

PROJECT INFORMATION

As at the end of the project in December 2007

Support for the Danube river basin authority in Pleven, Bulgaria



The Danube river

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Background

In the year 2000 the European Union enacted the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC). It established a framework for water protection and management for the future water policy of the Union. The implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) required a high degree of technical and human resources.

Through its Advisory Assistance Programme the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety supported the Republic of Bulgaria in preparing for accession to the EU. Over two years the project provided support for the complex implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Bulgaria. It supported the river basin directorate in Pleven to prepare an EU Twinning project.

Project

An external project office with a Bulgarian and a German expert was established, who developed a project plan and a to-do list in preparation for the following twinning project. Moreover, they developed an Operational Manual on the Implementation of the European Water Framework Directive in Bulgaria and the structure of a river basin management plan for the Danube River Basin. Furthermore, in various technical meetings they advised the Bulgarian bodies responsible for the implementation of the WFD and for interface coordination. In addition, stakeholder participation was coordinated in order to ensure a transparent process for all parties concerned.

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- Region: Bulgaria
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- Project Management: Federal Environment Agency
- Project Partner Germany: COOPERATIVE Infrastruktur und Umwelt GbR
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