

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)

At East Avert Conference in Iasi on 28-29 January 2014 was demonstrated step-by-step approach aimed to provide exhausting revealing of the data about the historical floods and concerned risks for settlements in inundated areas. By the same way there should be established the bottom level local infrastructures for efficient local population countermeasures through floods and concerned hazardous events. These activities for data mapping and local infrastructure for East Avert establishment in Chernivtsi and Ivano-Frankivsk Oblasts has been preliminary (before project started) agreed with Ukrainian regional and local executive authorities and it has foreseen utilisation of their administrative resources.

But under crucial change of authority system in Ukraine on the State, Regional and Local levels in February - March 2014, there has to be developed a new approach, based on local self-governance and communities promotion, both through East Avert implementation period and after it will be finished.



After meeting on 26/03/2014 (see the newspaper extract picture) with heads of **Storozhinets District Council**, appropriate district executive authorities and with presidents of all local communities vulnerable to historical floods and other concerned risks in the basins of Siret and Prut, it was agreed the idea to involve local schools (mainly teachers of geography, physics etc). On the Webinar of the Regional Department of Education, Science, Youth & Sport on 15/04/2014 (see the picture from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjqBeq1LiwU>) to all districts educational bodies has been explained project's objectives and needs, and on the next day was sent official letter (enclosed) from the Regional Department for assistance.



Through 24-25 of April 2014 representatives of PP8 visited the sites in the **Storozhinets District** shown of the map. In all these settlements were



prepared meetings in the Local Councils with their presidents and/or land managers together with selected teachers from schools (the total list is enclosed). Through these meetings, after the general presentation of the East Avert, its aims & objectives, has been discussed the following issues:

- general overview of the peculiarities of historical floods and concerned disasters in the area;

- the short time task – reveal all available sources of information (old inhabitants or those, who were acquainted by their relatives with concrete information about exact place of water disasters and/or their character and consequences), as well as – available investigation reports, articles, photos, mass media records etc., which will be used for the next visit surveying, by the Questionnaires and laptop Workstation;



- in parallel there also have been asked for preliminary revealing of all associated technogenic factors, such as amounts of wastes, old enterprises and/or different substances storage places, cemeteries, burial grounds for animal refuse etc, as well as artificial lakes, dams, slip slide, karst and other objects, which are potentially dangerous under the floods, strong rains or ground waters impacts;

- preliminary definition of the “reference points”, which are potentially important for the urgent monitoring in the cases of flood danger, as well as of probable volunteers to become local communicants of the future floods dispatching system;

- the “feedback” perspective for establishment of local volunteers teams to be precisely informed by the dispatching system in close to real time regime on predictable details, shown by the computer GIS simulation models for the concrete inundation areas.



All schools were provided by the electronic versions of the Questionnaires for population surveying, as well as the local councils and land managers – of the Questionnaires for professionals interrogations, to be preliminary processed to the further site visits for prepared information collection.

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