

Memorandum Of Understanding

between

Black Sea Basin Directorate (Bulgaria) and l'Agence de l'eau Artois-Picardie (France)

The East Black Sea Basin Directorate (Bulgaria) and the Agence de l'Eau Artois-Picardie (France) have agreed on starting and developing a cooperation based on the exchange of experience in the field of water management, and more specifically on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and its economic elements.

Contracting parties

This Memorandum Of Understanding is signed between the Black Sea Basin Directorate (Bulgaria) and the Agence de l'Eau Artois Picardie (France).

The Black Sea Basin Directorate, under the authority of the Ministry of Environment and Water with the social headquarters in Aleksander Diakovich Street, n°33, Varna, Bulgaria, legally represented by Director, Mr Vencislav Nikolov

The Agence de l'Eau Artois-Picardie with the social headquarters in Marceline Street, n°200, Douai, France, represented by Director, Mr Alain Strébelle.

Objectives

The Black Sea Basin Directorate and the Artois-Picardie River basin – with the help of the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water - have expressed their willingness to develop cooperation on the following topics concerning Black Sea Basin District:

- a. Integrated Water Management
- b. Implementation of the Water Framework Directive (with a specific focus on economic elements, River basin Management Plan and Programme of Measures, article 14)
- c. Public participation and stakeholders involvement process
- d. Tourism development and water management

These subjects are deeply related with the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) but also address key issues regarding water management (i.e. pricing policy, economic and social impacts of water policy, etc.).

Development of the cooperation and expected outputs

The cooperation between Black Sea Basin Directorate and Agence de l'Eau Artois-Picardie might start at the signature of this Memorandum of Understanding (December 2006) and its duration will be two years with the possibility to extend it.

The cooperation will include expert visits from both sides (with due report for each mission) but also exchange of expertise through emails and documents.

The outputs are the exchange of experience and gaining knowledge of both sides in the implementation of the WFD (i.e. comparison of methods, data collection, results, etc.).

Seminars will be also held in order to present the outputs of this cooperation to other River Basin Directorates as well as other stakeholders.

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