)		x														Constanta (RO)	21-22/01/2014	0,5 MD
CBE2: Status & main issues on monitoring BG & RO (Task 1.1)		x														Constanta (RO)	21-22/01/2014	0,5 MD
CBE3: Review and prioritization technical and research needs for BG & RO (Task 1.2)		x														Constanta (RO)	21-22/01/2014	0,5 MD
CBE4: Needs for data information sharing (public web page) (Task 1.4)		x														Constanta (RO)	21-22/01/2014	0,5 MD
CBE FEB			x													RO & BG	17-21/02/2014	
CBE5: Technical meeting public webpage (Task 1.4) - IT specialists			x													Bucharest (RO)	17 or 21/02/2014	0,5 MD
CBE6: Completion pilot monitoring fact sheets (Task 1.1) (unilateral work session)			x													Con (RO) & Varna (BG)	Before 17/02/14	1 MD
CBE7: Final Template monitoring sheet (consultation & agreement) based on pilot cases descriptors			x													Varna (BG)	19-20/02/2014	0,5 MD
CBE8: Coordination & further implemation monitoring fact sheets (Task 1.1) (bilateral work session)			x													Varna (BG)	19-20/02/2014	1,5 MD
SGM 2 - CBE March				x												Brussels (BE)	27-28/03/2014	
Steering Group meeting SGM 2				x												Brussels (BE)	27/03/2014	0,5 MD
CBE9: Discussion results review GES and targets (Art. 9 & 10)				x												Brussels (BE)	28/03/2014	0,5 MD
CBE10: Potential funding opportunities to address identified needs BSC (Task 1.2)				x												Brussels (BE)	28/03/2014	0,5 MD
CBE April (ICES)					x											Con (RO) & Varna (BG)	14-17/04/2014	
CBE11a: Integrated monitoring BG & RO (Task 1.1)					x											Constanta (RO)	14-15/04/2014	1 MD
CBEb: Financing of monitoring infrastructure BG & RO (ICES)					x											Constanta (RO)	14-15/04/2014	1 MD
CBE11a: Integrated monitoring BG & RO (Task 1.1)					x											Varna (BG)	16-17/04/2014	1 MD
CBEb: Financing of monitoring infrastructure BG & RO (ICES)					x											Varna (BG)	16-17/04/2014	1 MD
SGM 3 - CBE June							x									Constanta (RO)	24-26/06/2014	
CBE12: Draft work plan technical & research needs BG & RO							x									Constanta (RO)	24-26/06/2014	1 MD
CBE13: Work session on completion subprogramme MFS							x									Constanta (RO)	24-26/06/2014	1 MD
CBE Oct																Istanbul	3/10/2014	
CBE14: Presentation discussion document to Black Sea Commission																Istanbul	3/10/2014	1 MD
SGM 4 - CBE Oct																Varna (BG)	07-09/10/2014	
Steering Group meeting SGM 3																Varna (BG)	07-09/10/2014	0,5 MD
CBE15: (Monitoring) Data comparability & management (Task 1.1)																Varna (BG)	07-09/10/2014	1 MD
CBE16: Finlisation work plan technical & research needs BG & RO																Varna (BG)	07-09/10/2014	0,5 MD
Final Steering group meeting																Brussels (BE)	15/01/2015	1 MD

Attendance CBEs

- *Ref. to attendance list (EEA webpage)*

CBE	Location	Int PTE	NFCP	BG experts/ local PTE	RO experts/ local PTE
CBE 1 to 4 (Jan)	Constanta	2	2	2	15
CBE 5 (Feb - IT)	Bucharest	2	1	1	3
CBE 6 (Feb – uni MFS)	Constanta	0	1	0	XX
	Varna	0	1	xx	0
CBE 7-8 (Feb – bi MFS)	Varna	1	1	11	4

