



**NWRM**

**Natural Water  
Retention Measures**

**Web-based knowledge  
Community of practice  
NWRM practical guide**



**Pilot Project - Atmospheric Precipitation -  
Protection and efficient use of Fresh Water:  
Integration of Natural Water Retention  
Measures in River basin management**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Danube Region Workshop**

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Szentendre (Hungary)**

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# *Aim of the regional workshop (i/iii)*



## *1 – Regional Network*

- to support the establishment of the regional NWRM network of practitioners and interested parties *within the Danube River Basin*,
- complemented by an EU-wide web-based discussion forum that will establish *links and synergies with other* regional networks: Western, Mediterranean and Baltic;

## *2 – Link with the CIS process*

- to link with the **Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) process**, by contributing to specific CIS working meetings and workshops,



# *Aim of the regional workshop (ii/iii)*



## *3 – Awareness raising concerning NWRM*

- Potential *role NWRMs can play* in future WFD, FD or adaptation plans and strategies,
- Stress the role of NWRM when producing *publication materials*
- *To link existing shared initiatives and networks* of experts, water managers and stakeholders



# Aim of the regional workshop (iii/iii)



## 4 – Exchange of experiences

- To **exchange experiences** related to the NWRMs;
- To **learn about current status** and planned progress in developing and implementing strategies and action plan on water management

## 5 – Needs assessment

- To identify needs of **authorities and key stakeholders** regarding the preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WFD management cycle and the development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> DRBM Plan



# Agenda



DAY	SESSION	TOPIC
1 28.01. 2014	I	<b>LAUNCHING SESSION</b>
	II	<b>THE CONTEXT AND MAIN ISSUES</b>
		- Project related presentations
		- EU & Regional perspective
		- EU & Regional examples
	<b>STUDY VISIT : Szentendre-Pomázi plane wetland restoration</b>	
	III	<b>THEMATIC GROUP SESSIONS (TGSs) – plenary</b>
	<b>JOINT DINNER</b>	
2 29.01. 2014	III	<b>TGSs <i>continuation</i> - split in TGSs</b>
	IV	<b>BUILDING COMMON UNDERSTANDING</b>
		- Reporting from the TGSs
		- Synergy & coordination between the project and ICPDR activities
	- Synthesis of the discussions and next steps	
	Travel costs reimbursement	



# Discussion points - General



## G1: General Feedback

1. The overall aims of the project
2. The project deliverables:
  - The database
  - The guidance
3. etc

## G2: TGSs

1. Opinion on proposed list of NWRMs
2. Challenges in implementation
3. Benefits of good practices
4. Instruments to promote NWRM

## G3: Common understanding

1. Wrap-up of TGS
2. The most important issues of basin wide relevance
3. Cross-cutting issues between sectors
4. Scene set-up for synergy with existing collective initiatives and networks
5. Needs assessment at national / basin wide level regarding
  - the preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WFD management cycle
  - the development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> DRBM Plan
6. etc.



# TGS Discussion points



## D1: NWRM

1. Have we captured all relevant types of measures?
2. Any listed measure that do not belong here?
3. Cross-cutting issues between sectors:
  - Agriculture
  - Forestry
  - Urban Areas
  - Natural areas
4. Examples

## D2: Challenges in implementation

1. What are the experiences in your fields
2. How do you manage to overcome faced challenges?
  - Financing
  - Investments
  - Maintenance
  - Lack of knowledge & interest
  - Institutional & organisational issues
  - etc
3. How do you manage to overcome faced challenges

## D3: Benefits, good practices

1. What have been the key **benefits** from implementing NWRM?
  - Less pressure on eco- systems
  - Lower flood risk
  - Local water retention
  - Water quality & quality protection
  - Quality of life: mitigating effects; green areas; cleaner air, leisure are
  - etc
2. Where are the best examples/case studies and why have they been successful?
3. How could these be built upon to help overcome the challenges so that more NWRM can be Implemented?

## D4: Instruments to promote NWRM

1. Legal framework (By-laws, regulations, Standards, ...)
2. Taxes, fees (e.g. storm water fee)
3. Voluntary agreements
4. Information campaigns, education
5. Etc.

# General remarks



## Plenary sessions:

- Presentations – max 15 min
- Discussions - app 15 min
- Audio recording, please use microphone when speaking

## TGS sessions:

- Presentations – app 10 min

## REC's team:

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**LET'S KNOW EACH OTHER**