

ENMaR - European Network of Municipalities and Rivers

Programme zone / Zone de programme:

North / Nord

Type / Type

Network / Réseau

Topic / Thème

Other appropriate subjects / Autres sujets appropriés



Problem description / Description du problème ciblé par le projet

The aim of the EC Water Framework Directive (WFD) is to achieve 'good water status' for all waters through an integrated river basin management across administrative boundaries with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders. Municipalities have a crucial role in delivering the WFD because of their influence on key areas of development such as tourism, water services, spatial planning, agriculture and forestry. However, many municipalities are still unaware of this legislation and its impacts at the local level. Others are reluctant to get involved in the implementation of WFD because there is a lack of experience and relevant resources. At the moment, there is no organised dialogue both within and between municipalities in the EU Member States, which leaves them without the mechanism to communicate effectively and avoid duplication of effort in developing solutions.

Overall objective / Objectif général de l'opération

The overall objective of ENMaR is to enable municipalities to make effective use of integrated water management. The partners aim to share knowledge and good practise related to the implementation of the WFD and its impacts on regional development. The focus of the activities carried out by the partners is on spatial planning, water services, tourism, forestry and agriculture.

Expected results / Résultats attendus

ENMaR results in an increased significance of the role of municipalities in delivering the WFD for the benefit of regional development. Working together in ENMaR, the participating municipalities are better prepared to carry out the necessary actions to benefit from changes under the WFD. Their knowledge about the links between good water resources and tourism is increased and the role of tourism in river basin management and regional planning is strengthened. Furthermore, they learn about links between spatial planning and water management and about the WFD and its scope and links to other sectors related to regional development. ENMaR contributes to implementing the WFD by improving the quality and structure of water bodies and the cost recovery of water management. Also, it creates a common understanding of the impacts of forestry and agriculture on waters. Activities include, amongst others, the establishment of forums for stakeholders from spatial planning, water services, tourism, forestry and agriculture; the organisation of a series of roundtable meetings and workshops; and the production of the "Municipality's Guide to Regional Development through effective Integrated Water Resources Management".

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Activities / achievements so far

ENMaR means 'European Network of Municipalities and Rivers' and that is what it was all about. ENMaR aimed to encourage regional development through the Water Framework Directive. Spatial planning, water services, tourism, forestry and agriculture were core areas of ENMaR as these determine regional development. ENMaR adopted the integrated approach of the WFD. With information and support from ENMaR the local authorities in the participating regions will be better able to implement water policy in a sustainable way, to participate actively in local river basin management, to make integrated and multidisciplinary planning decisions, to take advantage of improved water quality for regeneration, tourism promotion and to influence agricultural and forestry impacts. This project contributed to the public participation required by the WFD. The project partners were 'service providers' for municipalities and local stakeholders, which have been invited to attend the offered workshops. The highlight of phase 6 of the ENMaR project was the final conference in Riga, where the ENMaR Handbook was published. 77 people from the 5 ENMaR regions attended the event and exchanged project findings in the fields of tourism, spatial planning, water services, agriculture and forestry. The objective of this event was to highlight and discuss the linkage between the above mentioned core areas. The presentations given are available on the project web site www.enmar.org. The opportunity given by the host of the conference, Vides Projekti, to take part in an excursion day within the Gauja basin was very much welcomed. Last meetings took place as well on the regional level, the last regular one in Spain, and two additional ones in the Eman and the Mersey basin. Overall, many municipal representatives and other stakeholders confirmed, that the project and especially the dialogue between different technical disciplines was considered as very useful. The outputs and activities have been the following: - 11 partner meetings to evaluate progress in regions, prepare, and evaluate regional workshops and discuss good practice; - 4 european conferences (including midterm meeting) - a comparison of the river basins based on the current situation and stakeholder information available relating to municipalities and the ENMaR components, including a collection of 60 good examples > the ENMaR Handbook (available on the web site) - stakeholder maps for regions and components; 138 municipalities involved - 53 regional workshops with about 1900 participants to discuss impacts of EU water policy, attended by municipal representatives and local stakeholders working on all components; - 12 newsletters and an interim report available on the project web site

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