Reimbursement

- According to EU rules (see Annex 9)
- Max. 3 experts (non- host country)
- Template invoice (reviewed – more user friendly)
- Limited financial capacity within BG & RO
 - Brussels events: pre-pay and booking option by ARCADIS
 - Speed up procedure: reimbursement within 2 weeks after correct invoice (some delays have taken place from administrative side Arcadis)
- Organisational costs by host countries:
 - Meeting room by host
 - Coffee break by host
 - Lunch:
 - Resto nearby: paid on individual basis (daily allowance);
 - No resto: small lunch by host – invoice to Arcadis

3. Strengths & Critical issues

- Strengths:
 - Cooperation: very well with NFCP & local PTE
 - Engagement research institutes: medium to good: NIMRD/Geoecomar/IO-Bas well represented at CBEs + support in MFS
 - By clustering CBEs financial management is currently under control + allows organizing 16 CBEs
- (Potential) Critical issues:
 - Decision power of NFCP – potential slow down of certain processes
 - Research institutes: lack of clear mandate for support MSFD + lack of capacity – difficult to engage certain institutes on a longer term (some relevant institutes were not represented yet)
 - Extra financial burden (unforeseen): ICES (2 unilateral events in stead of 1 bilateral) + EC bilateral meeting Black Sea

4. Further planning

- See planning table
- Short term planning (agreed on CBE FEB)
 - Final draft MFS D5 & D10 (end March)
 - Draft MFS D3, D1/4/6 (10/04/2014)
 - Organisation CBE April (integrated monitoring – ICES) – 2 unilateral events taking place on the 14-15/04/2014 in Constanta (RO) and 16-17/04/2014 in Varna (BG) with MS observers from the non-hosting country.
 - First draft remaining descriptors (25/04/2014)
 - Second draft remaining descriptors (09/05/2014)
 - Final MFS (15/05/2014)

	Jan	feb	mrt	apr	mei	jun	jul	aug	sept	oct	nov	dec	jan	Deadline
Official start project														29/10/2013
Bilateral meeting EC														14/11/2013
Draft inception report														10/12/2013
Kick-off meeting - Brussels														17/12/2013
Initial template monitoring fact sheet	x													10/01/2014
Final inception report	x													10/01/2014
CBE Jan	x													21-22/01/2014
Draft pilot monitoring fact sheets D5 & D10		x												14/02/2014
CBE Feb		x												17-21/02/2014
Final template monitoring fact sheet		x												1/03/2014
Short report incl. overview tables relevant info per descriptor		x												1/03/2014
Finalised document planning events		x												1/03/2014
Draft structure public webpage		x												1/03/2014
Interim report / Progress report			x											1/03/2014
SGM 2 + CBE March			x											27-28/03/2014
CBE April (ICES workshops)				x										14-17/04/2014
Final draft monitoring fact sheets (programme level) - English					x									15/05/2014
Operational public MSFD web page for BG & RO					x									15/05/2014
Final draft monitoring fact sheets (programme level) - translated BG & RO (outside scope project)					x									15/06/2014
Public consultation monitoring fact sheets (outside scope project)						x	x							15/06- 15/07
Progress report						x								1/06/2014
CBE June						x								24-26/06/2014
Draft document technical & scientific needs per descriptor							x							15/07/2014
Discussion document on building blocks for Black Sea									x					1/09/2014
Final monitoring fact sheets (after public consultation)									x					15/09/2014
Final draft monitoring fact sheets (sub programme) - English									x					15/09/2014
Progress report										x				1/10/2014
CBE Oct (presentation discussion document BSC)										x				3/10/2014
SGM 3 + CBE Oct										x				7-9/10/2014
Final reporting monitoring programmes to EC (outside scope project)										x				15/10/2014
Final document technical & scientific needs per descriptor (after feedback BSC meeting)											x			1/11/2014
Background document incl. concrete work plan for BSC 2014-2016 (after consultation)											x			1/11/2014
Draft final report/ Progress report												x		19/12/2014
Final Steering group meetings													x	15/01/2015
Final report													x	25/01/2015

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