Top 3 successes

Slovenia referendum rejects dangerous changes to Water Act
The proposed amendment was seen as a major threat to the environment. GWP Slovenia played an important role as an independent network for a national referendum to be organized. 86.7% of people voted ‘no’ to the changes so the Water Act could not be amended.

New online course supports Danube floodplain management
GWP CEE and partners designed the online course to teach about floodplain management and show examples of floodplain restoration measures across 10 countries sharing the Danube River Basin, which is the most international river basin in the world.

Sustainable Sanitation Task Force releases NBS report
Under EU legislation, wastewater collection and treatment in small settlements is not clearly regulated. The GWP CEE Sustainable Sanitation Task Force reviewed sanitation and nature-based solutions there. The study showed there has been some improvement in the number of wastewater treatment plants and in the diversity of technologies applied.

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Nature-Based Solutions provide in many cases lower cost and environmentally friendly ways to tackle a wide range of water management issues – from drought management to sustainable sanitation, from agriculture to river restoration. GWP CEE is now working to build a Community of Practice on NBS as part of the GWP Toolbox which will lead to multiple new opportunities in the CEE region and beyond.