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Mission report

Expert Name and Function

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Wording of missions:

Learning about administrative and functional frame of Artois-Picardie Agency and way of implementing Water Framework Directive

1. CONTEXT

Place, location: <i>France, Douai, Artois-Picardie Agency</i>
Mission duration: <i>5 days</i>

2. OBJECTIVES

	Initial objectives	Results	Results indicator <i>explain with some details how far the results have been achieved if compared to initial objectives</i>
1	To learn about the administrative and functional frame of the Agency	Understanding of the structure and role of the river basin organizations in France, which are the departments and their functions	Good results. I met people from different departments and I had the possibility for discussion with them
2	To learn how the Artois-Picardie Agency implements the Water Framework Directive	Good knowledge about how WFD is implemented in the River Basin Organization including characterization, typology, status of water bodies, water bodies at risk, protected areas and economic analyses	Good results. I had the possibility to look at Artois-Picardie Overview of the River Basin and to accept additional comments from an expert working in the department responsible for implementation of the WFD
3	To identify the data collected by the Artois-Picardie Agency for the development of economic analyses and programs of measures	Overview of how different kind of data is collected in Artois-Picardie Agency and how they develop programs of measures	I had a detailed presentation about these topics and I saw how they work in practice.

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3. ACTIVITES DEVELOPED during the mission

Activity 1	Topic: <i>Programs of measures</i>
Description <i>(Exchange of experience or practice, increasing of knowledge and learning, Development of methodology, Training...)</i>	<p>Presentation and discussion on the topics of programs of measures developed in Artois-Picardie Agency, state and pressures on the water quality and means of its evaluation in the light of Water Framework Directive and recommendations for the programme of measures. It was made a focus on the list of measures (regulations, financial, taxes and other) to achieve good status. The French experience is to divide these measures into 2 categories: basic and supplementary.</p> <p>It were also discussed possible derogations (extension of the time schedule, less stringest objectives) for some of the water bodies, the working organization, separation of work between the departments and experts.</p> <p>It was showed to me also the water body management plan – a management plan created for each water body in Artois-Picardie Region.</p>

Activity 2	Topic: <i>Diffuse sources of impact</i>
Description	<p>Wide discussion on diffuse pollution and measures to reduce it. There is a whole department working with these issues. Diffuse pollution from agriculture is a big problem for East Aegean River Basin District too, so that was very important for me. We compared the differences and equalities between the two basin organizations. We took special attention to topics as sludge from water treatment plants, farm breeding, erosion, pesticides and fertilizers, discharges from farms, fish farming, wet lands.</p>

Activity 3	Topic: <i>GIS and geo database</i>
Description	<p>An interesting and useful meeting concerning the work with geographical information system in the two basin organizations. The person responsible for developing geo data base showed me a presentation and explained me how the organization is made. We discussed the used software, the problems with different sources of information and how to decide such problems, the format and the way of reporting according GIS guidance document.</p>

4. LESSON LEARNT during the mission

(what could be shared with other partners and/or introduced in guidelines, as far as IWRM is concerted)

- **About methodology:**

May be try to follow the same methodology for programs of measures.

- **About Practice:**

To be more flexible in practice and to try to decide the problems having in mind the current specific situation in the country and in the river basin region. To have a common view on the international district and to learn to manage the waters together with the other neighbour countries when we have a transboundary district.

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5. DISSEMINATION (opportunities and difficulties)

In what measure these learnt lessons are applicable to:

- **The basin Organization the expert belongs to:**

Bulgarian Basin Organizations (including East Aegean river basin directorate) have approximately the same structure and functions as Artois-Picardie Agency. So their long term experience will be very useful and it is applicable to a big extend to us.

6. IDENTIFIED TIPS

Identified tips which could be useful for colleagues

When developing programs of measures it is very practical to make grouping of water bodies which are close situated to each other and have equal status.

7. PERSONAL COMMENTS

What does the missionary think about his mission?

As a whole the mission was very successful. The experts from Artois-Picardie Agency tried to answer me to every single question I asked them and as a result now I have better understanding not only about how Artois-Picardie Agency works but about the Water Framework Directive and its implementation in practice. From my mission I took some interesting ideas, which I shared with my colleagues and in our future work we will try to implement them.

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9. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Main documents, manuals or supports used during the mission which could be useful for colleagues

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Websites		
Name	Description/ Notice	Adress
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