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SIGMA for Water

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Lead Partner:	Province of Fryslân
Project title:	Sustainable InteGral Management Approaches for Water areas
Priority:	2: Environment and risk prevention
Sub-theme:	Water management

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1. Summary of the project's achievements so far

The Sustainable InteGral Management Approach (SIGMA) for water areas has had a good kick off in its first half year. General information for all the 10 water areas has started to be collected & disseminated among the partners. At the first interregional meeting in Leeuwarden (The Netherlands) the management of the project has been established, subgroups for wetlands and for lakes have been constituted, best practice in the partnership has started to be shared and identified. This is a good start for the exchange of knowledge that will lead to better masterplanning for the selected project areas. All partners have set up their networks in the region connecting policymakers and the regional stakeholders. All partners signed the partnership agreement and agreed the financial matrix with financial information for each partner and an overview for the common costs.

The kick off meeting in Eernewoude has been a successful start to the project. A project flyer has been released to attract the interest of a large group of experts and stakeholders in the project who were invited to the start meeting. All partners attended the kick off meeting, as well as regional stakeholders and politicians. The regional authority presented the case study for Lake Oudega; creating a new Lake of 100-150 ha, for recreation, natural life, its beach, parking, houses, walking & cycling routes, fishing, and increased water storage. All 10 partners presented their pilots, exchanged information & identified best practices to be transferred. In a plenary session the composition of the lake & wetland subgroups was agreed. All regional partners named their regional stakeholders and discussed their objectives. In a preparation plan, the activities and planning for the next years was drawn up.

The Publicity strategy and PR activities have been described in the communication plan. A Press release was issued and the press was informed about the start of the project, resulting in articles on the internet and in newspapers. The communication plan was sent to all partners and used as input for their regional communication plans. On 10 May 2010 the Lead partner and IRRRI attended the communication seminar organized by the JTS. New ways of communication will be prepared making use of social media. The website www.sigmaforwater.org has been launched and updated. Numerous media articles on the project have been published in newspapers and magazines.

A policy context template will be prepared for populating with local, regional, national and EU level policy information. This will be used to help identify required improvements to regional and local policy instruments in the project field, concerning lake & wetland development. The next period we will deliver more specific instruments that will contribute to interregional cooperation.

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2. Financial information

2.1 Total eligible expenditure by budget line

All costs in Euro

Budget line		Total budget	Previous reports	Current report	Accumulated	%	Remaining
No.	Specification						
1	Staff	1.168.611,00	0,00	62.782,95	62.782,95	5,37	1.105.828,05
2	Administration	147.654,00	0,00	3.516,46	3.516,46	2,38	144.137,54
3	Travel and accommodation	239.793,00	0,00	10.313,92	10.313,92	4,30	229.479,08
4	External expertise and services	926.582,00	0,00	95.890,06	95.890,06	10,35	830.691,94
5	Equipment	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
6	Sub-projects	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total		2.482.640,00	0,00	172.503,39	172.503,39	6,95	2.310.136,61
Original budget in the application:				352.000,00	352.000,00		
Over- or underspending:				-179.496,61	-179.496,61		
Over- or underspending in %:				-50,99	-50,99		

2.2 Total expenditure by location of partners/participants

Partner/participants located in		Total budget	Previous reports	Current report	Accumulated	%	Remaining
A	EU Member States with 75% ERDF co-financing rate	1.369.720,00	0,00	139.170,48	139.170,48	10,16	1.230.549,52
B	EU Member States with 85% ERDF co-financing rate	1.112.920,00	0,00	33.332,91	33.332,91	3,00	1.079.587,09
A + B		2.482.640,00	0,00	172.503,39	172.503,39	6,95	2.310.136,61
C	Norway (50% co-financing rate)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
A + B + C		2.482.640,00	0,00	172.503,39	172.503,39	6,95	2.310.136,61
D	Other expenditure not co-financed by INTERREG IVC	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total		2.482.640,00	0,00	172.503,39	172.503,39	6,95	2.310.136,61

2.3 ERDF/Norwegian national funding by location of partners/participants

Rate	Maximum funding	Previous reports	Current report	Accumulated	%	Remaining
for A (75%)	1.027.290,00	0,00	104.377,84	104.377,84	10,16	922.912,16
for B (85%)	945.982,00	0,00	28.332,96	28.332,96	3,00	917.649,04
A + B	1.973.272,00	0,00	132.710,80	132.710,80	6,73	1.840.561,20
for C (50%)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total	1.973.272,00	0,00	132.710,80	132.710,80	6,73	1.840.561,20

