



Minutes of the Second Steering Committee

of the project

**Integrated hotspots management and saving the living Black Sea ecosystem – HOT BLACK SEA
2.2.1.72761.225 MIS-ETC 2303**

Burgas, Bulgaria, 29.09.2015 – 02.10.2015

Organizer:

Burgas Municipality, Bulgaria and SuRDEP, Bulgaria

Participants from project partner organizations:

Georgeta Alecu, ICPE-CA, Romania, project coordinator
Gheorghe Samoilescu, ICPE-CA, Romania
Violeta Velikova, SuRDEP, Bulgaria
Vesselina Mihneva, SuRDEP, Bulgaria
Atanaska Nikolova, Burgas Municipality, Bulgaria
Velichka Velikova, Burgas Municipality, Bulgaria
Marineta Nikolova, Burgas Municipality, Bulgaria
Manana Devidze, Foundation Caucasus, Georgia
Gulsen Avaz, TUBITAK, Turkey

Invited speakers:

Laura Bobarnak – Deputy Head of JMA, JOP BSB, Romania
Georgi Terzov – Head of Department, Ministry of Environment and water, Bulgaria
Valentina Todorova, IO – BAS, Bulgaria
Marusya Lubcheva – Black Sea Institute Association
Marius Mladenov – Head of Unit in NA-TCM DG, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria
Kalinka Kamenova – Black Sea Basin Directorate, Bulgaria
Stela Barova - Black Sea Basin Directorate, Bulgaria

For full List of Participants, see: <http://bs-hotspots.eu/EventsGallery>

29 September, 2015

The meeting was opened at 19 p.m. in the hall of the Primoretz hotel, Burgas with welcome speeches. Discussion on the meeting agenda and events planned for 30.09 took place, details were agreed and the Agenda was adopted. The meeting agenda is enclosed.

30 September, 2015

The Second Stakeholder Meeting was opened with welcome speeches by Atanaska Nikolova, Deputy Mayor, Burgas Municipality, Laura Bobarnac, Deputy Head of JMA, JOP Black Sea Basin, Georgi Terzov, Head of Department, Ministry of Environment and Water.

The thematic session 1 (09:30 a.m.- 02:20 p.m.) consisted of presentations and discussions related to challenges and priorities in environmental protection at national level.

Ms. Bobarnac presented The Black Sea Basin ENI CBC Programme for 2014-2020, its strategy, thematic objectives and indicative lists of activities under various priorities. First call for proposals will be opened in Q2 2016. The HBS Project partners appreciated this information and later discussed the possibility to prepare a follow-up project under the CBC Programme 2014-2020.

Presentations on cooperation in Black Sea protection at national and international level were given (by representatives of Ministries and Black Sea Basin Directorate), indicating important projects in this field.

After lunch, thematic session 2 started at 02:20 p.m. with a presentation related to the achievements of the HBS Project - results and deliverables. The Hot Spots Methodology and the Hot Spots/LBS Data Base were presented in detail and discussed. The meeting participants positively evaluated the HBS Project achievements and recommended wider dissemination of results and achievements. Especially high was the interest of stakeholders to the HS/LBS Database and to the Methodology for identification and prioritization of Hot Spots. Both tools were found useful for decision-making in the field of LBSs management.

Within thematic session 3, the meeting continued with presentations on cooperation in the Black Sea region in the field of Black Sea protection and national policies in water management. Various environmental projects were presented and the meeting participants discussed the links between them. Especially useful were found the results of the projects:

1. Dealing with Black Sea-related programmes of measures in Bulgaria (reported by Black Sea Basin Directorate, Bulgaria)
2. Dealing with intercalibrations in implementation of the WFD (Water Framework Directive) (reported by IO-BAS, Bulgaria)
3. Dealing with risk prevention (Black Sea Institute Association)

Exchange of results and deliverables between these projects was agreed.

For further detail on given presentations see: <http://bs-hotspots.eu/EventsGallery> (all presentations are included in the set of meeting documents).

The HBS Project educational materials were presented – Children Brochure and movies for 5-8th and 9-12th classes. The Project educational materials were appreciated by the stakeholders and they expressed their willingness to support their wide use.

The meeting was closed at 05:15 p.m. and was followed by a social program and official dinner for the project partners.



