



Integrated Water Management of the Mesta/Nestos River Basin

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The territory of Bulgaria has divided into 4 RBDs:



Mesta River Basin (on Bulgarian territory)



Overall objective of both project phases of MESTA/NESTOS project

- The project is financed in the frame of INTERREG IIIA/PHARE Cross Border Cooperation **Bulgaria-Greece**
- To establish transboundary and integrated management of the Mesta/Nestos River Basin through applying :
 - a common approach to water quality and quantity objectives
 - a common approach to methodology
 - a common approach to river basin management in compliance with the Water Framework Directive, national legislation and bilateral agreements.

Project purpose - phase II

- *Through the technical and institutional support to the Western Aegean Basin Directorate and the Joint Cooperation Committee for transboundary and integrated management to identify and present to the public the main management issues for achieving and maintaining good water status in Mesta/Nestos River Basin*
- *The Joint Cooperation Committee will be established on 20-21 of October on a meeting in Bulgaria*

Specific objectives

Phase I objectives:

- detailed compilation and assessment of Mesta River Basin characteristics based on the results of the Basin Overview
- detailed data, technical and human resources gap analysis and identification of critical requirements to be met for undertaking Phase II

Specific objectives

Phase II objectives:

- to establish transboundary cooperation for river basin management
- to implement the monitoring requirements of the WFD
- to identify and present to the competent authorities and public the main water and transboundary issues in the Mesta/Nestos river basin
- to develop a hydrological model for Mesta/Nestos
- to finalize the technical and institutional requirements necessary for the preparation of the Draft River Basin Management Plan by December 2008.

Phase II project consists of 2 components:

- Component 1 – Technical assistance
- Component 2 – Purchases and delivery of equipment

RESULTS

• Component 1

- The transboundary cooperation for Mesta river basin management *established*
- the monitoring requirements of the WFD *implemented*
- *identification and presentation* of the main water and management issues in Mesta river basin
- hydrological model *developed*
- *finalizing* of all requirements for the preparation of the Draft River Basin Management Plan

• Component 2

- *purchase* of laboratory equipment
- *purchase* of monitoring points equipment
- *purchase* of hardware and software
- *supply* of off-road vehicles

Cross Border Impact

- The Project implementation will assist participating countries (Bulgaria and Greece) in the development, protection and use of the Mesta/Nestos waters in an integrated and sustainable manner
- The Project shall improve cross-border counterparts' coordination through:
 - common technical approach to the requirements of WFD
 - durable lines of communication and management frame between responsible regional Bulgarian and Greek Basin authorities
 - common agreed water quality objectives as well as common programs of measures within the Mesta/Nestos River Basin Management Plan

Detailed budget and project duration for Mesta I and Mesta II projects

- Mesta I project budget: 0,400 MEUR, duration -10 months (under implementation)
- Mesta II project:
 - EU PHARE CBC Budget - 1,300 MEUR:
 - Service contract - 0,950 MEUR
 - Supply contract - 0,350 MEUR
 - National Co-financing - 0,120 MEUR for the supply contract
 - TOTAL - 1,420 MEUR
 - Duration - 24 months

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