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**TWINNING PROJECTS
INTERIM QUARTERLY REPORT**

Project Title: Strengthening the capacity of the Regional Environmental Protection Agency – Bacau, the Local Environmental Protection Agencies (LEPAs) and the National Environmental Guard in implementing, monitoring and enforcement of the transposed environmental legislation focused on domestic waste management – Phase II

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1. Overview

The **Interim Quarterly Report/Final Report** for the project comprises the following parts:

- Section 1** Basic data on the project
Section 2 Content: progress achieved in the implementation of the Twinning project during the reporting period and schedule for the remaining period
Section 3 Expenditure: actual expenditure in relation to budgeted expenditure

2. General guidance

- Throughout the entire Twinning project, at **three-monthly intervals** starting with the date of notification of endorsement / signature, the Project leaders may prepare Interim Quarterly Reports/Final Reports.
- Interim Quarterly Reports/Final Reports cover both substance and Finances.
- The deadline for submission of the **Interim Quarterly Reports/Final Reports** cannot be altered – The first interim quarterly report will most often refer to less than three months' actual project implementation, since the arrival of the RTA in the BC and the beginning of the work schedule rarely coincide with the date of notification.
- The MS Project Leader in co-operation with the BC Project Leader will submit, within the month following each quarter, the interim quarterly reports to the concerned authority (see 6.4 of the Twinning manual).
- **One copy of the Report** must be sent at the same moment to the relevant Twinning Team in the Commission Headquarters
- The Report must be submitted in one of the **following three languages: English, French and/or German.**

3. Notice

- The approval of the **Report** by the relevant authorities is without prejudice to the Commission's right to suspend the activities of a project, terminate an agreement or take any other appropriate step should subsequent verifications reveal problems or significant divergences from the work plan, the budget or the conditions of the Twinning Contract as approved.
- The views expressed in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Commission

Section 1: Project data

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Section 2: Content

This section describes the activities of the project. It is divided in eight sections.

2A – BACKGROUND

2B – ACHIEVEMENT OF MANDATORY RESULTS

2C – ACTIVITIES IN THE REPORTING PERIOD

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2A - BACKGROUND

This project continues the work initiated in the Twinning Phase I, RO/04/IB/EN/06. The fact that the team of Member States has changed with respect to Phase I has determined the beginning of the implementation of the project, characterised by an inception phase where for each subcomponent of the project a preliminary meeting has been held, where a programme for the subcomponent has been fixed based on the discussions of the STEs with the romanian beneficiaries (respecting, of course, the mandatory results and benchmarks stated in the Work Plan).

The activities and progresses of the project have been very positive, thanks to the extremely good collaboration of the REPA counterparts, and the establishment of cooperation with the rector of the University of Bacau (see act. 3.1.2.a) and with the NEPA Twinning Project RO/06/IB/EN/09 (see activities 3.1.2.b and 2.2.a). The inception phase has been concluded and the implementation of the programmes of seminars planned in that phase has started.

Policy Developments

The core objective of the project activities is to strengthen and to consolidate the administrative, monitoring and enforcement capacities and capabilities of the REPA BACAU, the LEPAs in the region North-East and NEG in implementing the Environmental Acquis, continuing the work done in the Twinning Phase I.

This will be achieved by providing specific training for the REPA Bacau, the LEPAs and the NEG, within the region for their day-to-day responsibilities and functions related to the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the transposed environmental legislation in accordance with their responsibilities established by law.

In this respect, two new subcomponents, namely Soil/subsoil protection and ecological reconstruction (subcomponent 3.6) and Structural Instruments (subcomponent 3.9), have been introduced in addition to the ones present in Phase I. Moreover, given the fact that one subcomponent of the Twinning, namely Structural Instruments (3.9), is not anymore a direct competence of REPA, but of IB SOP Environment Bacau, the latter will be the main beneficiaries of the missions scheduled for this subcomponent. In addition, 1 component, consisting of 2 sub-components is focused on the domestic waste sector. During its lifetime the project will assist the REPA Bacau to act as Focal Point for these specific technically focussed activities related with the domestic waste sector.

Project Assumptions

All the assumptions of the project according to Article 3 of the Twinning Work plan have been fulfilled until now.

2B - ACHIEVEMENT OF MANDATORY RESULTS

According to the Twinning Contract the following mandatory results are expected to be achieved through the meetings and workshops contemplated (and stated specifically for each of the mandatory results, see Article 3 of the Twining Contract):

- 1.** Strengthened institutional capacities at regional and local levels in terms of good institutional management and technical performances of staff.
- 2.** All Regional and Local EPAs (REPA and LEPAs) involved in permitting, monitoring and inspection trained.
- 3.** Regional component of the relevant strategic and planning documents on environmental protection reviewed and improved/updated.
- 4.** Data collection/storage systems improved.
- 5.** Programmes for remediation actions/measures of contaminated sites in the region developed.
- 6.** Improved capacities and capabilities of IB to perform the delegated tasks regarding the implementation of SOP Environment.
- 7.** REPA Bacau acting as Focal Point for the other REPAs/LEPAs/NEG/NEPA regarding the technically focussed activities in domestic waste management sector.
- 8.** National guidelines/standards, procedure manuals provided by the Focal Point on its technically focussed activities disseminated.
- 9.** Trained staff with well developed skills for the specific areas of the Focal Point.

During the period of reference activities **3.6.1** , **3.8.1** and **3.9.1** (the last three preliminary meetings of their respective subcomponent which completed the inception phase) were finalized and the respective benchmarks reached. Apart from them the first seminars/workshops of several activities took place, namely seminars **2.2.a** , **3.1.2.a** , **3.1.2.b** , **3.2.2.a** , **3.3.2.a** and **3.7.2.a** , contributing to the beginning of the fulfillment of the benchmarks of the corresponding activities.

They covered the following areas: Institutional Capacity (**2.2**), Environmental Planning and Policy (**3.1.2.a** and **3.1.2.b**), IPPC (**3.2.2.a**), Waste Management (**3.3.2.a**), Soil/subsoil Protection and Ecological Reconstruction (**3.6.1**), Chemical Substances (**3.7.2.a**), Horizontal Legislation (**3.8.1**) and Structural Instruments (**3.9.1**). The respective programmes of missions elaborated in the missions **3.6.1**, **3.8.1** and **3.9.1** constitute the first step in the achievement of mandatory results **1**, **3**, **5**, and **6**. Missions **2.2.a** and **3.1.2.b** contributed mainly to mandatory results **1** and **3**, missions **3.2.2.a** and **3.7.2.a** to mandatory results **2** and **4**, mission **3.1.2.a** to mandatory result **1**, and mission **3.3.2.a** to mandatory results **2**, **4**, **7** and **9**.

The following benchmarks have been fulfilled during the reporting period:

Component 2:

First seminar of act. 2.2 (seminar 2.2.a): Analysis of the coordination between the different administrations for the integration of environmental protection in the regional development:

- Presentation and discussion about working schemes of other regions in the EU, and corresponding guidelines for improved institutional capacity of environmental institutions of North-East Region, performed by month 5.
- The following benchmark has been partially completed: "For the completion of the previous two benchmarks, two workshops attended by 9 trainees will have taken place by month 5." The reason for not fulfilling it completely already is that due to the elections in Romania scheduled for november 2008 it has been advised to the Twinning Projects to delay their activities related to institutional capacity building and administrative organisation at least to december 2008, due to the associated reorganisation that will take place after elections. Therefore two more seminars of activity 2.2 are scheduled for december 2008 and april 2009, and with them the rest of benchmarks of this activity will be fulfilled.

Component 3:

First seminar of act. 3.1.2 (seminar 3.1.2.a): Environmental awareness and communication:

- Improved cooperation of REPA staff with other environmental protection public authorities, as well as with other authorities and public institutions and civil society by month 5. (benchmark stated in the Work Plan in activity 2.2.)

Second seminar of act. 3.1.2 (seminar 3.1.2.b): EU Funds and integration of environment in other sectoral policies: Spanish Network of Environmental Authorities:

- Improved cooperation of REPA staff with other environmental protection public authorities, as well as with other authorities and public institutions and civil society by month 5. (benchmark stated in the Work Plan in activity 2.2.)
- Training sessions implemented and advice provided on the different European Funds and their use in the North-East Region by month 13. (benchmark stated in the Work Plan in activity 3.9.2.)
- Analysis of several practical cases and experiences in Spain at different levels, with application to the North-East Region case, performed by month 15. (benchmark stated in the Work Plan in activity 3.9.2.)

First seminar of act. 3.2.2 (seminar 3.2.2.a): IPPC Directive implementation in Spain, EPER/PRTR register and public information:

- Training on the job and training and advice in selected specific IPPC issues provided by month 13.
- This is the first seminar of the ones mentioned in the work plan as follows: "For the completion of the previous benchmarks, two out of the five mentioned workshops will have taken place by month 9, three by month 11, four by month 14 and all of them (5) by month 16, attended each one by the 12 BC experts mentioned in "Method".

First seminar of act. 3.3.2 (seminar 3.3.2.a): Beginning of the benchmarking programme for counties, public pools and awareness, examples of schemes of responsibility for the producer (WEEE, ELV...):

- First steps to help in the review of the Regional Waste Management Plan have been taken, specifically:
 - o Gathering of information of present situation in North East region
 - o The establishment, in collaboration with the LEPAs' experts, of a benchmarking questionnaire to be filled by each of the counties
 - o Lectures on methods to make public polls concerning domestic waste management
 - o Lectures on schemes of producers' responsibility in The Netherlands and other countries for different kinds of waste
- First workshop of this activity performed by month 11, attended by at least 9 BC experts.

Act. 3.6.1: Preliminary meeting on soil/subsoil protection and ecological reconstruction

- General aspects and difficulties soil/subsoil protection and ecological reconstruction presented and discussed.
- Special training needs and the detailed training programme for the sub-component soil/subsoil protection and ecological reconstruction defined (scope, contents, time schedule).
- This benchmark was fulfilled with 1 month delay: "Workshop with the previous benchmarks performed by month 4, with the participation of the experts mentioned in "Resources"."

First seminar of act. 3.7.2 (seminar 3.7.2.a): Pre-register period under REACH:

- Common work performed and advice provided on general aspects of chemicals legislation including control and inspection of economic operators by month 14.
- First workshop of activity 3.7.2 performed by month 11, attended by at least 16 BC experts. The attendance was in practice a bit lower, 12 participants, with 2 experts from REPA, 5 from LEPAs and 5 from NEG.

Act. 3.8.1: Preliminary meeting on horizontal legislation

- General aspects and difficulties of horizontal legislation (e.g. regarding EIA studies) presented and discussed.
- Special training needs and the detailed training programme for the sub-component horizontal legislation defined (scope, contents, time schedule).
- Workshop with the previous benchmarks performed by month 4, with the participation of the experts mentioned in "Resources".

