



PRESS RELEASE

Project “Integrated Hotspots Management and Saving the Living Black Sea Ecosystem – HOT BLACK SEA” (HBS)

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Activities and interim outcomes of the project “**Integrated Hotspots Management and Saving the Living Black Sea Ecosystem – HOT BLACK SEA (HBS)**” were disseminated by the Foundation Caucasus Environment at the different meetings and events in Georgia.

On April 26, 2014 in Grigoleti (Georgia) FCE presented HBS project summary and disseminated the project leaflets at the training “Catchment Hydrological Modelling” which was organized by Civitas Georgica as the part of the project “Integrated Land-use Management Modelling of Black Sea Estuaries (ILMM-BSE).

On May 10, 2014 Tbilisi celebrated EUROPE DAY. Representatives of FCE were invited at the event of Europe Day. Leaflets (English and Georgian versions) of the HBS project were disseminated among the European folklore groups and representatives of the embassies of Germany, France, Czech Republic, Netherlands and other European diplomatic bodies. Interested public was informed about the HBS project goals at the event.



On **May 21**, 2014 in the framework of the Project “Regional Cooperation for Black Sea River Basins Environment Protection from Agricultural Polluters” REPAIR Agro Business Consulting organized and hosted meeting at Conference hall of „Prima Vera Hotel“ in Tbilisi, Georgia.

The meeting was attended by the Georgian representatives of the projects financed by the BS-CBC ongoing programme, as well as the representatives of the projects that are thematically connected to the REPAIR project and are funded by other donor organizations. Representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resource Protection of Georgia, Office of the State Minister of Georgia on European & Euro-Atlantic Integration and the representatives of other NGO’s also participated in the meeting. REPAIR project Partners from Black Sea region countries attended the meeting as well.

The aim of the meeting was to encourage thematically connected projects to set common goals that might cause synergic actions as well as the multiplication of the final results.

Members exchanged their ideas and established contacts for future cooperation. The idea of cooperation of organizations involved in the BS-CBC ongoing programme was supposed by the JMA.

The meeting was attended by the following Georgian organizations involved in the BS-CBC ongoing programme:

Agro-Business Consulting, lead partner. Project: “Regional Cooperation for the Black Sea River Basins Environmental Protection from Agricultural Polluters” (REPAIR).

Foundation Caucasus Environment, partner. The project “Integrated Hotspots Management and Saving the Living Black Sea Ecosystem – HOT BLACK SEA” (HBS);

Civitas Georgia, partner. The project “Integrated Land-use Management Modeling of the Black Sea Estuaries” (ILMM-BSE);

Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, partner. The project “Creation of a Black Sea Network for Sustainable Tourism Development in Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia” (BS Tourism NET);

Union Science and Energetics, partner. The project “Integrated Coastal Monitoring of Environmental Problems in Sea Region and the Ways of their Solution” (ICME);



The next meeting of Georgian organizations involved in the BS-CBC ongoing and other Black Sea connected programme will be organized by the Foundation Caucasus Environment at the end of June 2014.

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