



PROJECT INFORMATION

Development of a Programme of Measures for implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive in Bulgaria



Bay of the Black Sea
near Tyulenovo, Bulgaria

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Background

The EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC, MSFD) provides a framework within which each Member State shall take the necessary measures to achieve or maintain a "good environmental status" in the marine environment by the year 2020. According to Art. 13 MSFD, Member States were required to create regionally coordinated and coherent programmes of measures (PoM) by the end of 2015. By 31st March 2016, the Member States should inform the European Commission about their PoM. In Bulgaria, the development and implementation of the PoM are tasks of the Black Sea Basin Directorate (BSBD) within the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water.

Project details

The project supported BSBD in the conceptional, methodological and process-related development and implementation of the Bulgarian PoM. Two capacity-building workshops with stakeholders were held in Bulgaria to facilitate the selection of new marine protection measures and the implementation of the PoM. The experiences gained were summarized in a practical [guidance document](#). It is expected to support the future update and implementation of the PoM in Bulgaria, to provide background information in the context of reporting the PoM to the EU Commission, to support bilateral coordination with Romania, as well as to serve as a model of good practice and input to cooperation under the "Bucharest Convention for the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution". The project was very helpful in establishing the process and development of the Bulgarian PoM. The project also revealed differences in approaches to implement the MSFD between Germany and Bulgaria – a beneficial experience for both Member States.

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