Act. 3.9.1: Preliminary meeting on structural instruments

- General aspects and difficulties on Structural Instruments presented and discussed.
- Special training needs and the detailed training programme for the sub-component Structural Instruments defined (scope, contents, time schedule).

- Workshop with the previous benchmarks performed by month 4, with the participation of the experts mentioned in “Resources”.

Component 5:

Act. 5.1.1: To advise the other RTAs / STEs from the other twinning projects with specific activities related to urban and rural waste management issues whenever the case:

- Information exchange established by month 6. This exchange has continued (it was already established in the first quarter of the project) through:
 - o The elaboration of a document containing the programme of seminars of all the activities of the project (taking into account the programmes written in the preliminary seminars of the different components) in english and romanian, which was forwarded to the rest of RTAs.
 - o The provision of information to the RTA of Cluj about the topics he needed, namely: information about municipalities’ associations, guidelines on different topics on domestic waste management from the Bacau Phase I Twinning.
 - o The assistance of the RTA to the Monthly Coordination Meeting held in Bucharest the 9th of june.
- Communication to other RTAs / STEs of the activities to be performed in the fields of urban and rural waste, inviting them to participate. This has been achieved through:
 - o The document previously mentioned with all the seminars stated.
 - o The communication of the seminar 3.3.2.a and its content to the RTA in Galati.

Act. 5.1.2: To assist in developing the communication and exchange of information network / progress related to the urban and rural waste management, REPA Bacau getting the position of “Focal Point” among other REPAs and LEPAs:

- Here the corresponding benchmarks are partially fulfilled, specially the one stating “Domestic Waste Management Webpage ready by month 11”. The webpage is currently under construction, and the part corresponding to the activities of the project and materials from the seminars is almost ready. See <http://www.twinning-waste-bacau.ro> .

2C. ACTIVITIES IN THE REPORTING PERIOD

During the reporting period, the following activities have taken place in the different components:

Component 2

Activity 2.2 (first seminar, 2.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 2.2 - Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in Institutional Capacity.

The title of this first seminar is “Analysis of the coordination between the different administrations for the integration of environmental protection in the regional development”

Names of MS experts who delivered it: J. Ruiz (STE, Spain), J.J. Gil (STE, Spain)

Number of experts from the BC who participated and their departments of origin: 9 experts (5 from REPA, 5 from LEPAs, 5 from NEPA, 1 from IB SOP Environment and 1 from NEG)

Duration of the activity: 24 – 25 July 2008

Main output: Presentations and training given to Romanian experts from diverse environmental administrations on the following subjects:

In Bacau: i) Presentation of the Consortium of Waters and Wastes of the region of La Rioja as a formula of organisation and management, ii) Detailed explanation of the waters management in La Rioja, and of the existing financial and fiscal instruments for the exploitation of the infrastructures and the management of the related services, iii) Basic reference to the law of rights to the access to environmental information in Spain, and on the limits it imposes to the confidentiality of this information, iv) Coordination formulas between the environmental and economic promotion administrations: Example of voluntary agreements with the industrial sectors to internalize the environmental costs of their productive systems.

On Friday 25, at the headquarters of NEPA in Bucharest, the subjects i) and ii). The seminar in Bucharest was organised in collaboration with the NEPA Twinning Project RTA, Mr. Lothar Güendling, his Counterpart, Mrs. Corina Rugina and the General Director of the Directorate General for Implementation of Environmental Policies of NEPA, Mrs. Mihaela Petcu.

Component 3

Activity 3.1.2 (first seminar, 3.1.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.1.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks on Environmental Planning and Policy.

The title of this first seminar is “Environmental awareness and communication”

Names of MS experts who delivered it: M.E. Campos (STE, Spain).

Number of experts from the BC who participated and their departments of origin: 62 (6 from REPA, 7 from LEPAs, 3 from NEG and 46 teachers and students from the University of Bacau).

Duration of the activity: 17 – 19 June 2008.

Main output: Training delivered to the participants on the environmental awareness and communication philosophy, campaigns and methods carried out by the Galician Environmental Agency SOGAMA in the last 2 years, speaking about successful and unsuccessful experiences, analyzing the reasons underneath.

A special feature of this seminar was the fact that it was hosted by the University of Bacau thanks to its Vice-chancellor, Prof. Valentin Nedeff, representing a first collaboration experience between the Twining Project, REPA Bacau and the University.

Activity 3.1.2 (second seminar, 3.1.2.b)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.1.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks on Environmental Planning and Policy.

The title of this second seminar is “EU Funds and integration of environment in other sectoral policies: Spanish Network of Environmental Authorities”.

Names of MS experts who delivered it: R. Zorita (STE, Spain).

Number of experts from the BC who participated and their departments of origin: 33 (4 from REPA, 3 from IB SOP Environment, 6 from LEPAs, 5 from NEPA, 3 from Apele Romane, and 12 representatives from other institutions (from REPA and LEPA Bucharest, from local water operators and trainees of the Young Professional Scheme trained at NEPA)).

Duration of the activity: 23 – 25 June 2008.

Main output: Training delivered to the participants on 2 main subjects: i) Spanish examples of how to use different kinds of EU Funds to make environmentally sustainable projects, both purely “environmental” projects and projects not belonging specifically to the environmental sector, but who have to integrate environmental considerations if they are to be approved. ii) the Spanish Network of Environmental Authorities as an example of network where stakeholders of different administrations involved in the development of EU funded projects meet and work in order to improve the quality of those projects, making them economically and environmentally more sustainable.

Two seminars were given, one in Bucharest and one in Bacau. The seminar in Bucharest was organised in collaboration with the NEPA Twining Project RTA, Mr. Lothar Güending, and his counterpart, Mrs. Corina Rugina, setting a starting point of a collaboration between those two projects on the subject of collaboration between different administrative bodies and coherence between several policies.

Activity 3.2.2 (first seminar, 3.2.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.2.2 - Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in the IPPC sector.

The title of this first seminar is “IPPC Directive implementation in Spain, EPER/PRTR register and public information”.

Names of MS experts who delivered it: I. De Vicente-Mingarro (STE, Spain).

Number of experts from the BC who participated and their departments of origin: 15 (10 from REPA and 5 from LEPAs).

Duration of the activity: 7 – 8 July 2008.

Main output: Training delivered and discussions held with the participants on several issues of IPPC/PRTR Legislation in Spain: i.e. general overview of IPPC/PRTR legal acts and principles,

general administrative procedure for granting the IPPC permits, new requirements on environmental information for the industry and for the Competent Authorities (emissions registers and information on Environmental permits); Public participation and public information on IPPC/PRTR issues. Also the electronic tools developed in Spain for gathering, managing and disseminating the environmental information related to IPPC/PRTR issues.

On the other hand, this previous knowledge of the Spanish system will also be a good help for the more specific discussions which will be held in the rest of seminars planned within this activity.

Activity 3.3.2 (first seminar-workshop, 3.3.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.3.2 - Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in the waste management sector.

The title of this first seminar is "Beginning of the benchmarking programme for counties, public pools and awareness, examples of schemes of responsibility for the producer (WEEE, ELV...)" .

Names of MS experts who delivered it: H. Huisman (STE, Holland).

Number of experts from the BC who participated and their departments of origin: 16 (4 from REPA, 5 from LEPAs, 2 from NEG, 2 from NEPA, 1 representative from Bacau county and 2 from Bacau municipality). Meetings were held as well with 4 representatives from the Technical Assistance Project to build and Integrated Waste Management System for Bacau County, and from the operator of Piatra Neamt's ecological landfill.

Duration of the activity: 30 June – 3 July 2008

Main output: Training delivered to the participants through the discussion of several issues: i) The establishment, in collaboration with the LEPAs' experts, of a benchmarking questionnaire to be filled in for each of the counties. Once they are filled, they will serve as a basis for a comparative study, helping them to improve, ii) Methods to make public polls concerning domestic waste management, providing with examples from The Netherlands and other countries, iii) Schemes of producers' responsibility in The Netherlands and other countries for different kinds of waste (Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment, End of Life Vehicles...).

Also meetings with people involved in the ISPA project for the setting of an integrated waste management system in the county of Bacau, and with representatives of the operator running the facilities for domestic waste management in the city of Piatra Neamt, including a site visit to the new landfill, were held.

Activity 3.6.1

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.6.1 - Preliminary meeting on soil/subsoil protection and ecological reconstruction

Names of MS experts who delivered it: A. Roeloffzen (STE, Holland), A. Honders (STE, Holland).

Number of experts from the BC who participated and their departments of origin: 9 (3 from REPA, 5 from LEPAs and 1 from NEG)

Duration of the activity: 10 – 11 July 2008

Main output: Programme for the seminars and workshops of the rest of activities of subcomponents 3.6 established (see attachments).

Activity 3.7.2 (first seminar, 3.7.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.7.2 - Support of the REPA/LEPA/NEG staff in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily activities related to chemical substances.

The title of this first seminar is “Pre-register period under REACH”.

Names of MS experts who delivered it: H. Vermeer (STE, Holland).

Number of experts from the BC who participated and their departments of origin: 12 (2 from REPA, 5 from LEPAs and 5 from NEG).

Duration of the activity: 10 june 2008.

Main output: Training delivered to the participants on what is to be done by the different stakeholders in the pre-registration period (june – december 2008) for chemical substances under REACH.

This seminar was performed earlier than scheduled in the Contract in order to prepare the attendants for the pre-registration period, which started already in june.

Activity 3.8.1

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.8.1 - Preliminary meeting on horizontal legislation.

Names of MS experts who delivered it: S. Garrido (STE, Spain), C. Seoáñez (RTA).

Number of experts from the BC who participated and their departments of origin: 13 (2 from REPA, 3 from IB SOP Environment and 8 from LEPAs).

Duration of the activity: 12 – 13 june 2008

Main output: Programme for the seminars and workshops of the rest of activities of subcomponents 3.8 established (see attachments).

Activity 3.9.1

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.9.1 - Preliminary meeting on structural instruments.

Names of MS experts who delivered it: E. Martínez (STE, Spain), C. Seoáñez (RTA).

Number of experts from the BC who participated and their departments of origin: 10 (9 from IB SOP Environment and 1 from ADR Nordest)

Duration of the activity: 5 – 6 june 2008

Main output: Programme for the seminars and workshops of the rest of activities of subcomponents 3.9 established (see attachments).

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The Mission Reports of all components are annexed to this report presenting all activities in more detail.

2D. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

The Activities/Missions scheduled for the next 3 months (until 27th november) are the following:

Component 3

Activity 3.2.2 (second seminar, 3.2.2.b)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.2.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in the IPPC sector.

The title of this second seminar is “Collaboration model among public administrations to integrate the different constraints. Colab. Romania – Spain” .

Names of MS experts who deliver it: C. Canales (Spain) and L. Santolaria (Spain)

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 12 (4 experts from REPA, 6 from LEPAs and 2 from NEG)

Duration of the activity: 23 – 24 october 2008

Content:

- 1.- Development of a collaborative model between different public administrations to get the integration of their respective requirements in the IPPC permits.
- 2.- Colaboration Romania – Spain.

