

**Astana Water Action (AWA)
Actions by ROMANIA**

Country: Romania, Ministry of Environment and Forests

Title of the action:

Improvement of water resources quality by reducing nutrients discharges into water bodies (AWA Paragraphs 12 f, 13 f, 16 d)

Description of the actions and if possible target date: Romania is implementing “Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project” with the aim: to reduce over the long term the discharge of nutrients into water courses leading to the Danube River and Black Sea through integrated land and water management; to promote behavior change through strengthened institutional and regulatory capacity and demonstrated commune-based actions and, hence, support the Government of Romania to meet the EU requirements in the field of water protection. Target date :2013.

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Expected outcome: Communa-based Investments in Nitrate Vulnerable Zones : construction of manure storage and management facilities at the commune level; investments in water sewerage and treatment plants in localities where manure communal storage and handling systems are implemented. Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building: updating the legislation on water and soil protection in line with EU regulations related to EU Nitrates Directive and Water Framework Directives; the acquisition of equipment for groundwater wells and mobile and in-situ sampling and laboratory equipment. Training program for the staff of relevant national, regional and county level agencies members of the EU Nitrates Directive working groups. Public Awareness and Replication Strategy: Carrying out of public awareness activities at the local, river basin, national and regional levels, to introduce the Project and its benefits, to promote improved rural sanitation in nitrate vulnerable zones and implementation of good agricultural practices, and to promote replication of the activities under the Project in other counties as well as in other Black Sea riparian countries and EU candidate countries.

Partners: **Ministry of Environment and Forests**, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, National Administration « Apele Romane », County Councils, Communas Councils.

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Title of the action:

Implementation of the provisions of the bilateral transboundary waters agreement (AWA Paragraphs 19 d, e, 20 a,b)

Description of the actions and if possible target date: In 2010 an agreement on cooperation for the protection and sustainable use of the Prut and Danube rivers has been signed with our neighbour country, Republic of Moldova. The agreement is based on the provisions of the UNECE Water Convention, Convention on cooperation for the protection and sustainable use of the Danube River, as well as EU Water Framework Directive. The transboundary waters Joint Commission is in place. Further implementation of the provisions are required.

Expected outcome: constitution of specific subcommissions and development of their regulations of function (tasks, organisations,etc), approving the regulation of the joint Commission, development of technical regulations (on protection against floods, on exchange of hydrometeorological data, on water protection and procedure in case of accidental pollutions of waters; upgrading the 1985 Regulation on the maintenance and operation of the Hydrotechnic Knot Stanca-Costesti on the Prut river.

Partners: Ministry of Environment and Forests, National Administration « Apele Romane », National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management, National Administration of Meteorology and Ministry of Environment of Republic of Moldova.

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