1 October, 2015

The morning session from 09.30 a.m. till 12.00 a.m. was dedicated to discussions on the project visibility and dissemination activities, as well as some administrative and financial issues were attended.

The partners examined the status of all project deliverables and agreed on the project closure procedure – preparation of the Final Project Report (including cost-statements), publication of project deliverables in the public space of the HBS Project webpage (so far, some deliverables are in the Intranet space, others are restricted for use to a group specified by the HBS Project Consortium), actions to increase the project results sustainability etc.

Training was provided on the last version of the HS/LBS Database of the HBS Project to ensure the Database is correctly nourished with meta data and data of all beneficiary countries.

The meeting was followed by a social program and departure of the project partners on 02.10.2015.

SHARED COMPETENCES AND INCREASING EXPERTISE IN INTEGRATED HSs MANAGEMENT

Final Conference and Second Stakeholder Meeting

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Time: 29 September, 2015 – 02 October, 2015

Location: Burgas, Bulgaria

AGENDA

Day 1 29 September

Arrival and accommodation

Primoretz Hotel

<http://www.hotelprimoretz.bg/en/home>

19:00 Welcome cocktail

Day 2 30 September

Venue: Primoretz hotel

Time: 09:30 - 17:15

OPENING SESSION

09:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 10:10 Opening of the meeting, welcoming remarks

Atanaska Nikolova, Deputy Mayor, Burgas Municipality

10:10 - 10:20 Welcome Speeches, setting the scene

Laura Bobarnac, Deputy Head of JMA, JOP Black Sea Basin

Georgeta Alecu, Project Leader, Romania,

Georgi Terzov, Head of Department, Ministry of Environment and Water

THEMATIC SESSION 1: CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

10:20 – 10:45 The Black Sea Basin ENI CBC Programme 2014-2020

Laura Bobarnac, Deputy Head of JMA, Romania

10:45 – 11:00 The Black Sea Basin ENI CBC Programme 2014-2020 and the responsibilities of the National Authority and the Control Contact Point in Bulgaria

Marius Mladenov, Head of Unit in NA – TCM DG, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 11:50 Burgas Municipality Policy in Environmental Protection

Atanaska Nikolova, Deputy Mayor, Burgas Municipality

11:50 - 12:10 Black Sea Land-based Sources of Pollution and Hot Spots in Bulgaria

Kalinka Kamenova, Black Sea Basin Directorate

12:10 - 12:30	Intercalibration of the Black Sea benthic invertebrate fauna ecological assessment methods under the Water Framework Directive <i>Valentina Todorova, IO-BAS, Varna</i>
12:30 - 13:00	Discussion
13:00	Closure of Thematic Session 1
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 - 14:20	National Policy in Water Management <i>Georgi Terzov, Head of Department, Ministry of Environment and Water</i>
THEMATIC SESSION 2: THE PROJECT 'HOT BLACK SEA'	
14:20 - 14:40	Achievements of the HOT BLACK SEA Project: Results and Deliverables <i>Violeta Velikova, SurDEP, Varna, Bulgaria</i>
14:40 - 15:00	Hot Spots Methodology: general information <i>Volodimir Bruk, Odessa State Environmental University, Ukraine – Skype presentation</i>
15:00 - 15:20	Hot Spots Regional Data Base and Requirements in Data Input <i>Violeta Velikova, SurDEP, Varna, Bulgaria</i>
15:20 - 15:50	Discussion
15:50	Closure of Thematic Session 2
15:50 - 16:10	<i>Coffee break</i>
THEMATIC SESSION 3: COOPERATION IN THE BLACK SEA REGION	
16:10 - 16:30	Projects dealing with Black Sea - related programmes of measures in Bulgaria - results <i>Stela Barova, Black Sea Basin Directorate, Bulgaria</i>
16:30 - 16:50	Risks in Black Sea Basin <i>Marusya Lubcheva, Black Sea Institute Association</i>
16:50 - 17:15	Discussion
17:15	Closure of Conference

18:30 Dinner and Wine testing in Izbata Pomorie

Day 3 1 October

Venue: <i>Business Incubator Burgas</i>	
Time: 09:30 - 13:00	
9:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 13:00	Working meeting for the project partners
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:30	<i>Explore and Discover Burgas Region</i>
19:00	<i>Dinner in Nesebar</i>

Day 4 2 October Departure