Activity 3.2.2 (third seminar, 3.2.2.c)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.2.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in the IPPC sector.

The title of this third seminar is “Organic Chemicals. Fertilizers (N, urea, NO₃, NH₄). REACH” .

Names of MS experts who deliver it: M. Gibert (Spain) and N. Chico (Spain).

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 12 (4 experts from REPA, 6 from LEPAs and 2 from NEG)

Duration of the activity: 24 – 26 november 2008

Content:

- 1.- The Integrated permitting procedure in the Organic Chemistry sector.
- 2.- The integrated permitting procedure for chemical fertilizers industries, using nitrogen, urea y amonia nitrate.
- 3.- The new regulation REACH in the IPPC procedure.

Activity 3.4.2 (first seminar, 3.4.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.4.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in air quality and climate change.

The title of this first seminar seminar is “Directive CAFE 2008/50/CE. Zonification. Authomatic air quality control networks. Data analysis and validation. Air quality management plans and programmes”.

Names of MS experts who deliver it: S. Jiménez (Spain) and A. Cristóbal (Spain)

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 15 (5 from REPA, 9 from LEPAs and 1 from NEG)

Duration of the activity: 3 – 5 september 2008

Content

- 1.- Presentation performed by the Spanish part, from technical point of view, of the Directive of Air Quality and its implications. Methodology for the implementation of zonification and representativity of the control stations. Number of stations needed. Spanish part.
- 2.- Presentation of the implementation problems of the new Directive and the measurement of air quality. Romanian part.
- 3.- Visit of the Spanish experts to control stations in order to evaluate the level of accomplishment regarding the placement and its representativity. Romanian part.
- 4.- Treatment and validation of the imission data. Recommendations to the use and implementation of a common methodology that could be used by all the LEPAs. Presentation based on collected data from air quality control stations. Study of the questionnaire that should be used in the annual presentation of information about the evaluation of air quality control, that has to be sent to the European Commission, based on the Decision 2004/461/CE. Spanish part.
- 5.- Presentation of the problems related to treatment and validation of information. Romanian part.
- 6.- Technical explanation of the implementation and need of execution of plans and programmes of air quality management. Presentation of a Plan at national level and its relation with the global emissions. Spanish part.
- 7.- Example and study of a practical real case of a plan at regional level. Reduction measures for the different contaminants. Spanish part.
- 8.- Presentation of the plans implemented in the region. Main problems detected. Romanian part.

Activity 3.5.2 (first seminar, 3.5.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.5.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in biodiversity and nature protection.

The title of this first seminar is “Measures for the conservation of areas and species of community interest. Monitoring and management plans”.

Names of MS experts who deliver it: J. Benito (Spain) and J. Díez (Spain)

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 13 (1 expert from MESD, 3 from REPA, 1 from IB responsible for European Funds, 6 from LEPAs, 2 from NEG), and representatives from counties and municipalities, and NGOs will be invited

Duration of the activity: 3 – 7 november 2008

Content:

- 1.- Presentation performed by the Spanish part, from technical and social implications of habitat management plans. Lessons learned and case studies.
- 2.- Case study on establishment of priorities in conservation
- 3.- Requirements for the preparation and implementation of management plans. Case study of different approaches. Methodological Guide for elaboration of management plans.
- 4.- Case study of different approaches for management plans of habitat and species. Management plans and cross-sectoral cooperation. Stakeholders analysis.

5.- Case studies: Management of land uses. Conservation ex-situ. Derogations.

Activity 3.7.2 (second seminar, 3.7.2.b)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.7.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in chemical substances.

The title of this second seminar is “General seminar on the practical implementation of the REACH Directive after the pre-register period”.

Names of MS experts who deliver it: A. Sleuer (Holland) and E. Theelen (Holland)

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 16 (2 experts from REPA, 12 from LEPAs and 2 from NEG)

Duration of the activity: 17 – 21 november 2008

Content:

1. REACH: scope and relation with other Legislation on chemicals
2. Registration of substances, general rules and exceptions;
3. How REACH deals with safety of use; Classification and Labeling;
4. Evaluation, authorization, Restrictions and Obligations of the member states
5. REACH IT, monitoring and control of REACH obligations, writing of experts' report

Activity 3.8.2 (first seminar, 3.8.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.8.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in horizontal legislation.

The title of this first seminar is “EIA and SEA procedures. Examples in relation to land planning and Natura 2000 areas. Public access to information. Differences EIA-SEA”.

Names of MS experts who deliver it: S. Garrido (Spain) and O. Serrano (Spain)

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 17 (3 experts from REPA, 12 from LEPAs, 1 from NEPA and 1 from MESD)

Duration of the activity: 16 – 17 october 2008

Content:

- 1.- Presentation by the Spanish part, from technical and legal points of view, of the procedures of EIA and SEA, the problems that usually arise in the proceedings and the main issues to be considered.
- 2.- Review of valuation criteria for different alternatives.
- 3.- Public participation in EIA and SEA.
- 4.- Analysis of different cases, some of them relating to protected areas (Natura 2000) and land planning.

Activity 3.9.2 (first seminar, 3.9.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.9.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in structural instruments.

The title of this first seminar is "EU Funds management in the programming period 2007 – 2013. Software "Fondos 2007". Study of an example of big environmental project. Local Operative Program and the Community Initiative Urban".

Names of MS experts who deliver it: E. Martínez (Spain) and I. Sierra (Spain)

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 10 (3 experts from REPA, 2 from RDA Northeast, 3 from the IB responsible for European Funds and 2 from MESD)

Duration of the activity: 13 – 15 october 2008

Content:

- 1.- Analysis of necessary procedure for establishing the necessary steps to obtain EU financing for projects.
- 2.- Study of the "Fondos 2007" software in order to achieve a paper-free management. Programming modules: Certification management and control. Implementing electronic signature. Checklists.
- 3.- Study of a large environmental project implemented in the period 2000 - 2006.
- 4.- Presentation of the actions featured in the 2000-2006 Local Operational Programme, whose beneficiary were local administrations. The study of Urban Initiative by means of presenting specific cases.

Activity 3.9.2 (second seminar, 3.9.2.b)

Reference number and title of Activity: 3.9.2 – Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks in structural instruments.

The title of this second seminar is "Cohesion Fund 2007 – 2013. Examples of management of solid urban waste projects cofinanced by that Fund. Study of irregularities in concrete cases".

Names of MS experts who deliver it: T. Matiacci (Spain), C. Quiñonero (Spain)

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 10 (3 experts from REPA, 2 from RDA Northeast, 3 from the IB responsible for European Funds and 2 from MESD)

Duration of the activity: 20 – 21 october 2008

Content:

- 1.- Analysis of programming of Cohesion Fund. Drafting the Operational Plan. The FEDER Cohesion Fund. Objectives, criteria for selecting operations, percentage of financing etc.
- 2.- Study of environmental indicators and of the evaluation of environmental strategy of Operational Programmes.
- 3.- Study of projects implemented with support from the Cohesion Fund. Financial and technical issues. Key points in implementing and monitoring. Studying a real case

Component 4

Activity 4.1 (first seminar, 4.1.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 4.1 – Support to assess feasibility of new technological approaches to be applied for household waste sorting/ treatment in the context of the Regional Plan for Municipal Waste Management, including associated investment costs.

The title of this first seminar is "Analysis of the main treatment processes for urban waste. Dimensioning and financing infrastructure. Environmental inspections".

Names of MS experts who deliver it: E. López (STE, Spain), M. Sánchez (STE, Spain).

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 12 (3 from REPA, 9 from LEPAs)

Duration of the activity: 29 september – 3 october 2008

Content:

- 1.- Communicate the technical aspects of the different treatment processes that one can give to waste: Classification and separation of packaging, energetic valorisation, composting of the organic fraction of urban waste, biomethanization, degasification, bulky waste grinding, incineration. Process scheme for each case.
- 2.- Knowledge of the composition of waste. Characterizations. Methodologies, Establishment of mass balances. Efficiencies of the processes.
- 4.- Communicate the costs structure of the different processes, both of the initial investment as well as of the subsequent exploitation and maintenance of the management activities.
- 5.- Environmental procedures previous to the execution of the projects. Kinds of environmental controls to be established in the different processes. Need (or not) to obtain Integrated Environmental Permit.
- 6.- Proposal of infrastructures of treatment of waste and dimensioning for Region 1, at county or regional level, according to the Regional Waste Management Plan.
- 7.- Example of Regional Waste Management Plan of Madrid with the creation of associations of municipalities to handle management of waste treatment infrastructures. Organization, responsibilities and distribution of costs.

Activity 4.1 (second seminar, 4.1.b)

Reference number and title of Activity: 4.1 – Support to assess feasibility of new technological approaches to be applied for household waste sorting/ treatment in the context of the Regional Plan for Municipal Waste Management, including associated investment costs.

The title of this second seminar is "Selective collection: pre-collection systems, systems for collection and transport. Characteristics, dimensioning, costs".

Names of MS experts who deliver it: E. López (STE, Spain), M. Sánchez (STE, Spain).

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 12 (3 from REPA, 9 from LEPAs)

Duration of the activity: 10 – 14 november 2008

Content:

- 1.- Selection of the selective collection systems: advantages and shortcomings of each one. Selection level: regional or local.
- 2.- Calculation of the right indexes of containerisation. Maintenance and conservation of the containers. Costs
- 3.- Collection systems. Functioning as a function of frequency. Costs.
- 4.- Kinds of vehicles. Capacity. Costs.
- 5.- Machinery needs and management. Structure and functioning.
- 6.- Establishment of green points for the collection of dangerous waste.
- 7.- Collection systems in rural areas of Madrid region.

8.- Example of Madrid region in the creation of associations of municipalities to establish waste collection and transport services. Organization, responsibilities and distribution of costs.

Activity 4.2 (first seminar, 4.2.a)

Reference number and title of Activity: 4.2 – Support to elaborate modern approaches related to the implementation of the future EU legislation requirements in the field of biodegradable household waste.

The title of this first seminar is “Starting a pilot project on farm composting. Follow up on the home and school composting projects. Public awareness campaigns on these topics”.

Names of MS experts who deliver it: A. Veeken (STE, Holland).

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 10 (3 experts from REPA, 6 from LEPAs, 1 from MESD), plus representatives from environmental ONGs and local stakeholders involved in the awareness of society.

Duration of the activity: 29 september – 3 october 2008

Content:

- 1.- Policies and instruments for biowaste management in the Netherlands and EU.
- 2.- Current status of biowaste management in Romania.
- 3.- Background and introduction in technology of composting, compost quality.
- 4.- Current expertise/activities and obstacles for composting in Romania.
- 5.- Explore activities for practical composting trials in Bacau Region with beneficiaries: school composting, home composting, farm composting.