2.4 National co-financing by location of partners/participants

Rate	Budgeted amount	Previous reports	Current report	Accumulated	%	Remaining
for A (25%)	342.430,00	0,00	34.792,64	34.792,64	10,16	307.637,36
for B (15%)	166.938,00	0,00	4.999,95	4.999,95	3,00	161.938,05
A + B	509.368,00	0,00	39.792,59	39.792,59	7,81	469.575,41
for C (50%)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total	509.368,00	0,00	39.792,59	39.792,59	7,81	469.575,41

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2.5 Reported expenditure by partner

(for mini-programmes incl. expenditure of sub-project participants)

	Institution	Country	Eligible co-fin. exp.	Exp. not co-financed	ERDF/NO Funding
<u>LP</u>	<u>Province of Fryslân</u>	NL	23.349,00	0,00	17.511,75
<u>P2</u>	<u>Municipality of Smallerland</u>	NL	53.485,01	0,00	40.113,75
<u>P3</u>	<u>Merseburg Innovation and Technology Centre</u>	DE	21.382,99	0,00	16.037,24
<u>P4</u>	<u>District administration of Demmin</u>	DE	26.399,50	0,00	19.799,62
<u>P5</u>	<u>IRRI</u>	UK	14.553,98	0,00	10.915,48
<u>P6</u>	<u>Mineral & Energy Economy Research Institute of Polish Academy of Sciences</u>	PL	11.921,45	0,00	10.133,23
<u>P7</u>	<u>Buzau – Ialomita Water Basin Administration</u>	RO	1.472,51	0,00	1.251,63
<u>P8</u>	<u>Development Agency GAL Genovese</u>	IT	0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P9</u>	<u>University of Debrecen Centre for Environmental Management & Policy</u>	HU	6.838,09	0,00	5.812,37
<u>P10</u>	<u>South-Transdanubian Environment Protection & Water Management Directorate</u>	HU	13.100,86	0,00	11.135,73
<u>P11</u>	<u>PREFECTURE OF MAGNESIA</u>	EL	0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P12</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P13</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P14</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P15</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P16</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P17</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P18</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P19</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P20</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P21</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P22</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P23</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P24</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00
<u>P25</u>			0,00	0,00	0,00

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3. Lead Partner control confirmation

Based on our and the project partner controllers' examination, we confirm the following:

1. For this report the total paid and confirmed expenditure amounts to 172.503,39 €
2. The rules listed in the subsidy contract have been observed, including, but not limited to rules governing the eligibility of expenditure (Article 56 of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006, Article 48 to 53 of Regulation (EC) No 1828/2006, relevant national and internal regulations of the partners and rules laid down in the latest version of the INTERREG IVC programme manual).
3. The costs reported in this report refer to activities paid from the date of approval by the Monitoring Committee to the end of the reporting period. Costs reported under the component 'preparation activities' were incurred between 1 January 2007 and the date on which the first version of the application form approved by the approved by the Monitoring Committee has been submitted. They were paid out by the end date of the first reporting period.
4. Receipts and payments are accurately recorded in the project's accounting system, expenditure in another currency other than the Euro was correctly converted, assets are properly recorded and amounts are correctly reflected in demands for payment. Any revenues generated were deducted from the eligible expenditure. The necessary audit trail exists for all activities, providing evidence in the form of contracts, invoices and payment records. In case of staff costs, administration costs, the necessary evidence exists in the form of timesheets, listings of costs or formula descriptions and cost calculations.
5. Services, supplies and works have been procured on the basis of proper call for tenders in compliance with European, national, internal or other relevant rules, sound controls have been exerted over the opening of the tenders and all tenders have been fully evaluated before the final decision has been made on the service provider, supplier or works contractor.
6. Progress made has been fully and fairly reflected in the report. There is evidence that the reported activities have taken place, delivery of services and goods, and works are in progress or have been completed. The expenditure exclusively refers to activities listed in the latest approved version of the application form and completed at the latest by the end of the approved finalisation month.
7. The partners have complied with Community rules and policies including publicity, information, equal opportunities, protection of environment, state aid, competition and public procurement.
8. All inputs for the progress report received from the partners were confirmed by an authorised controller in respect of the country specific control requirements as announced on the INTERREG IVC website (in respect of Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006). The partner control confirmations for the expenditure reported by each partner in this report were provided by the project partners and signed by the authorized controllers.
9. The project's activities have started and are implemented in accordance with the stipulations of Article 6 (1) of the subsidy contract.

I hereby confirm that I / the company is independent from the project's activities and financial management and authorized to carry out the control in the EU-Member State/Norway on whose territory the Lead Partner is located.

Place,	
Date,	
Name and title of the controller,	
Signature of the controller,	
Official stamp¹	

