



AQUA-M



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

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Minutes of technical meeting (Deliverable 1.3.3)

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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 the 3rd technical meeting

Date: 5 December 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 Project implementation progress

In the first part of the technical meeting, Mr Anthrakidis presented in detail all the activities which were implemented by the Municipality. Also, 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 again 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.

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. Also, the continuation of the project, Aqua-M II, is being evaluated.

2nd part of the technical meeting: Project management and financial monitoring.

Mr Risto Athanasovski on behalf of the Gevgelija Municipality informed all the partners concerning their responsibilities related to the closure and the final reporting of the project, emphasizing on specific dates that they should save. More precisely, partners' tasks related to the final activity and financial reporting are:

- Contribution as far as the activity reporting is concerned based on a specific questionnaire that will be sent to all
- Immediate submission of the final expenditure verification requests and continuous follow up of the procedure in order to be completed the soonest the possible (especially for the Greek partners)
- All partners should send the respective certificates as soon as they receive them

IMPORTANT DATES

- 20.12.2016: Ending Date of the Project (Activities' Implementation and Billing-Payments)
- 24.12.2016: Partners should send to LP all their deliverables (or proof for the deliverables (according AF)
- 31.12.2016: Last date for payments
- 15.01.2017: Partners should send detailed activity and financial reporting to LP
- 20.01.2017: Progress and Financial Reporting Submission by LP

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 cooperation under the new proposals of IPA Cross Border Programme Greece - former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia 2007-2013.