Component 5

Activity 5.1.1

Reference number and title of Activity: 5.1.1 – To advise the other RTAs / STEs from the other twinning projects with specific activities related to urban and rural waste management issues whenever the case

This is an activity with a continuous character throught the project and thus will be continued in the next quarter by the Twinning office.

Activity 5.1.2

Reference number and title of Activity: 5.1.2 – To assist in developing the communication and exchange of information network / progress related to the urban and rural waste management, REPA Bacau getting the position of “Focal Point” among other REPAs and LEPAs

This is an activity with a continuous character throught the project and thus will be continued in the next quarter by the Twinning office. Special emphasis will be put on the upload of contents to the webpage of the project.

Activity 5.2.1

Reference number and title of Activity: 5.2.1 – First Study Visit to Spain

Twinning Contract number: RO/2006/IB/EN06

Names of MS experts who deliver it: J. Álvarez (PL, Spain), C. Seoáñez (RTA), and several other spanish experts belonging to different institutions in Spain

Number of experts from the BC who participate and their departments of origin: 10 (PL and RTA, 8 experts from LEPAs, NEPA and MESD)

Duration of the activity: 08 – 12 september 2008

Content:

- Study visit to relevant Spanish administrative bodies at national, regional and local level, in Galicia region.
- Study visit to waste management facilities of those regions, including: Landfills, thermo-destruction plants, organic waste production plants, waste selection plants and waste recycle plants.
- Other activities on request of the romanian counterpart.

2E. TIMING AND DELAYS

Adherence to time schedule

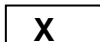
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Activity 1.2																		
Component 2 INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING																		
Activity 2.1		X																
Activity 2.2					X													
Activity 2.3																		
Component 3 SUPPORTING DAILY ACTIVITIES																		
Sub-Component 3.1 Environmental Planning																		
Activity 3.1.1		X																
Activity 3.1.2				X														
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Sub-Component 3.6 Soil/subsoil protection and ecological reconstruction																		
Activity 3.6.1					X													
Activity 3.6.2																		
Activity 3.6.3																		
Sub-Component 3.7 Chemicals																		
Activity 3.7.1			X															

Twinning Contract number: RO/2006/IB/EN06

Project Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Activity 3.8.1				X														
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Activity 3.9.1				X														
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Component 4 Specific Activities Focussed on Domestic Waste																		
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Activity 5.1.1	X	X	X	X	X	X												
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Activity 5.2.1																		
Activity 5.2.2																		



Activity/action planned acc. To Contract



Activity/action performed



Activity/action Delayed by more than 3 months

Recuperation of delays

No activities have been delayed more than 3 months.

2F. COOPERATION WITH OTHER TWINNING PROJECTS

The following initiatives have been performed in the reporting period to establish cooperation with other Twinning:

- Second day of the seminar 3.1.2.b organised in collaboration with the NEPA Twinning Project RTA, Mr. Lothar Güending, and his Counterpart, Mrs. Corina Rugina, setting a starting point of a collaboration between those two projects on the subject of collaboration between different administrative bodies and coherence between several policies..
- Second day of seminar 2.2.a organised in collaboration with the NEPA Twinning Project RTA, Mr. Lothar Güending, his Counterpart, Mrs. Corina Rugina and the General Director of the Directorate General for Implementation of Environmental Policies of NEPA, Mrs. Mihaela Petcu.
- The assistance of the RTA to the Monthly Coordination Meeting of Environmental Projects held in Bucharest the 9th of June.
- Elaboration of a document containing the programme of seminars of all the activities of the project (taking into account the programmes written in the preliminary seminars of the different components) in English and Romanian, which was forwarded to the rest of RTAs.
- Provision of information to the RTA of Cluj about the topics he needed, namely: information about municipalities' associations, guidelines on different topics on domestic waste management from the Bacau Phase I Twinning.

2G. ASSESSMENT

Overall Assessment of progress

During the reporting period, the project proceeded smoothly and successfully with a high level of performance. The collaboration between the Partners has been excellent, and the activities scheduled for this period have been performed, often before the time scheduled, smoothly.

The overall evaluation is very positive.

Issues

The only relevant issue regarded the interpretation of CFCU about what budgetary reallocations made through side letter should be added up to the total aggregate amount of all side letters, but that seems to have been finally settled.

Recommendations

1. There is a need for communication and coordination between the different administrations involved in the management and control of Structural Funds, and the possible beneficiaries.
2. The coordination with the county councils and municipalities on environmental issues should be improved and legally enforced.
3. Given the fact that in some of the areas covered by the assessment, like soil/subsoil protection and ecological reconstruction, Apele Romane has responsibilities, it should be perhaps advisable to include them as beneficiaries in forthcoming similar assessment projects.

4. Spaces for dialogue between promoters of economic development and environmental authorities should be promoted.
5. From the discussions held in the seminars, it has been noted that there may be an overdimensioning of the air quality control networks being currently created. This may become an unnecessary big economical and laboral burden.

2H. ATTACHMENTS

- Mission Reports - Acts: 2.2.a, 3.1.2.a, 3.1.2.b, 3.2.2.a, 3.3.2.a, 3.6.1, 3.7.2.a, 3.8.1 and 3.9.1 .

Section 3: Expenditures

The financial part of the report is still under development by the organisations in charge of it (FIIAPP on the spanish side and SenterNovem financial department on the dutch side), and will be shortly delivered.

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO ROMANIA							
COMPONENT	2. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING			LANGUAGE	SPANISH		
TASK	2.2. SUPPORT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DAILY TASKS IN INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY						
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Resume of the activity

First seminar of activity 2.2 "Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks related to "Institutional Capacity Building", where the following subjects were treated:

Thursday 24th July in Bacau: i) Presentation of the Consortium of Waters and Wastes of the region of La Rioja as a formula of organisation and management, ii) Detailed explanation of the waters management in La Rioja, and of the existing financial and fiscal instruments for the exploitation of the infrastructures and the management of the related services, iii) Basic reference to the law of rights to the access to environmental information in Spain, and on the limits it imposes to the confidentiality of this information, iv) Coordination formulas between the environmental and economic promotion administrations: Example of voluntary agreements with the industrial sectors to internalize the environmental costs of their productive systems.

On Friday 25, at the headquarters of NEPA in Bucharest, the subjects i) and ii).

Participants of the meetings

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18	Liliana Pasca	IB SOP Environment Bacau
19	César Seoáñez	RTA Twinning
20	Jesús Ruiz Tutor	Coordinator of the activity
21	Juan José Gil Barco	STE of the activity

Activities performed

Thursday 24th July:

- Meeting of 5 hours with several representatives from REPA, LEPAs, IB for SOP Environment and NEG. The following subjects were discussed:

- Presentation of the Consortium of Waters and Wastes of the region of La Rioja as a formula of organisation and management,
- Detailed explanation of the waters management in La Rioja, and of the existing financial and fiscal instruments for the exploitation of the infrastructures and the management of the related services
- Basic reference to the law of rights to the access to environmental information in Spain, and on the limits it imposes to the confidentiality of this information
- Coordination formulas between the environmental and economic promotion administrations: Example of voluntary agreements with the industrial sectors to internalize the environmental costs of their productive systems

Before presenting and discussing those subjects, the romanian experts were asked about a series of questions:

- Deadlines for the transposition of the environmental Directives.
- Competences and organisation of their environmental administrations.
- How do they interpret the problems that the Directive on access to environmental information entails.
- Need of approval by the local population to construct infrastructures such as water treatment plants or waste disposal sites.

Friday 25th of july:

- Visit of 3 hours to NEPA's headquarters in Bucharest to present several of the subjects of the previous day discussed in Bacau: Establishment and functioning of the Consortium of Waters and Wastes of the region of La Rioja as a possible model of organisation, discussing on the different tributary figures which can be used to exploit, maintain and recover the initial cost of environmental water and waste infrastructures. Special emphasis was made on the need to guarantee the good functioning of the facilities after their construction, so that they may fulfil the goal for which they were originally built. For that sake the functioning of the model of discipline and control of the industrial wastewaters dumping into the collecting system was explained.
- Elaboration of the activity's report

Tasks to be performed by the Romanian team

Nothing but the filling of the questionnaire of evaluation of the seminar which will be provided by email.

Report of the visit (opinion regarding the state of the activity)

The conclusions drawn after the activities are the following:

- One of the main messages intended to be transmitted was the need to preview the maintenance costs of the infrastructures whose construction from now on will be often financed mostly by EU Funds.
- On the other hand, different financing instruments (canons, fees, taxes...) for the environmental infrastructures of the region of La Rioja were presented. What is important is that the participants have been able to see an example on what kind of financial measures have to be taken to be capable of maintaining the environmental infrastructures, even though it may not be directly extrapolable to the case of Region 1 – North-east.
- Another important message was to transmit the importance, for the good maintenance of the water treatment facilities, of the control of the industrial wastewater dumps to the collecting system, and it was explained how such a control allows to have for the sludges obtained in such a way a better way out as soil improvement materials for agriculture, thanks to their small polluting charge.
- We tried to explain how a system of agreements on a voluntary basis between the industrial sectors and the administrations (so that the former may adapt to the demands of the law) can be implemented. It is a mechanism which tries to facilitate the transition towards the fulfilment of the Directives, which entails the real inclusion of the environmental costs of industries in their productive processes.
- With regards to the environmental information, the Romanian representatives were specially interested in the subject of confidentiality

and the right of access to the environmental information, within the framework of the Aarhus Convention.

- After the meeting with NEPA representatives the convenience to present in more depth these subjects at a county and municipality level was commented, given the fact that the central Administration, according to its current prerogatives, cannot decide on organisational formulas at those levels.
- After the experience of this second joint seminar between both Twinning (Bacau and NEPA) the respective RTAs programmed a meeting during the days when the Bi-annual meeting of september will take place, and which will count with the participation of the spanish and romanian Project Leaders, plus the dutch coordination. The goal would be to establish a programme of joint seminars which may be of interest to the central environmental administration if it is considered to be feasible and convenient.

REPORT OF THE VISIT TO ROMANIA						
COMPONENT	3. SUPPORT IN THE DAILY ACTIVITIES			LANGUAGE	SPANISH	
TASK	3.1.2.a. SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS					
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Resume of the activity

The activity, centered on environmental communication and education which was presented as a seminar, and took place at the University of Bacau, with the support of the president, Valentín Nedeff. During three days, a training has been given to the participants, around 62 present, who were basically teachers on different levels, representatives of the Regional Environmental Protection Agency (REPA) and Local Environmental Protection Agency (LEPAs), on the importance of a good communicational strategy based on informational transparency and on environmental awareness campaigns, adapted to the different social sectors and fields.

Activities performed

First day:

- Given that the information presented to the public was based on the experience of Sogama in communication, the session began with a short presentation explaining the mission of this association in Galicia, where the urban waste treatment is performed in 82%, as well as its reorientation that occurred two years ago, towards environmental management, renewable energy and durable development, thinking that with this business philosophy could provide a better public service to the citizens of Galicia and really be the Galician Environmental Society in all its terms.

