

CBE 1 (24 & 25 February 2015- Constanta, Romania)

Title	Report CBE 1 ‘Long list POM Bulgaria/Romania ‘Technical and administrative support for the joint implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) in Bulgaria and Romania – Phase 2’
Date	24-25 February 2015
Location	GeoEcomar, Bulevardul Mamaia 304, Constanța 900581, Roemenië
Attendees	See participants list
Reporter name	Kris Casteleyn (KCA) Wouter Rommens (WRO)
Subject	CBE 1: Long list Programme of Measures Romania and Bulgaria + Gap analysis + first step in identification of common coordinated measures
Objectives	Inventory of long list of existing measures (national + coordinated) Gap analysis Selection common measures/targets Development of the template roof report Agreement on next steps and planning
Results	<p><i>Introduction and welcome</i></p> <p>WRO provided an overview of the objectives of the phase 1 of the project and the outcomes of the project (e.g. Monitoring Fact Sheets, action plan)</p> <p>WRO introduced the objectives of the phase 2 of the project: “Technical and administrative support for the joint implementation of the marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) in Bulgaria and Romania”. The project will build further on phase I and will include the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consolidating the information basis for a more coherent and comparable joint implementation of the MSFD in Bulgaria and Romania <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Developing the coordinated Programmes of Measures (PoM) b. Maintaining the information exchange platform c. Support PoM implementation d. Further develop a public web page 2. Capacity building activities in the region with the view to strengthening the administrative and technical capabilities in Bulgaria and Romania for joint MSFD implementation. <p>The method for developing the coordinated programme of measures will use a phased approach as described in annex 4 of the inception report. In Annex 4 each step is described in detail. According to the Directive the PoMs should be developed before the end of 2015 and reported by 31 March 2016.</p> <p>It was clarified that MSFD monitoring sensu stricto cannot be proposed as a measure. Installation of monitoring as obligatory part of e.g. EIA procedures or in the framework of e.g. delineation of MPAs can be seen as measures.</p>

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Development Long list of existing measures.

WRO presented the categories, the types of measures, with a distinction between land-based and sea-based measures, and new versus existing measures. RO and BG presented their national measures.

Romania

Ms. Corina Boscornea (BOSCORNEA) provided an overview of relevant measures from the WFD in the Danube basin.

Bulgaria

Ms. Stela Barova (NFCP Bulgaria, Black Sea Basin Directorate) provided an overview of the existing national measures under related EU legislation or other and international agreements and proposed new MSFD national measures based upon the excel sheet called "long list of measures". She also presented the BG proposals for a new joint / coordinated MSFD transboundary measures between BG & RO. Bulgarian NFCP referred to the German-Bulgarian twinning project (UBA), which runs simultaneously (see next).

On Tuesday afternoon (24/02) Wouter Rommens (ARCADIS) provided an overview of the list with the existing national measures and new proposed transboundary measures under MSFD between Belgium, Netherlands and France, which can be used as a source of ideas for new measures.

UBA project

On Wednesday afternoon (25/02) Ms. Maria Berglund (UBA project, Fresh Thoughts) presented an outline of the German-Bulgarian twinning project (UBA) "Implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) in Bulgaria – Development of Programmes of Measures under Article 13". This project is funded by the Advisory Assistance Programme, AAP and coordinated by the German Federal Environment Agency (UBA). The project aims to assist and guide Bulgaria with the development of the national Programme of Measures under MSFD 2008/56/EO. More specifically the project aims to develop:

- a guidance document that will serve as a basis for the preparation of national programmes of measures pursuant to Art. 13 MSFD in Bulgaria;
- To advise the Bulgarian administration on the implementation of programmes of measures through 2017;
- To organize various workshops and working groups;
- To facilitate capacity building in Bulgaria through the exchange of knowledge between experts from Bulgaria and Germany, as well as Romania.

As there is significant overlap between this project and the EC project (but with a different focus, national Bulgarian measures versus coordinated Bulgarian/Romanian), close cooperation and coordination is required to synergize as much as possible. In this sense, a coordination meeting will be organized in Brussels on the 12th of March with the project coordinator, Mr. Thomas Dworak.

Group work

2 working groups were created (Bulgarian and Romanian experts).

On Tuesday afternoon (24/02) the groups focused on the completion of the national long list of measures of selected (D1, D5 and D10) within the specific domains of expertise present in the group using as a base the BG proposals (Excel table) for joint/coordinated measures and the list with potential measures provided by ARCADIS.

On Wednesday (25/02) the groups further focused on the other descriptors, and indicated which measures potentially could be developed jointly with the neighboring state (proposals for coordinated measures). They also drafted proposals for new measures to fill gaps (lack of measures to address certain descriptors) that were identified. The long list will further be completed by Bulgaria and Romania by 1/03. The long list of Bulgaria and Romania will be merged into one version by ARCADIS.

The draft long list was discussed in group to confirm the completeness of the results and to confirm identified proposals for coordinated measures.

Roof report

WRO provided an overview of the EC requirement of a 'roof report', based upon the OSPAR example.

Public consultation and list of Stakeholders

RO proposes to hold the public consultation beginning of fall 2015 with duration of 2 months. For BG, the public consultation will depend on the outcomes of the UBA project (national Programme of Measures) probably also in autumn 2015.

The list of stakeholders that was circulated prior to the workshop was discussed and agreed upon.

Shortlist of measures

A shortlist of measures will be proposed and discussed with the NFCP and relevant stakeholders at the CBE2 in Varna, Bulgaria. This shortlist will be based upon a set of selection criteria, starting from those mentioned in the ToR. Only new joint and / or coordinated measures between BG&RO will be considered under this project.

New national measures will not be considered within the scope of this project, and should be further dealt with by BG & RO.

Other

For step 4, analysis of **technical feasibility, cost-effectiveness and benefits** of new joint or coordinated measures, the presence of national economic experts will be required (meeting Brussel – 6-7/05/2015).

Planning

The following dates were agreed:

CBE 2	25-26 March	Varna
CBE 3+4+5+SGM	May 6-7	Brussels
CBE 5	June 17-18	Constanta
CBE 6	September 8-9	Varna

	Final SGM	October 14	Brussels	
Actions	WHO	WHAT	BY WHEN	
	Dan Vasiliu	Finalized proposal list of measures RO	1 March 2015	
	Violin Raykov	Finalized proposal list of measures BG	1 March 2015	
	ARCADIS	Coordinated version table of measures (BG and RO)	2 March 2015	
	ARCADIS	Additional Password for EEA project website	4 March 2015	
	ARCADIS	Template roof report	10 March 2015	
	Dan Vasiliu	Gap analysis and final check/additions of coordinated version of table of measures Romania	16 March 2015	
	Violin Raykov	Gap analysis and final check/additions of coordinated version of table of measures Bulgaria	16 March 2015	
	ARCADIS	Short list coordinated/joint measures	20 March 2015	
	Dan Vasiliu	Fill in fact sheet common monitoring fact sheets (based on factsheet monitoring)	16 April 2015	
	Violin Raykov	Fill in fact sheet common monitoring fact sheets (based on factsheet monitoring)	16 April 2015	
Follow-up events/activities related to CBE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBE 2 : 25-26/03 (Varna, Bulgaria) • Dates other CBEs (see above) 			
Annex	Participants list			