Project Title (draft):

"Coordinating actions for joint implementation of Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC along Bulgarian-Romanian part of the Danube River"

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Type of Project:

Soft- mainly trainings, strategic documentation preparation , review of current national legislation and recommendation for improvement etc

(Also could be Investment - “Hard”, where more than 50% of the budget is alocated to supply , if considered appropriate)

Project objectives

To effectively implement Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC along Bulgarian-Romanian part of the Danube River via traininngs, raising awareness and proposals for changes in the national legislation (if appropriate)

Project Main activities (draft summary)

1) Coordinating actions and exchange information to establish joint areas designated for the protection of economically significant aquatic species according to Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC along Bulgarian-Romanian part of the Danube River

2) Protecting Danube river habitats important for economically significant fish species (spawning grounds, etc.);

3) Preparing and implementing joint researches, field studies and a joint strategy for areas designated for the protection of economically significant aquatic species according to Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC along Bulgarian-Romanian part of the Danube River.

4) Raising awareness for the general public and interested parties by acknowledging and promoting special WFD protected areas designated for economically significant fish species;

5) Improving the joint monitoring and assessment of the ecological status of fish between Romania and Bulgaria according to European requirements of the WFD.

6) Supply of equipment relevant to the Project partners activities – if the case

7) Training of staff of the relevant National authorities

NOTE:The proposed actions/activities are draft only and could be changed accordingly in case the Romania counterpart/partners would consider also other neccessary for the Project. **Example**: Supply of equipment is not currently specified and it will be subject of discussion and relevance. Any kind of Works activities if a Project Design could be ready before mid Sept. is also welcomed.

**Project Results**

Joint areas designated for the protection of economically significant aquatic species according to Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC along Bulgarian-Romanian part of the Danube River – at least 2500 ha (surface area of wetland habitats to attain a better conservation status COI);

1. Common RO-BG strategy for the protection of economically significant aquatic species according to Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC along Bulgarian-Romanian part of the Danube River
2. Common Action Plan for areas designated for the protection of economically significant aquatic species along Bulgarian-Romanian part of the Danube River
3. Common Danube habitats stutus improved

NOTE: Results fit in well to Programm indicators and this is a solid base for a successful project!