- As a continuation, the ingredients of the communication strategy has been explained, stressing that it was important to clearly define the public to whom it is addressed to, which, in the case of Sogama is the totality of the Galician population, the main channels of media (newspaper, radio and television) and the most used tools of communication, such as articles, reports, interviews. Depending on the objectives and needs of each case, the recommendations had been elaborated regarding the use of the media, clarifying in each case the clarity of the message, the veridicity and transparency and the use of the proper language.
- The session ended with showing messages used by Sogama, detaching the different messages published in newspapers, videos of the company, and the radiomeetings about so different themes as saving water, clean transport, home composta, and reduction of use of plastic bags. As well, has been presented the material with didactic purpose used by the Company.

Second day:

- There had been noted an advance in strategy of communication, providing information about relationship maintained with the media, and there was given information about other forms of spreading information and making it public, such as participation of the Company in different sessions, forums, seminars and exhibitions with environmental carácter, trying to involve the public in the sector.
- In the frame of the environmental education campaigns, there had been explained the dynamics of the program “Voz Natura” (The Voice of the Nature), implemente din more than 230 schools in Galicia, the radio programme Ecovoz, the Ecovoice, covering the whole territory of Galicia, and with useful information for the different social agents. The colaborations with the three Galician universities provided by master courses and Phd programmes related to environment, reusable energies and durable development, and there had been intensified through the opportunities of communication offered by the web page, with big number of visitants.
- Given that the Project Twinning with Romania is focused on the consultance in Urban Waste Treatment and Management, was intensified during the special campaigns about this special issue, developed by the company, of which the visits to the installations can be mentioned, where more than 8000 people participated. The campaign of reduction of waste with the help of a programme with the title *The Bolecha Dolls want to know how to produce less waste*, destined to primary schools. There can be mentioned a tale for kids in a coloring book, with the title “The Container to be emptied” destined to the youngest, with the purpose of clarifying which material should be deposited in the yellow container of separate collection, and the pilot project of door to door collection of light packaging in two villages in the middle of Galicia, the home compost pilot project in the rural area, and the campaign, that in collaboration with some economic establishments had been launched, related to reduction of use of plastic bags, by replacing them with recycled paper bags, bags made of material and bags provided with wheels for shopping.

Third day:

- The discussion has been about the details of communication in the area of Social Corporate Responsibility, and we could mention the elaboration of Report of Durability and the first manual of green contract, the strong decision for Fair Trade, adhesion to the World Pact of the UN, the work in the Society in the

Equal Programme, financed by the European Social Fund, which wants to promote the equality of opportunities between man and woman in the workcenter, contribution to the insertion of the young university students in the working field, and so on. Finally, it has been tried to intensify the idea that if Sogama, as a public environmental company wants to contribute to the durable development of Galicia, the company itself, with its organization has to apply the concept of durability, by providing economic development, environmental protection and social policies.

- The content of other educational programmes has been related to the protection of the environment, with the clean transport, abounding in the promotion of the use of the bicycle for being environmental friendly, its benefits for the health, and its low cost, with renewable energies, with the making of interactive model which would help spread the economical and environmental benefits of alternative energy (solar, wind-powered, biomass) and with the energetic savings, distributing bulbs with low level of energy use by visits to the installations.
- As a closure of this seminar, there has been a seminar during which the preliminary results of the communication plan and environmental awareness plan of Sogama, mentioning, among other issues, the importance that the campaigns should be constant in time and should maintain themselves, as well as the importance of the implication of the local governments and the schools as key element in the spreading of good environmental practices.

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Main conclusions :

- During the seminar it could have been noted the interest and openness from part of the audience in all the discussed themes. The participants formulated several questions about the content and process of creation of all the educational campaigns, as well as in the relations kept with all the different media. One of the aspects that encountered most enthusiasm was the programme of visits to the installations of Sogama, specially regarding the monitoring of the dynamics, ideas about collectives, explanations to be distributed, calendar management. All this made it be one of the activities with great impact, since the ability to see and verify in situ the process of treatment of urban waste, contributes in big part to raise awareness about the issue of Urban Waste production on high scale, as well as the importance of the citizen's implication in its management.
- Interestingly enough, one of the most interesting publications was the "El envase vacilón", (The Happy Package) a children's book for colouring, that meant to make aware the youngest about the importance of using the yellow container. It's simplicity was considered to be highly didactic, and very appreciated by the participants , considering it as a perfect instrument in its field.
- Given that the objective of the seminar was elaborating a way of changing experience, all those present were invited to comment on their situation, on what they were facing, necessities, educational programmes on which they are working, the dynamics used. Many of them started to tell about the different activities they were working on, in the field of environmental awareness raising, and referring to some European programmes like Ecoschools.
- As well, they talked between each other and agreed on the difficulties existent between the relation with the different means of Communications and the scarce number of professionals specialized in environmental journalism, which means a greater effort from part of the people who want to make public their environmental activities.
- An other issue debated that had found great interest among the participants were the methods of financing. Even if they value in a positive way the different educational activities lead by Sogama, considering priority having sufficient economic resources. This public company counts with private income derived from the taxes that the Town Halls receive for the treatment and management of urban waste, the classification of the materials resulted after separate collection in yellow bags and selling electric energy. For this reason they were made to think that companies that handle separate collection and waste management, in their area, could as well contribute economically in the process of financing educational campaigns, visualizing them as one more activity belonging to the company.

REPORT OF THE VISIT TO ROMANIA						
COMPONENT	3. SUPPORT IN THE DAILY ACTIVITIES			LANGUAGE	SPANISH	
TASK	3.1.2 Support in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks related to Environmental Planning and Policy					
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Resumee of the activity

Seminars and meetings with the purpose of providing a large vision on environment in all the process of development.

Insist on the importance of environment in the European Policy as element of preserving and managing resources.

Vision of active participation in economic programming about the example of the Spanish Network of Environmental Authorities and its influence on the evolution of the use of European Funds in Spain, since it joined the EU.

Persons with whom meetings have been held

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Activities performed

First day:

Bucharest

1.-Meeting with the responsables of REPA Bucharest, NEPA and LEPA Bucharest(from 11 to 14,30 h)

1.1-Presentation about the evoluion of the environmental policies in the European Comission, since its foundation in 1975 to the present time.

The role of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Funds in the implementation of environmental policies and the investements made. Methods of monitoring and coordination.

1.2-Presentation of the creation of the Network of Enviornmental Authorities, functioning, objectives, works and results obtained. Their work as integrating element between the different administrations in the implementation process of the European Funds in Spain.

2-Meeting with the responsables of the Structural Funds in the Enviornmental Ministry. Presentation of the structure and functioning of the Network of Enviornmental Authorities. (from 15,15 to 16 h)

Second day:

Bacau

1-Seminar about European Funds and Environment (from10,30 h. to 16 h.)

1.1-Presentation about the evolution of the environmental policies in the European Comission since its foundation to the present.

The role of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Funds in the implementation of environmental policies and the investements made. Methods of monitoring and coordination.

1.2-Presentation of the creation of the Network of Enviornmental Authorities, functioning, objectives, works and results obtained. Their work as integrating element between the different administrations in the implementation process of the European Funds in Spain.

- 1.3-Presentation about planning and preparation of projects, especially on waste and examples.

Third day:

Bacau

Seminar about European Funds and Environment –continuation (10,30 h a 14 h)

(from 10,30 h to 11 h)- Interview with the director of REPA who showed interest in the wotking and functioning of the Spanish Network of Enviornmental Authorities and the process of managing funds. Proposes a meeting on the 27, on Friday, at first hour.

- 1.4- Talk on the environmental programming in European Funds from 1989 to 2013. The different programming periods and their evolution. Their influence in the implementation of the environmental policy in Spain.

1.5-Presentation about preparation and elaboration of environmental projects , specially in water and urban environment. Important projects done in Spain.

Report of the visit (opinion about the state of the activity)

The results of the activity are based on the aspects and necessities presented during the visit and can be presented as follows:

- A.- The NEPA in Bucharest shows special interest in the functioning of the Funds and the possibilities of creating administrative infrastructure of participation in the management.
- The NEPA in Bucharest shows special interest in the working of the Funds and creating administrative structures of participating in the management. The Ministry of Environment is conscious of its power in the Administration and the difficulties that would imply a bigger implication in the management and monitoring of Funds in all sectors.
- B.- The seminar in Bacau helped the participants to widen their horizon about the consequences on environmental policies, their force, importance and potencial. On the other side, presenting the projects and problems and their solution, could help them in enlarging their view on finding solutions. The participants showed interest in projects of waste and water.
- C.- The representatives of NEPAs and REPAs showed special interest in the working and functioning of the Network, as instrument of coordination, and consultancy.
- D.- Possibility of future meetings about the participation, joined management of Funds as proposed by the representatives of NEPAs and REPAs, possibly in cooperation with the Twinning Coordination in NEPA.

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO ROMANIA						
COMPONENT	3 Support in daily activities		Language		Español	
Task	3.2.2. – Support in the daily activities related to IPPC – Introduction and PRTR					
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Summary of the Activity

Training programme dealing with several issues of IPPC/PRTR Legislation in Spain: i.e. general overview of IPPC/PRTR legal acts and principles, general administrative procedure for granting the AAI (IPPC permits in Spain), new requirements on environmental information for the industry and for the Competent Authorities (emissions registers and information on Environmental permits); Public participation and public information on IPPC/PRTR issues. Also the electronic-tools developed in Spain for gathering, managing and disseminating the environmental information related to IPPC/PRTR issues.

Workshops with representatives of LEPA and REPA in the county of Bacău involved IPPC permits and emission register.

People with whom meetings have been held

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Activities performed

- **Monday 7th July:**

- 10:00 **PART I: "IPPC Legal Framework in Spain" (1,30 hour aprox)**
- 11:30 **PART II: "Spanish IPPC permits (AAI) (General)" (2 hour aprox)**

13:30 Coffee break

- 14:00 **PART III, (1): "Environmental requirements related to IPPC: The EPER/PRTR-España Register. (www.prtr-es.es)"**

New requirements on environmental information: IPPC, AAI and PRTR.

Why PRTR as an e-tool for gathering information?.

Structure of Spanish PRTR-España

- **Tuesday 8th July:**

- 09:30 **PART III, (2): “Environmental requirements related to IPPC: The EPER/PRTR-España Register. (www.prtr-es.es) ”**

Notification process in PRTR-España (facilities)

Validation process in PRTR-España (competent authorities)

- 11:30 **PART IV: Main problems and possible solutions: Both industrial and administration point of views**

12:30 Coffee break

- 12:45 **PART V: Public Information and Public Participation**

Public Information in EPER/PRTR-España: 2002-2007, five years of experience in Public information.

Public Participation in the implementation process of PRTR register.

Statistic of visiting the new PRTR-España web page.

