

Minutes from the 10th regular meeting of the Joint Working Group
held on 19-06-2008,
from 10.00am – 11:00am
in the conference room of Directorate for Water, Belgrade

Present: Nenad Stefanovic (Vode Vojvodine), Dragana Milovanović, Marija Kostić, Claus Heuberger, Ivana Ivkovic

1. Opening of the meeting

After checking of who is coming and who is not coming, Claus started with the meeting. This will be the last meeting of the JWG, because end of project is in 2 months from now and vacations will dominate the schedules. It is pity that not more members could attend this gathering.

2. Progress of the project since last JWG meeting in January 2008

Claus informed the colleagues that most important event since that time is that the addendum of the contract took place and for that reason project was prolonged for three months. Since January, two Steering Committee meetings took place, 7th and 8th and the project activities did not have delays due to the waiting for the addendum or other obstacles. In total, 195,5 mission days were realized, out of which 53,5 mission days dedicated to activities 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 (Human Resources Core Team and HR Strategy) which were almost blocked before. From component 2, the preparation of RBMP started with involvement of many stakeholders. Besides that, the construction of pilot automated monitoring station in Beli Brod near Valjevo is completed, sensors installed and only the tuning of telemetry factors are still pending.

3. Activities in the last two months of the project

Claus announced three meetings that are focus of the attention until the end of June and beginning of July. (In July, Claus and Ivana will be on holiday from 7th till 21st of July). First, June 24th, the experts for financial plan will make the presentation of their efforts to all interested parties. Dragana promised to invite for the event. Second, June 27th, STE Hotopp will present the results of the activity concerning reform of administrative structures. The plan is to allow Serbian side to ask questions why this or that is recommended for organizational changes. Not only Directorate for Water but other beneficiary institutions are expected. Lastly, on July 3rd, additional meeting for the public awareness and public participation will take place with all the stakeholders who appeared in big number on the previous meeting, and the STE Dieter Schuette will prepare this workshop. The goal is to prepare the ground for permanent work of this group of stakeholders in water field.

Activities in component 1 are closing with that, with the exception of activity of evaluation of PR questionnaires which must be done in the first week of August. Activities in component 2 are planned to be very intensive in the next two months.

Claus also announced the inauguration of automated measuring station in Beli Brod scheduled for July 2nd in Beli Brod. Dragana proposed that Nenad gives this info to his institution so that adequate person can take part in it. Nenad informed the colleagues that another project of conceptual design for Remote supervision of DTD channel is currently undertaken by experts from Civil Engineering Faculty, with head being Mr. Prodanovic (not the director but professor). It would be useful to make him aware of the Beli Brod measuring station.

4. Final event

Claus informed the colleagues that the final event will be organized in Belgrade on August 20th from 10:00 a.m. Every member of the JWG will receive separate invitation for the event, but the directors of the institutions are naturally expected there. Dragana proposed to invite for the event the previous members of JWG who left the project before the end. The proposal is accepted.