

Integrated Drought Management in Central and Eastern Europe

MONTHLY REPORT

(June – August 2013)

1. Activities or Outputs:

Focus in these three months was on preparation and submission of the final version of the workplan and budget, starting with the contracting involved experts, preparation of the plans for the activities where all 10 countries are involved, establishment of the Peer Review Group, etc. :

- At the end of June 2013 **final version of the workplan** (together with the list of partners and the budget) was submitted to GWPO. There is 6 demonstration projects and 10 other (regional) activities. Workplan is now more realistic, implementation process is clearer and monitoring will be easier. Workplan was approved and adopted by all partners involved.
- From June on we have started preparing **contracts for all involved experts** (over 40 different organizations, institutes, experts ...). It is envisaged to finish this process by the mid of September at latest.
- Instead of Task Force we have established Peer Review Group. The IDMP Peer Review Group (PRG) will provide demand driven technical oversight and support to the implementation of the IDM Programme. PRG acts on demand from countries and GWP CEE Secretariat, but it also may respond to needs of the IDMP management and coordination team. IDMP CEE Peer review Group consists of four experts:
 - o Mr. Janusz Kindler (Warsaw University of Technology),
 - Mr. Sándor Szalai (Szent István University)
 - Mr. Henny van Lanen (European Drought Centre)
 - Mr. Robert Stefanski (World Meteorological Organization)
- 6 demonstration projects have already started. "Regional activities" (where all 10 countries are involved) will start in September / October.

There were several events on which IDMP CEE Programme was presented:

- Bonn Climate Change Conference, 3-14 June 2013: From GWP CEE region Janusz Kindler and Sabina Bokal (IDMP CEE Programme Manager) had attend the second week (10-12 June) of this conference with the purpose to increase capacity building, exchange of experiences and broaden their network. IDMP CEE was shortly presented at the GWP press conference on 11th June.
- Fourth workshop on adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins (Geneva, 25-26 June 2013) and sixth meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate (Geneva, 27 June 2013): IDMP CEE Programme Manager participated at both events with a purpose to get information regarding the development of the Climate Change Adaptation pilot projects and to map and learn the implementation of measures to adapt to climate change in transboundary basins that could be transferred to on-going program on IDMP in CEE. Together with Regional Coordinator from CACENA Region IDMP CEE was presented in short presentation about GWP Water and Climate Programme.



- 2. Outcomes
- 3. News
- 4. Coming events

First IDMP CEE workshop will take place (after the CEE Council meeting) in Hodrusa Hamre, Slovakia from 15–16 October 2013. 1st IDMP workshop will be more like a "project meeting" where focus will be:

- on presentation of each activity (presentation of the activity working groups, plan, etc.),
- presentation of the plan and discussion on activities where all 10 countries will participate (Review of the current status, Guidelines, Platform, etc.),
- discussion on other open issues (capacity building trainings, etc.).
- 5. Photos