

PA4 VISITS TO NON- EU COUNTRIES IN THE TOPIC OF ALTERNATIVE WASTE WATER TREATMENT FOR SMALL SETTLEMENTS AND PHOSPHATES

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PA4 Activities in 2013-2014

- 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.

Planned trips

- As agreed between PA4-ICPDR-Sava Commission representatives on 19 February in Budapest, **study visits will be organised in 2015** in the topics of waste water treatment and phosphates in detergents.

- The examined countries are in the first round are:
 - Bosnia-Hercegovina
 - Serbia
 - Ukraine

Planned 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.
- Based on the findings further recommendations will be made.

Next steps

- The first study trip is organised to Sarajevo on 11 June 2015. The Bosnian contact point is Mr. Bosko Kenjic.
- The further visit dates will be decided in the summer period. Planned joint participation with ICPDR experts.
- PA4 would like to obtain the experiences gained through other programs (DWP and BW)
- PA4 plans to communicate the results of the study visits at the next EUSDR Annual Forum in order to raise political attention on the existing challenges.

Thank you for your kind
attention!