

PA4 ACTIONS FOR COOPERATING WITH NON- EU COUNTRIES

Specifically in the topic of alternative
waste water treatment for small
settlements and phosphates



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Related EUSDR PA4 activities



ACTION 5 OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION

Milestone No. 4:

Survey of the situation
on **alternative collection and treatment of
wastewater**
in small rural settlements



Association Justice & Environment
20 December, 2013



Visit to Serbia July 2015



Moldavian, Ukrainian experts
in Slovakia, Sept 2015



Visit to Bosnia June 2015



Bosnian expert seconded in Hungary for two weeks
Sept 2015, Moldavian, Ukrainian experts in 2014
from HU government funds

PA4 activities to assist NON EU countries



- Action defined in PA4 Roadmap
 - ▣ Questionnaires filled
 - ▣ Legal studies prepared (focusing on waste water treatment and phosphates), recommendations elaborated
- Study visits organized to non EU countries
 - ▣ Country needs identified (Solotvino salt mines issues tackled)
- Assistance in the alignment of funding
 - ▣ Funding instruments identified
 - ▣ Networking platform created
 - ▣ Financial assistance (START, linking projects with funding organizations)
 - ▣ Joint discussions with financial programmes, donors

2013-14: Studies prepared

- The Roadmap of Priority Area 4 of the EUSDR contains Action 5 “To promote alternative collection and treatment of waste in small rural settlements” and Action 7 „to legislate at the appropriate level to limit the presence of Phosphates in detergents” .
- In 2013-2014 a legal research document analysed the situation in the Danube basin on alternative collection and treatment of wastewater in small rural settlements and another Study related to Limit the presence of phosphates in detergents for the utilization of PA4.
- As agreed by the PA4 SG **the recommendations of the studies should be further developed** and especially the situation of the non-EU countries should be further examined.

2015: Study trips organized

- As agreed between EUSDR PA4-ICPDR-Sava Commission representatives **study visits were organised in 2015** in the topics of waste water treatment and phosphates in detergents.
- The examined countries in the first round:
 - Ukraine
 - Serbia
 - Bosnia-Hercegovina
 - Moldova

Solotvino salt mine



Outcomes of the visits

- To get an update of the country situation and specifics.
- To identify the needs and possible projects to be set up.
- To identify possible partners for waste water treatment projects, both for small settlements and also for bigger projects and to assist in looking for financial assistance.

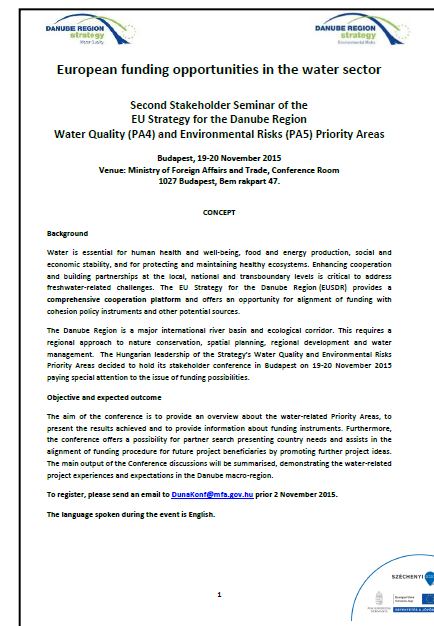
Alignment of funding

- Further assist in the alignment of funding
 - ▣ Specific thematic restrictions via START financing focusing on waste water treatment
- Identify projects to be funded (Ukrainian waste water treatment)
 - ▣ Letter of Recommendations issued
- Joint discussions with Ukrainian municipalities and EIB
- Partnership change and networking

Next steps



- To raise political attention on the existing challenges: organizing this specific workshop at the Annual Forum.
 - Further to obtain experiences gained through other programs (DWP and BW)
- Continue to assist in the alignment of funding and networking
- NEXT EVENT: **Stakeholder Seminar on European Funding Opportunities in the water sector**
19-20 November 2015 Budapest



Thank you for your kind attention!

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