

*4th and 5th of October 2007, Cankarjev dom, Ljubljana***Joint Partner Search Seminar:***Alpine Space, Central Europe, South East Europe and Mediterranean Programmes***Project idea you would like to present at the Seminar**

You have developed a project idea you want to share and to find partners to propose a project with. On the occasion of a partner search seminar there is a possibility to present the idea and to express a need for partners to join the project.

The events intention is bringing together potential project partners from four Objective 3 - transnational territorial cooperation programmes (2007–2013): Mediterranean, Alpine Space, Central Europe and South East European Space so project ideas you intend to implement in any of four before mentioned projects could be presented.

After the presentations of project ideas four thematic workshops are organised in order to facilitate project idea owner and potential project partners to get into contact, to further develop the idea and to identify any open issues or questions they want to get an answer from programme bodies representatives attending the seminar in the plenary session following the workshops.

If you have a project idea you want to present we are asking you to fullfill the form below and send it until the 20th of September 2007 to E-mail: tomaz.miklavcic1@gov.si and in copy to dejan.cigale@ff.uni-lj.si.

Project idea title:		Transnational integrated management of water for the <u>EU water and nitrate pollution emergency control (EU WATER-NP)</u>
Priority:		
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Short description of the project idea:

The renewable resources, such as water, soil, and air are submitted to severe pressures from the present society, which is characterized by a strong economical development and growing needs, and from the climate change (which is, for example, modifying the rainfall and distribution) with the final result of overcoming the environment capacity load (for example the quickness of ground water table refill).

Problems and negative trends, such as intense and chronic crisis of water supply and chemical and nitrate water pollution, are today characterizing most of the southern European Union territory. The main sectors causing these effects are the Industry, the Agriculture and the civil one. Some policies for the rationalization and improvement of the water use efficiency have already been implemented for each of those sectors.

Concerning the agricultural sector, in a future perspective, there is a sticking need to analyze the possibility of application of more sustainable practices. This need concerns in particular the use of water resources for irrigation, and the pollution due to nitrates of chemical and/or zootechnical origin.

The latter is a critical point in consideration also of the fact that, based upon the EU Nitrate Directive, the Member States are presently operating to acknowledged it properly.

The project arises from the consideration that only the adoption of a large scale collaborative approach to the water emergency between neighbouring Countries can produce long term impacts on the protection of the water resource and on the rationalization of the water use, acknowledging to the agriculture its key role to attain the goal.

The project will be developed at transnational level upon the following themes:

WP1 Analysis and databank. The first WP starts from the ascertainment that a very large quantity of data regarding water consumption and contamination are available, as well as several outcomes, results and guidelines of research and/or cooperation projects (financed also by 4th to 6th Framework Programme, LIFE, Interreg III, etc.) which are still unapplied. The WP foresees the setting up of a recognition of data and information in the field of interest, available in the whole project area, which will be loaded onto a public database and which will support and address further project actions.

WP2 Proposition. The WP foresees the definition of a common transnational strategy for the integrated water management in rural areas, on the basis of data and project results collected in the previous WP. In particular the WP will consist in the definition of a transnational document containing a set of actions and rules to be applied in each of the involved regions. The transnational strategy will be adapted to the environmental and socio-economic characteristics of each territory by drafting a regional strategy for the integrated management of water on the basis of the transnational agreements.

WP3 Application. The WP foresees the application of the transnational and regional strategies defined in the previous WP, through the setting up of in field trials and interventions addressed to an effective and measurable reduction of the water consumption in agriculture and the content of nitrates in the groundwater. Practical actions will include the application of sustainable models and procedures for the realization of a low nitrogen agriculture and the realization of demonstrative interventions for water saving and reusing.

WP4 Institutional building. The WP foresees the definition of mechanisms of governance able to improve the application of structural funds and funds for agriculture toward practical actions able to scale up the methodologies for the integrated management of waters in rural areas defined and tested in the project. The realization of the WP will in particular allow institutional partners to determine a real increase of sustainability of rural policies, also foreseeing specific incentives for farmers which adhere to the established system for the integrated management of waters.

WP5 Awareness raising and dissemination. The action foresees the realization of initiatives able to inform target groups and stakeholders about the opportunities arising from the integrated management of waters. The action will also allow to replicate the pilot actions carried out within the project in other European regions.

WP 6 Project Management. The WP includes the technical and financial management activities and the reporting and monitoring activities of the project



Transnational

Interregional

Crossborder

Main objectives:

Project main objective is to establish, at transnational level, an integrated management of water based on both the reduction and optimization of water consumption and the reduction of the nitrate groundwater contamination caused by agriculture of the South East European countries.

Project general objective will be reached by adopting a bottom up implementation methodology in which public and private actors, and especially the farmers, of a large transnational area share common objectives and adopt common actions for water consumption reduction and nitrates release control, establishing an effective large scale system for the integrated management of waters.

Envisaged Outcomes:

- The application of existing research and cooperation project results and outcomes realized in the area, including former CADSES, MEDOCC and ARCHIMED projects.
- The definition at transnational level and the application at regional level of a strategy for the integrated management of waters.
- The establishment of a governance system able to encourage the access to structural funds and funds for agriculture by the farmers that apply the integrated and sustainable management of waters.
- The sensitization of public and private actors as well as public opinion about the rational and sustainable use of water resources in the primary sector.

Existing partners (if any):

- Confagricoltura (IT)
- expression of interest by Italian regional and local authorities

Partners searched for:

Please indicate: type of the institution, main field of activity, country of a partner

Partners from the SEES area:

- Associations of producers of the primary sector
- National, regional or local authorities
- scientific institutions involved in water management and/or agriculture items

