



AQUA-M



Joint actions for efficient urban water management in the cross-border area

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Partnership

Role	Partner	Logo	Country
Lead Partner 1 (LP1)	Municipality of Gevgelija		Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Lead Partner 2 (LP2)	Municipal Enterprise for water supply and sewerage of Paionia		Greece
Partner 3 (P3)	Municipality of Paionia		Greece

Brief Information about the Programme

The programme "Greece- the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2007-2013" is an IPA Cross Border Cooperation Programme co-financed by the European Union with the framework of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA). The Programme focuses on sustainable economic and social development in the border areas and assisting cooperation for addressing common challenges in fields such as environment, natural and cultural heritage and public health. The overall objective of the Programme is "to enhance convergence in the programme area by promoting sustainable local development". The total budget of the Programming Period 2007-2013 amounts to 31.549.722,00 €.

Minutes of technical meeting

Date: 21 November 2016

The third Project Meeting of Aqua-M opened by the General Secretary of Paionia Municipality, Mr Themistoklis Anthrakidis that welcomed and thanked all the partners' representatives for their presence at the meeting.

1st part of technical meeting: Presentation of the Presentation of the Project implementation progress

In the first part of the technical meeting, Mr Anthrakidis presented in detail the activity progress achieved up to now within the project and also invited the partners to report the progress made so far, focusing especially on recent achievements, difficulties and possible constraints. Mr Anthrakidis noted that the project, beyond the benefits that will provide in the two regions, it can be a gateway to development and expansion of cooperation in the field of local government. He specifically noticed that it is very important to keep up the territorial cooperation between the two countries to the following programming period of Greece-former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia 2014-2020. He pointed that for the Municipality the protection of water resources and its prudent and sustainable use is a benchmark.

Following the Director of the Municipality Enterprise of Water and Sewage, Mr. Anastasiadis, referred to the many environmental problems that the region is facing and expressed confidence that the cooperation with the Municipality of Gevgelija will be continued and improve the current situation.

In terms of the Municipality of Gevgelija the speaker was Mrs Risto Athanasovski who stressed that this project may be the base for deepening and continuing cooperation between all partners.

2nd part of the technical meeting: Presentation of new infrastructures of Sewage Treatment Plant in Polikastro

The Head of the Laboratory of the Municipality Enterprise of Water and Sewage made a presentation of the Laboratory infrastructures and equipment and its analytical capacity that has been acquired during the project.

Mr Risto Athanasovski on behalf of the Gevgelija Municipality addressed to the environmental problems regarding water quality and suggested that should be investigated the possibility of analyzing water samples from the Municipality of Gevgelija in the Laboratory. He noted that the Laboratory is very well equipped with unlimited analytical capacity and very close to the Municipality of Gevgelija.

The President of the Municipality Company of Water and Sewage and the Head of the Laboratory agreed in a cooperation like this by saying that such a cooperation realizes the cross border dimension of the project.

Afterwards, an open discussion between the project partners took place under the coordination of the lead partner regarding the planning of operations and formulating an action plan for the quarter July- September 2016.

The technical meeting concluded with an open discussion among the partners regarding the implementation procedures and the special issues regarding a project under the IPA Cross Border Programme Greece - former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia 2007-2013.