Regional Experience Sharing Workshop “Connecting Regions and Stakeholders”

14–15 November, 2011
Colosseum Hotel, Mórahalom, Hungary

AGENDA

The aim of the regional workshop is:

- to present good practice examples on water scarcity and droughts by the Hungarian Lower Tisza Directorate and the REC to interested Project Partners;

- to share the results of the Water CoRe project including the good practices on water scarcity and droughts with the representatives of authorities and key stakeholders from other regions of Europe including EU and SEE countries;

- to exchange experiences and learn about the current status and planned progress of developing and implementing a strategy and action plan on water scarcity and droughts management;

- to identify the needs of authorities and key stakeholders the needs for capacity building in these regions and the opportunities for cooperation with the Water CoRe project partners regarding developing and implementing a strategy and action plan on water scarcity and droughts management.

Organizers:

- The Regional Environmental Center (REC) as Regional Focal Point (Partner 9)
- Ministry of Rural Development, Hungary (Partner 7)
- Lower Tisza Directorate, Hungary (Partner 8)

13th of November

Arrival will be during November 13, 2011 or in the morning of November 14. Participants arriving by plane will be collected at Budapest, Liszt Ferenc International Airport and will be transferred in groups to Mórahalom, near Szeged.
14th of November

9.00  Registration

9.30  Opening session

Opening remarks by the organizers:

Mr. Péter Kozák, Director, Lower Tisza Directorate, Hungary, Partner 8

Péter Kovács, Head of Department for Water Management and Water Protection, Ministry of Rural Development, Hungary, Partner 7

Ms. Jovanka Ignjatovic, Project manager, Senior Expert, the Regional Environmental Center (REC), Partner 9

The goals of the meeting. Introduction of participants

10.00  Session 1: Results of the Water CoRe project including the good practices on water scarcity and droughts

Chair: Ms. Jovanka Ignjatovic, REC

- Overview of the WATER CoRe project by Mrs. Barbara Ehrle-Manthey, WATER CoRe Project Lead Partner

- Good Practice Handbook and Guidelines, and the planned E-learning module by Mr. Frank van Lamoen, Senior Officer Water, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Province North Brabant, Direction Ecology, representative of Partner 13

- The Regional Focal Point and the proposed outreach to interested authorities and stakeholders by Ms. Kaidi Tingas, REC

Questions and answers, discussion

11.00  Coffee break

11.30  Session 2: Developing and/or implementing a strategy and action plan on water scarcity and droughts management: The current status and planned developments

Chair: Mrs. Magda Tóth Nagy, REC

National approaches

- Hungary – Mr. Péter Kovács, Head of Department, Ministry of Regional Development, Hungary
North Brabant, Netherlands - Mr. Frank van Lamoen, Senior officer Water, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Province North Brabant, Direction Ecologie

Hessen, Germany – Mrs. Barbara Ehrle-Manthey, WATER CoRe Project Lead Partner

Romania – Mrs. Iliena Vasilescu, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Romania, Partner 10

Regional approaches

- Major issues of water scarcity and droughts management and the implementation of the Tisza River Basin management plans – Ms. Diana Heilmann, ICPDR Tisza Group

- The Danube Strategy and issues of water scarcity and droughts management – Mr. Peter Bakonyi, Deputy Director, VITUKI, Hungary

Questions and answers, discussion

13.15 Lunch

14.45 Site visit to Lake Nagyszéksós, a good practice example project site near Szeged: A1 29 Lower Tisza P8: Southern-Great Plain Operational Programme - Complex water prevention programme in the river-system of Lake Nagyszéksós

Presentations combined with and held during the visit

16:30 Departure for Szeged by bus and sightseeing in Szeged

19:30 Joint dinner in Szeged offered by the Lower Tisza Directorate and the Ministry of Rural Development

15th of November

9:00 Session 3: Good practices on water scarcity and droughts management

Chair: Mr. Peter Kozak, Director, Lower Tisza Directorate, Hungary

Introduction to the day

Water management in the Móráhalom region: Problems related to water scarcity and drought – presented by Mr. Zoltán Nógrádi, Member of Hungarian Parliament, Mayor of Móráhalom
9:30  **Good practices from Hungary Lower Tisza region (P8)**

Chair: **Mrs. Barbara Ehrle-Manthey**, *WATER CoRe Project Lead Partner*

- A1 27: Sustainable development concerning the use of the groundwater in the Hungarian-Serbian border region – **Dr. János Szanyi**, *Research Fellow, Department of Mineralogy, Geology and Geochemistry, University of Szeged, Hungary*

- A1 28: Action plan for the preservation of the good environmental status according to the surface water of the south border region – presentations and discussion - **Dr. Katalin Margóczzi Bozsó**, *Associate Professor, Department of Ecology, University of Szeged, Hungary*

  Questions, answers, short discussion.

10:30  **Good practice examples provided by REC (P9):**

- D 10: The Green Pack Programme by **Mr. Kliment Mindjov**, *Senior Expert Head of Educational Tools Topic Area, REC* and **Ms. Marina Drdanski**, *a teacher participating in the programme in Serbia*

Discussions

11:15  **Coffee break**

11:35  **Good practice examples provided by REC and partners**

- C17: Impact of Climate Change for Food Production in Western Balkan region presented by **Mrs. Zsuzsa Iványi**, *Senior Expert, Head of Climate Change and Clean Energy Topic Area, REC.*

Questions, answers, short discussion

12:15  **Selected 1-2 other good practices from WATER CoRe partners and other regions: North Brabant and Romania (examples to be identified based on partners’ participation)**

13:00  **Lunch**

14:15  **The CARPATCLIM project: A high resolution gridded database of the Carpathian Region, including a set of drought indices as a contribution to the European Drought Observatory** – presented by **Dr. Sándor Szalai**, *Szent István University, Gödöllő*

Questions, answers, short discussion

14:30  **Session 4: Identifying needs and opportunities for cooperation with the WATER CoRe project partners**
Chair: Mr. Frank van Lamoen, Senior officer Water, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Province North Brabant, Direction Ecologie

14:30 Developments in South and Eastern Europe regarding strategies and action plans on water scarcity and droughts management, needs for capacity building and opportunities for cooperation with the Water CoRe project partners

Presentations by:

Mr. Alfred Omuri, Department of Land and Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection, Albania

Mrs. Sabina Hodzic, Assistant Director, Federal Hydrometeorological Institute, Sector for applied meteorology, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mrs. Silvana Stevkova, Hydrometeorological Service, FYR of Macedonia

Mrs. Sanja Pavicevic, Senior Adviser, Sector for Applied Meteorology, Hydrometeorological Institute of Montenegro

Questions, answers, short discussion in plenary session

16.15 Project partners reflect to presented needs and cooperation ideas – in form of panel

16.45 Conclusions, next steps (by the Chair, Mr. Frank van Lamoen and Mrs. Magda Tóth Nagy, REC as Focal Point)

17.00 Closing remarks by the Chair or the organizers

17.15 Departure

Participants leaving by bus in groups to Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport or on their own