Activities to be performed by the Romanian counterparts

Exchange of examples of current IPPC permits granted in County of Bacău/Spain, in full force and effect, to compare the information included and, specially, the monitoring, control and inspection requirements.

The industrial sectors preferred are: fertilizers, organic chemical, farms, refineries and landfills.

The participants and other member of the Permitting and Compliance Control Department are requested as well to raise Questions and comments on specific issues in order to prepare practical cases based on real problems, for upcoming seminars and workshops on AAI/IPPC issues. Practical cases are preferred about case in which the coordination between national and regional authorities is needed.

Visit's report (opinion about the activity and its degree of development)

The members of LEPA and REPA which attended the workshop participated actively raising many questions and promoting the discussion.

The main aspects of the Spanish IPPC/PRTR legislation were shown, including practical problems in the implementation and also in granting the permits.

Also the general administrative process in granting the permits was explained, considering all possibilities, as an introduction for coming seminars, focused on IPPC permits in specific industrial sectors.

The main work done during the seminar has been to show and share the Spanish experience on how the different flows of information requirements relating to IPPC and PRTR are being considering: e-tool developed for gathering and managing the information, how this information is disseminated on internet, the ways foreseen to link/coordinate with the other environmental data basis inventories.

PRTR-España system was shown by accessing directly on internet to explain the main functionalities and characteristics.

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO ROMANIA					
COMPONENT		3 Support in daily activities		Language	En
3.3.2 Waste management Preliminary meeting					Task
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Summary of the Activity

Training programme dealing with to several issues of waste management, i.e. benchmarking, public awareness, producers responsibility.

Meetings with people involved in the ISPA project for the setting of an integrated waste management system in the county of Bacau, and with representatives of the operator running the facilities for domestic waste management in the city of Piatra Neamt, including a site visit to the new landfill.

People with whom meetings have been held

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17	Leonard Padureanu	Project manager of Bacau Municipality, in charge of project for building the city landfill
18	Nona Marta Aimée	Inginer Constructor, Interdevelopment Consulting & Engineering
19	Ionel Ploaie	Director adjunct, Brantner Servicii Ecologice (landfill Piatra Neamt)
20	Mihaela Hristea	Technician, Brantner, Landfill Piatra Neamt

Activities performed

- **Monday 30th june:**
 - 10:30 – 12:30 Opening session
 - Introduction on programme of the course
 - Gathering of information of present situation in North East region (Round tabel discussion with contribution of all participants)
 - 13:00 – 15:30
 - Lecture Benchmark (1); General introduction on the practice of benchmarking of public services in the Netherlands: methods, experiences
 - Public Awareness: Romanian expertise with public waremness campaings. Group discussion with all participants
- **Tuesday 1st july:**
 - 10:30 – 12:30
 - Workshop Benchmark (2): first workshop on benchmark to select the performance areas . Method: group discussion with active participation of alle representatives
 - Selection of parameters (performance indicators)
 - 13:00 – 15:30
 - Lecture and workshop Public Awareness (1)
 - Compare, analyse existing questionnaires: Romanian expertise: group discussion (2 groups) with assignment to draft a public questionnaire
 - 16:00 – 18:00 Meeting with representatives of TA project in Bacau. Information was exchanged on both projects and possibilities of co-operation were discussed
- **Wednesday 2nd july:**
 - 10:30 – 12:30
 - Workshop Benchmark (3).Finallizing the questionnaire for the Benchmark (performance area's and indicators)
 - 13:00 – 15:30
 - Workshop Public Awareness (2). Group discussion on the model questionnaire which was distributed
- **Thursday 3rd july:**
 - 10:00 – 15.00
 - Romanian expertise with Producers Responsibility
 - Producers Responsibility in The Netherlands: general presentation, presentation on Producers responsibility on WEEE and batteries,

presentation on Producers responsibility on packaging (waste),
presentation on producers responsibility on ELV's

- Discussion on the principles of Producers responsibility and the present problems regarding the implementation of this principle in Romania
 - Planning of the date of the next activity (Januari 12th till 16th 2009)
- **Friday 4th July:**
- 8:00 – 9.00 Meeting in Piatra Neamt landfill with representatives of Brantner, the operator of the IWMS of the city and its surroundings. Visit to the facilities.

Activities to be performed by the Romanian counterparts

Commenting the draft questionnaire for the North East Region County Waste management Benchmark (before July 11th) and after finalizing the Questionnaire, the Counties will have to fill in the questionnaire before Oktober24th 2008

Visit's report (opinion about the activity and its degree of development)

The representatives of 4 LEPA's and REPA participated actively in the workshop.

They showed an open mind and worked hard on the draft questionnaires on Benchmark and on the public awareness questionnaire

Because of the importance of the presented issues for other parties, NEPA was invited on July 3rd (producers responsibility) and County and Municipality representatives were invited to attend the whole course

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO ROMANIA						
COMPONENT	3. SUPPORT IN THE DAILY ACTIVITIES			LANGUAGE	Netherlands	
Task	3.6.1. PRELIMINARY MEETING ON SOIL/SUBSOIL PROTECTION AND RECOVERY					
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Summary of the Activity

To identify, in the context of the current status of EU legislation in Region 1 Northeast of Romania, the main issues for whom the experience of SenterNovem/Soil+ and DCMR in implementing and enforcing EU legislation on Soil protection and remediation could be useful.

Explain the current status of the implementation of EU legislation on ground water protection and remediation in the Netherlands and the main efforts of the Netherlands in the implementation of that legislation.

Discuss, based in the experience of both parts (Romanian and Dutch), which should be the most appropriate content for the development of the following activities:

3.6.2 "Support of the REPA/LEPA/NEG staff in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily activities related to soil/subsoil protection and ecological reconstruction"

3.6.3 "Evaluation analysis with recommendations"

People with whom meetings have been held

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8	Cristina Gavrilescu	LEPA Botosani - Soil protection
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10	Dan Stoica	LEPA Iasi - Soil protection
11	Emilia Teodoru	Directia Apelor Siret – Apele Romane
12	Iuliana Danaila	Directia Apelor Siret – Apele Romane

Activities performed

First day:

- Meeting with the mr. Seoanez, RTA to discuss the way the follow up is to be defined and which information should be obtained to define the rest of the project successfully.
- 5 hours – meeting with 3 REPA representatives, 5 representatives of the LEPAs and 1 representative of the National Environmental Guard.
 - o In the first part the romanian experts gave a detailed description of the current situation regarding contaminated sites in the Region, and their main needs.
 - o In the second part the dutch experts presented their work and areas of expertise of their institutions.
 - o In the third part contents for the seminars of this area were discussed

Second day:

- The draft of the programme of workshops was drafted
- Meeting with 2 representatives of the Apele Romane was held, explaining to them the programme and inviting them to participate in it.
- Discussion of the proposals for the content of activities 3.6.2 and 3.6.3 with a representative from REPA.
- Study visit to a contaminated site with the executive director of REPA Bacau, mr. I. Movila
- Preparation of the report of the activity 3.6.1

Activities to be performed by the Romanian counterparts

- Provide qualitative and quantitative information on contaminated sites of the Region.
- For the case of Apele Romane, prepare a short presentation for the first workshop on groundwater policies and standards.

Visit's report (opinion about the activity and its degree of development)

The activities' results have been the following:

In relation to the identification of the main difficulties in the implementation of the EU legislation on Soil/subsoil protection and remediation, they are the following:

- A. There was a good feedback on the information about contaminated sites in the Region, with a very active participation of the romanian experts.
- B. A good idea about the specific needs concerning knowledge about soil remediation was obtained.
- C. All parts agreed that a closer cooperation of the MESD and regional and local environmental authorities belonging to it with Apele Romane is of fundamental importance.

In relation with the definition of the workshops, according to the needs and problems detected and manifested by the Romanian team, of the scope, content and timing of the activities, the draft of the proposal is the following:

ACTIVITY 3.6.2 a.- Policies and practical exercises on contaminated sites.

Date: 22nd and 23rd january 2009.

Format: 2 day Workshop.

Dutch experts: 2

Participants: Staff of MoESD (directorate of soil/subsoil), NEPA, REPA, LEPAs, NEG, Apele Romane, Officiul Judetean Pedologie si Chimie.

Goals: Familiarise Romanian experts with both Romanian and Dutch knowledge on legislation and practical experience (best practises) on contaminated site remediation.

Development of activities:

Day 1 - Lecture session

Morning session (policies and role of the authorities)

- Romanian legislation and guidelines on site remediation (by MoESD)
 - o Legislation (2 decrees MoESD)
 - o Making of the regional inventory of contaminated sites
 - o Sampling plan, risk assessment, site remediation options

- Dutch policies on sustainable land management and site remediation (Ton)
- Dutch inventory, prioritization of sites remediation (Ton)
- Financial and legal instruments (Anton)
- Roles of the stakeholders and the authorities (Anton)

Afternoon session – practical steps in the remediation chain

- Site use plan, site investigation, sampling plan, evaluation of results (Anton)
- Soil quality standards and risk assessment (Ton)
- Remediation goals, selection of remediation strategies depending on contaminant characteristics and intended soil use (Anton)
- In-situ site remediation and ex-situ treatment of soil and groundwater (Ton)

Day 2 - Exercises

Based on qualitative and quantitative site information, participants should elaborate on a remediation plan, corrective actions and ecological rehabilitation

Morning session - (elaboration of Dutch examples)

For example:

- phosphate fertilizer plant (Kralingse veer, Ploiesti),
- landfill,
- industrial area,
- oil extraction site.

Afternoon session - (elaboration of Romanian examples)

Participants should (beforehand) provide information on sites, for example

- mining sites and mineral processing plants ,
- fertilizer plant,
- landfills,
- oil wells/extraction sites,
- district heating plants,
- etc.

ACTIVITY 3.6.2 b.- Risk assessment and practical training.

Date: 4 – 6 march 2009.

Format: 3 day Workshop.

Dutch experts: 3

Participants: Staff of Staff of MoESD (directorate of soil/subsoil), NEPA, REPA, LEPAs, NEG, Apele Romane, Officiul Judetean Pedologie si Chimie.

Goals: Familiarize Romanian experts with site risk assessment, soil quality standards, soil ecology / biodiversity assessment and ecological rehabilitation.

Development of the activities:

Day 1 - “Theory”

Morning session – lectures

- Soil protection measures (Anton)
- Derivation of soil quality standards (Ton)
- Risk assessment models – EU perspective (Heracles) and Dutch model (Frank)
- Methods for and examples of ecology / biodiversity assessment (Anton)

Afternoon session – demonstration of computer models on risk assessment (Frank, Anton, Ton)

- Sanscrit
- Risk toolbox

Day 2 – Exercises (working with PC (in small groups) on case studies)

Morning session – Dutch cases studies

Afternoon session – Romanian case studies

Participants should (beforehand) provide qualitative and quantitative information on sites, for example: mining sites and mineral processing plants , fertilizer plant, landfills, oil wells/extraction sites, district heating plants, etc.

