CBE 2 (31 March & 1 April 2015- Varna, Bulgaria)

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| **Title** | **Report CBE 2 ‘Short 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** | 31 March and 1 April 2015 |
| **Location** | BSBD Varna |
| **Attendees** | See participants lists |
| **Reporter name** | Kris Casteleyn (KCA)Wouter Rommens (WRO) |
| **Subject** | **CBE 2: Short List Programme of Measures Romania and Bulgaria + Evaluation criteria + Evaluation** |
| **Objectives** | Short list of common/joint measuresAgreement on evaluation criteria (effectiveness, overall)Criteria analysisAgreement on next steps and planning |
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| **Results** | ***Introduction and welcome: Context POMs***WRO introduces the context of the Programme of Measures (POMs):* an overview of the objectives of the phase 1 of the project and the outcomes of the project
* 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:

UBA projectMr. Stefan Görlitz of the German 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 German government and is aimed to assist and guide Bulgaria with the development of the national Programme of Measures for Bulgaria. More specifically the project aims to develop:* a guidance document that will serve as a basis for the preparation of national Programme of Measures pursuant to Art. 13 MSFD in Bulgaria;
* To advise the Bulgarian administration on the implementation of national 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.

There is significant overlap between this project and the EC project (but with a different focus, national Bulgarian measures versus coordinated Bulgarian/Romanian). In a coordination meeting on 12th March in Brussels, coordination and cooperation aspects to synergize aspects have been discussed.***Long list of measures and pre-selection***WRO refreshed the terminology of the types of measures and new versus existing measures. The long-list of potential common measures (outcomes of the CBE 1) in Constanta was discussed. During a group discussion, a number of measures were decided not to be included for further analysis because these included duplicates, measures with a pure research or monitoring focus (thereby not contributing directly/indirectly to address the pressure). A total of 37 common/joint measures were selected from an initial list of 76. 4 measures required a more specific definition as there was unclarity on the meaning (these have been indicated in yellow in the table in attachment). There was a group agreement to keep the revised number of measures at this stage. It is better to have bigger number of measures related to different types of pressures to compare their effectiveness. After the public consultation, some of proposed measures could be excluded as not so efficient or due to need of high financial investments.***Shortlist PoM***A detailed selection of the longlist measures was done in plenary. Initially, the proposed criteria were agreed on by the attendees:* MSFD relevance criteria (yes/no)
* Overall effectiveness common/joint measure=potential reduction of pressure (3 criteria) + geographical dimension (1 criterium)
* Overall acceptance: 2 criteria were selected: Stakeholder acceptance and operational feasibility

On Tuesday, attendees assessed the effectiveness criteria for all of the common/joint measures. Overall acceptance by stakeholders and operational feasibility were assessed on WednesdayDuring this multicriteria-analysis, measures were described in more detail.Calculation and ranking of measuresSeveral methods for the calculation of overall effectiveness are possible and 3 different methods were discussed. It was agreed that ARCADIS would calculate effectiveness based upon these 3 different methods in the workshop result table (see Annex).The methods for calculation of effectiveness showed that this only results in minor differences in ranking of measures according to effectiveness (see workshop result table in Annex).The group agreed not to skip or shortlist measures in this phase and include all common/joint measures for cost benefit analysis in the next workshopThe draft ‘short’ list (workshop result table) is added in annex. ***Initial steps CBE/CBA Brussels 6-7 May 2015***For the analysis of technical feasibility, cost-effectiveness and benefits of new joint and coordinated measures, the presence of experts in cost calculation will be required (meeting Brussel – 6-7/05/2015).WRO presents the method of the cost-effectiveness and –analysis and the required information to calculate this (see powerpoint presentation in Annex).The group agreed on the proposed cost ranges for the cost estimates.***Fact sheet measures***A common fact sheet for the EC and the German project will be agreed in consultation between the ARCADIS and UBA project, and the BG/RO experts.***Reimbursement issues***WRO explained some issues relating to correct filling of the reimbursement sheets for reimbursement of travel expenses for attendees. Only correct sheets can be handled by ARCADIS for payment. Attention needs to be paid on filling the sheets correctly in order to avoid delays in payment.***Other**** The presentation and table will be shared by email by the end of the week, as well as on the EEA project webpages.
* ARCADIS will recontact the administrator of the EEA website to grant access for additional project experts.
* Reimbursement CBE Brussels: NFCP + 2 experts for each country.

**Planning** The following dates were agreed:

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| CBE 3+4+5+ SGM | May 6-7 | Brussels |
| CBE 6 | June 17-18 | Constanta |
| CBE 7 | September 8-9 | Varna |
| Final SGM | October 14 | Brussels |

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| **Actions** | WHO | WHAT | BY WHEN |
|  | Dan Vasiliu, Violin Raykov | Finalizing detailed descriptions of common measures, including required technical steps | 23 April 2015 |
|  | ARCADIS | Additional Password for EEA project website | 23 April 2015 |
|  | ARCADIS + UBA  | Template fact sheet | 23 April 2015 |
|  | ARCADIS | Template roof report | 23 April 2015 |
| **Follow-up events/activities related to CBE** | * CBE 3, 4 & 5: 6-7 May (Brussels, Belgium)
* Dates other CBEs (see above)
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| **Annexes** | * Workshop result table with short list common/joint measures, assessed effectiveness criteria, calculated effectiveness according to 3 methods.
* Presentation CBE 2
* Participants list 31/03 and 1/04/2015
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