

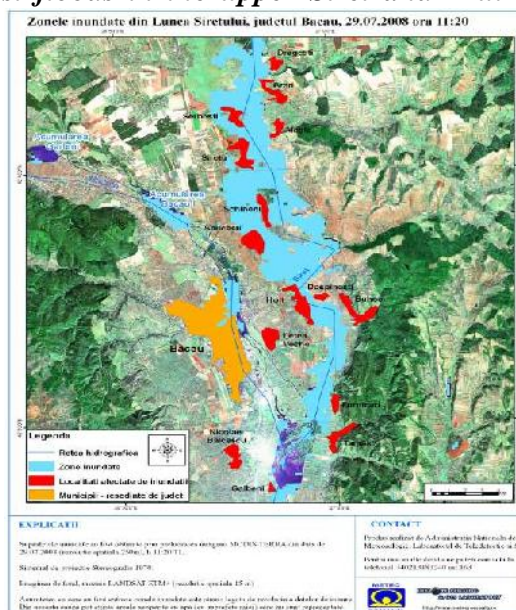
Newsletter 1 - Facts in EAST AVERT Project

Joint Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013

The trilateral project “**The prevention and protection against floods in the upper Siret and Prut River Basins, through the implementation of a modern monitoring system with automatic stations - EAST AVERT**”, cod 966, funded by the **Joint Operational Programme Romania - Ukraine - Republic of Moldova**, European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)

1. **29 November 2013: Signing Contract Meeting** in Bucharest of the Joint Technical Secretariat of the **JOP Ro-Ua-Mo 2007-2013**, representatives and the **Delegate Minister for Waters, Forests and Fisheries**, signing the contract for **EAST AVERT Project - MIS-ETC: 966 – “Prevention and protection against floods in the upper Siret and Prut river basins, through the implementation of a modern monitoring system with automatic stations”**

The project started with the 1st of December and has 22 month period of implementation.



The overall objective of the project is the protection of the border areas in the upper Siret and Prut River Basins against the flood risk, other natural dangerous hazard of water cycle and accidental pollutions and reducing the environmental, economic and social vulnerability of targeted localities from the border region against flood risk. It is an



important trilateral cooperation, based on the River basin approach:

- Water naturally crosses borders,
- Cooperation between authorities is important,
- Barriers should be over passed by closed cooperation, as: technical, legal, political, financial, organizational, social, cultural etc.
- Possible solutions based on practical examples for hydrological information system modernization, improving the warning system by a better common forecasting procedures and modeling, contributes in the case of major flood events to better protection of the European Citizen, the environment, property and cultural heritage. **As main project products we can announce:**

- Flood Action Plan
- Analysis of cross border cooperation
- Atlas of Flood Maps

and as **main outcomes:**

- More effective regional flood policies,
- Increased cooperation in Prut and Siret

Basins, included at the large scale of the Danube River tributaries, contributing under ICPDR Flood Protection Experts Group with the outcomes of the project,

- Strengthened contacts between regions.



2. **16-17 of December 2013: 1st Training Meeting** of EAST AVERT partners in Suceava, on technical and financial implementation, reporting, irregularities and risks, Visual Identity Rules, Human Resources, Secondary Procurements, and Assessment of the steps taken to start the project implementation.



3. **28 January, 2014, Iasi, Start-Up Conference**, communications and presentation of the project objectives to the main stakeholders: local administration, Civil Protection representatives, Basin Committees and Water Management Systems representatives, including mass media. A press conference is announced. The conference targeted the most important stakeholders to be informed about the project activities, to follow them and to give their support for project informational system design.

4. **29 January, 2014** Project Management Meeting will establish the Working Groups components, will be nominated the Steering Committee and a documentation field visited is planned for DESWAT automate system.

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