Day 3 – Exercises (working with PC (in small groups) on case studies)

Morning session – Site visit

ACTIVITY 3.6.2 c.- Ecological risk assessment and more specific topics.

Date: 11-12 may 2009.

Format: 2 day Workshop.

Dutch experts: 2

Participants: Staff of Staff of MoESD (directorate of soil/subsoil), NEPA, REPA, LEPAs, NEG, Apele Romane, Officiul Judetean Pedologie si Chimie.

Goals:

- Remaning questions,
- In-depth discussions on special topics,
- More elaboration of Romanian case studies,
- Site visits,
- Practical on-site work. For example: making a sampling plan, actual sampling, ecological investigation,
- Determine the need for guidelines,
- Questionnaire on the usefulness of the the trining pacakge.

Development of the activities:

Day 1:

Day 2:

ACTIVITY 3.6.3 Evaluation analysis with recommendations

Date: 11-12 june 2009.

Format: 2 day Workshop.

Dutch experts: 2

Participants: Staff of Staff of MoESD (directorate of soil/subsoil), NEPA, REPA, LEPAs, NEG, Apele Romane, Officiul Judetean Pedologie si Chimie.

Goals:

1. Evaluation of and feedback on the training programme
2. Select options for future cooperation

Development of activities:

Day 1. Evaluation of the effect and activities 3.6.2a, 3.6.2.b and 3.6.2c. Localisation of gaps.

Day 2. Select options for future cooperation.

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO ROMANIA						
COMPONENT	3. SUPPORT IN THE DAILY ACTIVITIES			LANGUAGE	Netherlands	
Task	3.7.2.a Workshop Pre-Registration under REACH					
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Summary of the Activity

A workshop was held at the beginning of the pre-registration period under REACH which is from 01-06-2008 up and until 30-11-2008. The workshop explains the ins and outs of pre-registration under REACH.

The workshop consisted of 5 different presentations explaining step by step how to pre-register under REACH.

After a brief introduction giving an overview of the process, the different roles a company can have for each substance were discussed.

Then the scope of REACH and the way you can, step by step, determine how you decide whether a substance needs to be pre-registered were described.

Consequently the process of pre-registration was described and thereafter the process of registration (and information collection) that follows pre-registration.

Eventually the links to more information were given.

All presentations ended in a lively discussion and the exchange of useful information.

People that attended the workshop

Name and Surname	Place of duty
Harry Vermeer	Dutch coordinator for Chemicals
Cesar Seoanez	RTA
Radu Rotaru	RTA assistant
Lacramioara Arinton/REPA Bacau	Chemicals
Gabriela Palade / LEPA Bacau	Chemicals
Cornelia Nemes / NEG Bacau	Inspection
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Paul Ciudin / LEPA Vaslui	Chemicals
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Marius Huiban / REPA Bacau	Public Relations
Mihaela Duca / NEG Iasi	Inspection
Cristina Miclaus/NEG Neamt	Inspection

Activities performed

- 4 hour workshop that explained the ins and outs around the system of pre-registration under REACH in four presentations.
- The first presentation treated the different roles companies have under REACH and in which cases companies are supposed to pre-register.
- The second presentation treated the different classes of substances under REACH and the way to decide whether or not substances need to be pre-registered under REACH.
- The third presentation dealt with the system of pre-registration and the ICT tools that are and must be used to submit a pre-registration under REACH
- Finally in the fourth presentation, the procedure after the pre-registration period was explained.

Visit's report (opinion about the activity and its degree of development)

The activities' results have been the following:

ACTIVITY 7.2 a.- Pre-registration under REACH.

Date: June 10 2008.

Format: 1 day Workshop

Dutch expert: 1

Participants: Staff of LEPAs, REPA, NEPA, NEG.

Goals to be reached:

1. A clear understanding of the roles companies may have under REACH, (this includes the definitions of "sole representative" and of "toll manufacturer")
2. A clear understanding of the definitions of substances, preparations and articles
3. A clear understanding of the definitions of phase in substances
4. Basic Knowledge of the system of pre-registration, information sharing and dossier completion
5. Basic Knowledge of the IT system to (pre)register

All presentations were translated into the Romanian language by the twinning bureau.

Contents of the presentations and interaction with the audience:

1. Role identification in the REACH regulation (1.0 hours)

In the presentation theory was treated, examples were given and a lively discussion was held.

2. Definition of substances, preparations and articles, phase in substances (1,5 hours)

In the presentation theory was treated, examples were given and a lively discussion was held

3. Why pre-registration, what to pre-register and how to pre-register (1 hour)

In the presentation the system of pre-registration was explained, the way the ICT-tools are meant to work was indicated and a lively discussion developed over the system

4. What happens after pre-registration , where to find more information (0,5 hours)

In the presentation the procedures after pre-registration were explained, the forming of SIEF's and the way information will be gathered for the registration dossiers. Also the web links to extra information were given.

After the workshop, which held a number of good discussions, the participants expressed that the result was good and the information provided was useful.

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO ROMANIA						
COMPONENT	3. SUPPORT IN THE DAILY ACTIVITIES			LANGUAGE	ENGLISH	
Task	3.8. Horizontal Legislation.					
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Summary of the Activity

Preliminary meeting corresponding to activity 3.8.1. : “Preliminary Meeting on Horizontal Legislation” to planify in a coordinated way with the Romanian beneficiaries (REPA and LEPA) the future tasks to be performed within the following activities:

3.8.2 “Support of the REPA/LEPA staff in the implementation of the specific requirements in the daily activities related to horizontal legislation”.

3.8.3 “Evaluation analysis with recommendations”

Once the suggestions and recommendations from the different administrations had been received, a preliminary action programme will be elaborated so that it can be reviewed.

The preliminary action programme will be built on the needs of REPA and LEPAs involved, who will submit their suggestions in written form.

Participants of the meetings

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Cesar Seoanez	Twinning RTA, REPA Bacau
Etelka Tamas	Twinning Interpreter/Translator

Activities performed

First day:

- Meetings with two representatives of the REPA Bacau, three representatives of the IB SOP Environment and 8 representatives from the LEPAs, with the presentation of the Spanish team, in order to perform the activities of this component, where a presentation of the Spanish team had been performed, as well as a presentation of the points of interest of which the Romanian part might benefit.
- In the same meeting the experience of the Spanish team will be presented, as well as the methodologies and relevant practices related to the three main themes into which this activity has been structured, and are the following: EIA and SEA, implementation of EMAS and Environmental Liability.
- Preparation of the proposals that are to be treated in the Project.

Day 2:

- Presentation and discussion with the Monitoring Department of REPA Bacau, about the proposals that are to be presented on future activities, namely 3.8.2.
- Preparation of the first scheme of future activities.
- Preparation of the report of the activity for future workshops.

Tasks performed by the Romanian team

- Preparing of a questionnaire with information about what the beneficiaries need related to the issues discussed during the meeting or anything else that might come up.

- Preparation of the correspondent part of the activities according to which workshops should be organized.
- The visit in Spain could be taken advantage of in order to learn about management of EIAs and SEAs by Spanish administrations and implementation of EMAS procedures at relevant Spanish companies, if it is considered to be helpful.

Report on the visit (opinion about the state of the activity)
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The activities are based on the needs expressed during the visit, and are the following:

- A.- The different Romanian administrations (REPA and LEPAs) have a high level of knowledge of the European legislation on EIA and SEA. Nevertheless it would be helpful to know how it is implemented in other countries by means of the analysis of cases. Specifically there is an interest to know how these protective measures are applied in areas protected by Natura 2000 and in the development of renewable energies.
- B.- Regarding the implementation of EMAS by private companies, there is still a lot to be done and, apparently, the companies are not motivated to assume this labor.
- C.- There is an important interest to learn about procedures of access to environmental information and how it should work from an administrative point of view.
- D.- Regarding Environmental liability legislation, apparently it is a copy of the directive and is not easy to be adapted to the real situation of the country.

According to the definition and with the necessities and problems that had been detected, exposed by the Romanian representatives, the scheme of the activity 3.8.2 to be developed, is the following:

ACTIVITY 3.8.2.a.- Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

- Date: 16 – 17 of October, 2008. Number of days: 2.

Format: Workshop.

Spanish experts: 3

Participants: from the Spanish part, three experts in the processing of EIAs and SEAs with technical and legal background. From the Romanian part, representatives of the Ministry of Environment and NEPA involved in planning, REPA Bacau, Apele Romane and all the LEPAs.

Objectives:

- 1.- To provide participants with information about the procedural and technical aspects EIAs and SEAs.
- 2.- Revision of the activities, plans and programs that are subject to these protective measures.
- 3- Analysis of real cases/examples, specifically on land planning and Natura 2000 protected areas.
- 4- Public access to environmental information in these procedures and participation of third parties.
- 5- Differences in the proceedings and subject of EIA and SEA.

Activities to be performed:

Day 1.- Presentation by the Spanish part, from technical and legal points of view, of the procedures of EIA and SEA, the problems that usually arise in the proceedings and the main issues to be considered.

Review of valuation criteria for different alternatives.

Public participation in EIA and SEA.

Day 2.- Analysis of different cases, some of them relating to protected areas (Natura 2000) and land planning.

ACTIVITY 3.8.2.b.- EMAS and Public access to Environmental Information.

Date: 12 – 13 of February, 2009. Number of days: 2

Format: Workshop

Spanish experts: 2

Participants: from the Spanish team, two experts in the implementation of ISO and EMAS. From the Romanian team representatives of MESD, NEPA, REPA Bacau and all the LEPAs, and if possible a representative of the private sector.

Objectives:

- 1.- Analyze the advantages of the implementation of environmental management systems for the companies.
- 2.- Review of the procedures established in other European countries to incentivate the companies in order to implement EMAS.
- 3.- Benefits for the Administration and the public derived from implementation of EMAS by the companies.
- 4.- Analyze the proceedings for the access to environmental information.

Activities:

Day 1.- Analysis of the procedures provided for the implementation of management systems according to EMAS II.

Structure of EMAS. Phases to be taken and basic documentation.

Objectives of the EMAS.

Verification and review of the management system.

Situation in other European countries of the application of EMAS.

Benefits from the implementation of EMAS and incentives for companies.

Day 2.- The Spanish participants will present case studies of implementation of EMAS in different situations: Industrial companies, service companies and public administrations.

ACTIVITY 3.8.2.c.- Environmental liability.

Date: 23-24 of July, 2009. Number of days: 2

Format: Workshop.

Spanish experts:2

Participants: from the Spanish side, two experts with broad experience in environmental liability. From the Romanian part representatives for the NEPA, Apele Romane, REPA Bacau, NEG and all the LEPAs.

Objectives:

- 1.- Analyzing the different procedures of environmental liability in the administrative legislation: water, waste, air pollution, soil pollution, etc. and its practical application in Spain and other European countries.
- 2.- Review of the European Directive and its application in different countries.
- 3.- Study of civil and criminal procedures for environmental liability.

