

BS-CBE JAN reporting – CBE 3

Title	BS Report CBE 3: Identification of technical and scientific needs in Bulgaria & Romania
Date	21-22 January 2014
Location	Constanta (Romania)
Attendees	See participants list
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Subject	Identification of technical and scientific needs in Bulgaria & Romania + possibilities to include them as Capacity Building Events (CBEs)
Objective	Link to the contract: Task 1.2 + Task 2
	Link to the MSFD implementation stage: All (see Background doc CBE Template technical & scientific needs)
Results	<p>Summary of the main technical & scientific needs by BG & RO:</p> <p>BG & RO authorities (NFCP):</p> <p>O. Mihail (MoE, NFCP Romania)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for data collection & exchange of monitoring data • Improving data management • Too few resources/capacity (financial, manpower) within ministries & institutes • Equipment on board and laboratories, • Harmonization of methods, the values of GES, and environmental targets • Need for public webpage for dissemination, information exchange, consultation, etc. <p>G. Parlichev (BSBD, NFCP Bulgaria)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General agreement with issues mentioned by O. Mihail; in addition: • Need for data exchange of MSFD relevant data between research institutes and authorities (in a relevant format; special request for raw data – not only aggregated data) • Need for bilateral data exchange of MSFD relevant data between BG & RO • Need for better data management: existing national database for monitoring data managed by Environmental Agency (under Ministry of Environment) – difficult to access data • Better understanding & definition responsibilities and tasks for IO-BAS (problem: misunderstandings occur as IO-BAS (with mandate MSFD tasks) falls under the responsibility of Bulgarian Science Academy (Ministry of Education; but having an independent status (?)), while BSBD is the responsible authority for MSFD implementation (Ministry of Environment) • Need for better information sharing of on-going EC projects in BG & RO related to MSFD implementation (lack of overview, no access to date) (note: accessibility to raw project data only occurs after end of project (under project policy), in practice this can take many years)

	<p>BG & RO institutes:</p> <p>GeoEcomar (Romania)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too few resources/capacity (financial, manpower) within institutes • Need for better cooperation between institutes: harmonization methods, integrated monitoring, data exchange • Need for data management • Need for guidance on Marine litter, noise, assessment of pressures (now only expert judgement) <p>NIRMD (Romania)/ GeoEcomar (Romania)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too few resources/capacity (financial, manpower) within institutes • Clarity on mandate NIRMD for MSFD/monitoring implementation tasks + definition tasks (under responsibility of Min. of Environment) • Need for continuity mandate to perform MSFD and/or monitoring tasks (budget): often contracted on a yearly basis (based on available financial means MoE); risk for long-term monitoring or delays in support MSFD tasks • Need for new equipment to assure amongst others quality validation (eg. Ecotoxicology) • Need for better cooperation between institutes: harmonization methods, integrated monitoring, data exchange • Need for data management • Need for guidance on Marine litter, noise, assessment of pressures (now only expert judgement) • Need for continuation of intercomparison exercises (?) <p>IO-BAS (Bulgaria)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IO-BAS has a mandate for MSFD/ monitoring implementation (under BSBD), but lack of capacity & financing (also within regional labs) • Need for better cooperation between institutes: harmonization methods, integrated monitoring, data exchange • Need for equipment (e.g. priority substances) & accredited labs. Note: well-equipped national labs are available but they cannot be used by IO-BAS; on the other hand capacity and financing are missing to delegate certain tasks/analysis from IO-BAS to these labs • Need for data management • Need for guidance on Marine litter, noise, assessment of pressures (now only expert judgement) <p>Dimitru Dorogan (Romania)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underlined the lack of capacity (~financial capacity) within the ministries to do all tasks (e.g. O. Mihail responsible for the coordination of MSFD, WFD, etc.)
Issues discussed	<p>Priority needs: financial capacity (incl. manpower), data coordination & management, integrated monitoring, guidance for descriptor D10 (ML), D11 (noise) and maybe D7, public webpage</p> <p>Agreement on topics further CBE events: see CBE planning table Further planning of CBE events (location, date) (see Excel list in Annex). More detailed planning of the CBE events planned for February and March (see</p>

	<p>action points)</p> <p>Agreement on actions related to ICES workshop (see action list): clarity on number of workshops & content (fisheries vs integrated monitoring); 1st week of April is proposed by BG & RO for workshop D3 – integrated monitoring to be able to integrate the results (if relevant) in the programme Monitoring Factsheets (MFS)</p> <p>CBE topics & dates still to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBE GES & targets: decided to wait on the outcome from the Back to Back meetings EC – BG & RO, to see which actions should be taken by when and if support is needed • CBE data coordination & management: considering the high work load on the MFS in the first half of the year, proposed date sept/oct/nov 2014; potential presentations: 1) EEA project - EU Data management & information systems RSC + 2) good practices data management (CMRC?) • CBE fisheries: unclear (see remark above) 		
Actions	WHO	WHAT	BY WHEN
	COWI (Joachim)	Preparation CBE FEB - check flights Denmark Varna for wk 17-21/02	28/01/2014
	ARCADIS (Annemie)	Take contact with ICES: proposed date CBE D3 - integrated monitoring first week of April (31/03 -04/04) + role ARC in prep ICES workshop + details programme + potential of 2nd workshop on Fisheries	30/01/2014
	ARCADIS (Annemie/Jeroen)	Prep CBE Funding opportunities: request EC for relevant info	01/02/2014
	NFCP	Overview table reported GES/ targets (~pres. George)	14/02/2014
	ARCADIS (Wouter)	Take contact with EEA project - data management for potential CBE in 2nd half 2014 (Deltares - Nikkie)	01/03/2014
	NFCP	Presentation of timeline Monitoring process by BG & RO to EC (informal) on Back to Back meeting GES/ targets	26/03/2014
	ARCADIS, NFCP, local PTE	SGM2 - Support project Black Sea + confirmation attendance & if ARCADIS need to arrange hotel bookings (Brussels)	27/02/2014
	ARCADIS, NFCP, local PTE	CBE Funding opportunities (Brussels)	28/03/2014

Follow-up events/activities related to CBE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBE technical meeting public webpage (17 or 21/02/2014) • CBE potential funding opportunities (28/03/2014) • CBE GES & targets (to be further discussed, depending on outcome back to back meeting with EC, 26/03/2014) • ICES workshops (April 2014) • CBE data coordination & management (Second half 2014) 		
Annex	PREP: Background doc CBE Template technical & scientific needs		
	PRES: Presentations given at the CBE: technical & scientific needs by national focal contact points (O. Mihail, G. Parlichev) and institutes (IO-BAS, Geocomar, NIMRD)		
	RES: BS_Jan Planning CBE_v3		