

Integrated Drought Management

Programme in Central and Eastern Europe



**Act. 2.1: Guidelines for preparation
for the Drought Management Plans**

Milestone 3 Report
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1. Basic information

Name of the milestone report	Draft version of the Guidelines for Preparation of the Drought Management Plans
Activity leader	Elena Fatulova (SK)
Participating partners	
Duration	1 st April – 30 th June 2014
Chairman of the CWP	Elena Fatulova

**Milestone report is information about the progress made within this activity from previous milestone report for GWP CEE Regional Secretariat, Programme Manager, Peer Review Group and partners involved into IDMP CEE. It is not intended for further distribution.*

2. Activity Report

2.1. Short summary of the milestone report (max 2500 characters); What have been done after the previous milestone report(s)?

The previous milestone report was Slovak Study Report representing the output from the first phase of the Activity 2.1 Guidelines for Preparation of the Drought Management Plans. The report was completed by 31st March 2014. During the period April – June 2014 the draft of the Guidelines for Preparation of the Drought Management Plan has been developed. The draft was based on available general guidelines (WMO Guidelines, Commission Guidelines) respecting both - the main principles of the drought risk based management approach and principles of the integrated water management in accordance with Water Framework Directive. When developing the draft of the Guidelines practical experiences gained during the Slovak case study were used. Key elements of the Slovak case study are included in six Annexes amending the text of the Guidelines providing examples of application of the Guidelines.

The draft is prepared for the second phase during which comments and national expert contributions will be collected as a result of the National consultation dialogues (NCD) which should be organised in the participating CEE countries by the end of 2014. For this purpose a recommendations for the NCD have been elaborated and will be sent to the national experts together with draft of the Guidelines.

2.2. Describe the progress to the objectives of your activity?

The main objective of the Activity is development of the Guidelines for preparation of Drought Management Plans. The process of the Guidelines development was divided into two phases. During the first Phase two outputs has already been completed – Slovak Study Report, draft of the Guidelines for preparation of Drought Management Plan. It means that the first phase of the Activity is finished and the first draft is prepared for commenting during the NCD (Activity 2.2).

2.3. The expected final output (s). At what stage you are now in the process of producing the final

output(s)?
The final output is a final version of the Guidelines for preparation of the Drought Management Plans. Now we are in the middle of the process, when draft of the Guidelines has been developed which is based only on Slovak national experiences. It is expected that during the second phase of the activity the national experiences from the participating countries will be provided together with comments and proposals for changes of the Guidelines. Based on the received feedbacks, the draft of the Guidelines will be rewrite in the form of the final version of the Guidelines. The deadline is April 2015.
2.4. Have you introduced any change in the original plan as outlined in the Activity List?
In comparison with the original plan in the Activity list there is one change relating to postponement of the deadline for sending the draft of the Guidelines for comments to the national experts from the participating countries (originally in June, now in August). The change was introduced due to necessity of sending the prepared documents to PRG members for comments at first.
2.5. Identify links with other IDMP CEE activities
<p>The Activity 2.1 is linked namely with the activities:</p> <p><u>Activity 1.2</u> - Review of the current status of the implementation of Drought Management plans and measures within RBMP according to WFD – the results of the activity showed that the status of preparation of Drought Management Plans in CEE countries are not satisfactory and the participating countries have very limited experiences with drought management based on risk assessment approach.</p> <p><u>Activity 2.2</u> - National consultation dialogues organised with the aim to encourage the national experts from different institutions in their effort to start working together on preparation of the national Drought Management Plans and to cooperate within IDMP CEE activities on the development of the Guidelines for preparation of the Drought Management Plans.</p> <p><u>Activity 5</u> – the outputs from the demonstration projects 5.1 – 5.5 will be used as good practices in application of integrated drought management and recommendation from them will be included in the Guidelines.</p> <p><u>Activity 6.1</u> – Workshops - Guidelines (Act. 2.1) will be developed together with the key stakeholders from participating countries. 4 regional workshops will be also an opportunity to inform a broader audience on progress in Guidelines development.</p> <p><u>Activity 6.2</u> - Capacity building trainings - One of the main objectives of this programme is to move from crisis management toward risk management based approach. Preparation of the Drought Management plan is one of the first steps in this process. Main objective is to build capacity of key actors (water managers and farmer associations) to implement the whole process of the preparation of the Drought Management Plan in their own country.</p>
2.6. Other issues (problems during the implementation, how they were solved, etc.)
There has not been identified any problem during the first phase of the preparation of the Guidelines.
2.7. List if National Reports have been used, and if so, provide details on the National Reports (title, authors, publication data and location)
The only national report relating to drought management in Slovakia is Slovak Study report developed within IDMP CEE activities (GWP CEE, 2013, E. Fatulova: Slovak Study Report).

3. Attachments

- 1_ Draft version of the Guidelines
- 2_ Template for the 2nd NCD
- 3_ Summary report of the 1st NCDs