Activities to be performed:

Day 1.-

Review of environmental legislation and the liability procedures contained therein.

Review of the civil and the criminal liability from the environmental point of view and the possibilities to avoid environmental damages.

Analysis of the European directive and the local legislation on Environmental liability.

Day 2.-

Presentation of cases and analysis of judicial decisions.

Evaluation of the environmental damage. Different technics.

Difficulties arising from the procedures.

Participation of third parties (NGOs)

ACTIVITY 3.8.3.- Evaluation analysis with recommendations.

Date: 24-25 of September, 2009. Duration 2 days.

Format: Workshop.

Spanish experts: 1

Participants: Coordinator of the activity on Horizontal Legislation. From the Romanian part, representatives for the REPA Bacau and all the LEPAs.

Objectives:

- 1.- Evaluation of the implemented programme during the project.
- 2.- Strong and weak points in the elaboration of final recommendations.

Activities to be performed :

Day 1.- General revision of the strong points of the activities performed and the manner in which the participants benefited of it. Future training needs.

Day 2.- Recommendations regarding the different activities to be performed in the future, related to Horizontal legislation.

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO ROMANIA						
COMPONENT	3. SUPPORT IN THE DAILY ACTIVITIES			LANGUAGE	ESPANOL	
TASK	3.9.1: Preliminary meeting on Structural Instruments					
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Summary of the Activity

Preliminary meeting corresponding to activity 3.9.1. "Preliminary Meeting on Structural Instruments" to planify in a coordinated way with the Romanian beneficiaries (IB SOP Environment and MESD mainly) the future tasks to be performed within the following activities:

3.9.2 "Support in the obtaining and management of Stuctural Instruments"

3.9.3 "Evaluation analysis with recomendations"

Once the suggestions and recommendations from the IB SOP Environment had been received, a preliminary action programme will be elaborated so that it can be reviewed

People that attended the workshop

Name and surname	Place of duty
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Daniela Poconiu	IB POS Mediu Bacau, financial management
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Iuliana Zugravu	IB POS Mediu Bacau
Mariana Agapin	IB POS Mediu Bacau, monitoring & reporting
Cristina Blasca	IB POS Mediu Bacau, technical assistance
Iulian Constandache	IB POS Mediu Bacau, financial management
Constantin Umbrurescu	IB POS Mediu Bacau, technical assistance
Ciprian Mocanasu	IB POS Mediu Bacau, monitoring & reporting.
Carmen Galita	IB POS Mediu Bacau, financial management (control)
Camelia Muraru	Regional Development Agency North-east, judetul Bacau
Cristina Gradinaru,	Translator/Interpreter Twinning Bacau
Cesar Seoanez	RTA REPA Bacau
Emilia Martínez	Experto en Fondos Europeos
Daniela Anca Bostan	IB POS Mediu Bacau Directora
Iulian Movila	REPA Bacau Director

Activities performed

First day:

- Meeting with responsables from the Intermediate Body of the SOP Environment for 2 hours to make a small presentation of the spanish team and possible subjects of interest.
- In this same meeting a presentation on the spanish experience on the main subjects related to the component 3.9 were presented, and there was a short exchange of information on the tasks developed by IB POS Mediu.
- Preparation of the first draft for the content proposals for the future activities and missions to be developed within this component during the Project.
- Meeting with a representative from the Regional Development Agency in which she was informed about the activities to be developed in activity 3.9.2.

Second day:

- Meeting for 1 and a half hour with the Director of IB POS Mediu and the Director of REPA to know the proposals and needs of the department in relation with the activity 3.9.2.
- After the study on the romanian side of the proposal of activities presented, a meeting was held, with the director of IB POS Mediu, to know the modifications proposed by them to the draft planning of activities.
- Preparation of the report of the activity for the following workshops.

Tasks to be performed by the Romanian team

The following information has been asked to be provided by the romanian beneficiaries:

- Agreement signed between the MESD and IB POS Mediu to know the tasks that they have delegated from the Management Authority of the POS Mediu.
- The management and control systems established for POS Mediu, presented to the EU Commission but still not approved.
- List of big projects, already approved for the region and included in the POS Mediu.
- To make the study of a concrete romanian project it would be necessary, if possible, to have the documentation relative to the case.

Visit's report (opinion about the activity and its degree of development)

The results of the activity are based on the aspects and needs transmitted during the visit and can be summarized as follows:

- A.- The romanian administration (IB POS Mediu) has a high degree of knowledge of the management procedures of EU Funds.
- B.- Their interest as body responsible for the implementation of cofinanced projects is to learn about the spanish experience on this subject.
- C.- The programming of the POS Mediu by axis, except from axe 4, will be covered by the execution of Big Projects, some of whom have already Brussels approval, so they are interested to know have this kind of projects been developed in the previous programming period.
- D.- Concerning the expenditure control they show as well interest to know the problems they may face and how to solve them.
- E.- Their goal is to improve the absorption of EU funds avoiding the loss of EU financial help.
- F.- The representative from the Regional Development Agency was interested in learning about the spanish experiences relative to urban environment improvement.

According to the assessed needs and problems presented by the Romanian part, it has been issued the following proposal for the summary, content and duration of the sub-activities of 3.9.2 to be developed in the future:

ACTIVITY 3.9.2 a)- Management of EU funds during the 2007-2013 programming period.

Date: September 24 -26, 2008

Number of days: 3.

Format: Workshop.

Spanish experts: 2

Participants: Two representatives of the Ministry of Economy and Finance with a vast and long experience in managing structural funds, representatives of potential beneficiaries from SOP Environment, as well as from local, regional and national public administration bodies, regional water management bodies and other state bodies and NGOs. Also there will be invited representatives of SOP Environment and MESD. For the third day there will be invited representatives of municipalities and the Regional Development Agency North-East.

Objectives:

- 1: Explaining the new regulatory framework of the Cohesion Policy.

- 2: Studying the “Fondos 2007” software: design and management
- 3: Studying an example of a large environmental project.
- 4: Presenting the Spanish experience in programming the Priority Axis “Local and Urban Development”, case studies from the Local the Community Initiative URBAN

Development of activities:

Day 1: Analysis of necessary procedure for establishing the necessary steps to obtain EU financing for projects.

The following topics will be approached:

- Programming: Financial and indicators
- Monitoring committees: Internal regulation
- Management and control systems. Manuals. Agreements with intermediate bodies for operational programs
- Standards for subsidizing.
- Criteria for selection of operations
- Information and publicity
- Large projects and projects generating incomes.

Study of the “Fondos 2007” software in order to achieve a paper-free management. Programming modules: Certification management and control. Implementing electronic signature. Checklists.

Day 2: This working day will be assigned to the study of a large environmental project implemented in the period 2000 - 2006.

Day 3: This working day should be assigned to presenting the actions featured in the 2000-2006 Local Operational Programme, whose beneficiary were local administrations. The study of Urban Initiative by means of presenting specific cases.

ACTIVITY 3.9.2 b)- Cohesion Funds

Date: October 2 and 3, 2008

No. of days: 2.

Format: Workshop.

Spanish experts: 2

Participants: Two representatives of the Ministry of Economy and Finance with a vast and long experience in managing structural funds, representatives of potential beneficiaries from SOP Environment, as well as from local, regional and national public administration bodies, regional water management bodies and other state bodies and NGOs. Also there will be invited representatives of SOP Environment and MESD.

Objectives:

1. Knowledge about the changes in the 2007-2013 Cohesion Funds
2. Knowledge about the management of solid urban waste projects that have been co-financed by the Cohesion Fund.
3. Study of irregularities in certain cases.

Development of activities:

Day 1: Analysis of programming of Cohesion Fund. Drafting the Operational Plan. The FEDER Cohesion Fund. Objectives, criteria for selecting operations, percentage of financing etc.

Study of environmental indicators and of the evaluation of environmental strategy of Operational Programs.

Day 2: Study of projects implemented with support from the Cohesion Fund. Financial and technical issues. Key points in implementing and monitoring. Studying a real case.

ACTIVITY 3.9.2 c)- Control of certified expenses.

Date: February 2, 3 and 4, 2009

No. of days: 3.

Format: Workshop.

Spanish experts: 1

Participants: One representative of the Ministry of Economy and Finance expert in controlling the operations co-financed by FEDER, representatives of potential beneficiaries from SOP Environment, as well as from local, regional and national public administration bodies, regional water management bodies and other state bodies and NGOs. Also there will be invited representatives of SOP Environment and MESD.

Objectives:

1. Knowledge about the types of controls carried out, at different levels, in case of projects co-financed by Structural Funds.
2. Study of types of irregularities and their corrections.
3. Explaining the way of designing and archiving of the documentation for the co-financed operations and preserving a good audit track.

Development of activities:

Day 1: Presenting control in the framework of Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund. Presenting the bodies carry out the control and types of controls, as well as the various features of control according to the controlled entity.

Day 2: Knowing the various aspects that should be considered within public contracting: Standards, criteria of selection and award, using environmental criteria. Complying with environmental legislation, equal opportunities and publicity. Ways of support. Review with practical examples.

Day 3: Analysis of the concept of eligibility in the regulation and the national legislation. Examples. Knowing environmental measures in the operational program from the point of view of control: Types of projects and specific features of control. Documentation and audit track.

ACTIVITY 3.9.2 d)- Problems faced during implementation of environmental projects co-financed by EU.

Date: May 18 and 19, 2009

No. of days: 2.

Format: Workshop.

Spanish experts: 1

Participants. Representatives of potential beneficiaries from SOP Environment, as well as from local, regional and national public administration bodies, regional water management bodies and other state bodies and NGOs. Also there will be invited representatives of SOP Environment and MESD.

Objectives:

1. Define the risk management in the implementation of projects cofinanced by the EU. Kinds of risks which may be present.
2. Risk vigilance and monitoring. Risk map. Control plan.

Development of activities:

Day 1: Institutional framework of Funds Management: the principle of shared management in the Treaty of Lissabon. The opinion of the European Accounts Court. Identified risks. Definition of admisible risks in the operations. Kinds of risks and characteristics.

Day 2: Risk management in environmental projects. Risk evaluation as a phase of internal control. Risks map: financial, from the system, environmental and from nature. Correcting Actions Plan. The confidence contract.

ACTIVITY 3.9.3)- Evaluation analysis with recommendations.

Date: September 14, 2009

No of days: 1.

Format: Workshop.

Spanish experts: 1

Participants. Coordinator of the Structural Instruments Activity, representatives of SOP Environment and MESD.

Objectives:

1. Evaluation of activities developed during project implementation.
2. Presentation of main EU funding requirements.
3. Defining strong and weak points in order to design final recommendations.

Development of activities:

Day 1: Overview of the training program implemented and assessing its degree of usefulness. Further training and support needs.

Day 2.- Recommendations for future actions in the sector, in managing EU funds.