



## **SIGMA for Water**

### **Overview of policy recommendations**

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## 1. Introduction

- Within the Sigma for Water project the partners have identified the major recommendations for the improvement of relevant policies related to their lake / wetland.
- The description of policy recommendations is referring to different policy levels starting bottom up from local to regional to national and European.
- The recommendations are especially directed to the identified target groups which are responsible for the improvement of policies (e.g. municipalities, districts, ministries, agencies etc.)
- The project partners have articulated their recommendations in order to organise a follow up process with concrete actions for the improvement of lake and wetland development.
- The policy recommendations should also be used to seek support from media and raise public awareness. This could help to create pressure and establish lobby for specific actions.
- The recommendations are summarised in an overview table, which gives a good picture and comparison of the situation in the different partner regions.

## 2. Policy Matrix – Overview of Recommendations

	NL	DE Saxony-Anhalt	DE Mecklemburg	IT	GR	SCO	RO	HU	PL
LOC	No recommendations	<p>Further develop local and regional cooperation under involvement of all relevant stakeholders</p> <p>Establish attractive tourist destinations with focus on USP archaeology Construction of Central Visitor and Information Centre</p> <p>Creation of joint regional location marketing concept</p> <p>Further networking with nearby existing tourist destinations and Leipzig lakes</p>	<p>Further development of local cooperation under involvement of all relevant stakeholders such as farmers association, land owners and farmers represented by Water and Soil Association Obere Peene</p>	<p>To ensure an integrated approach to the wetland (river) planning</p> <p>To think about rivers as a resource and not as a problem</p> <p>To involve the key policy level in the local planning</p> <p>To ensure the cooperation about public and private key stakeholders</p>	<p>Define the actual threats (type and size) Karla Lake's ecosystem is facing, due to the related environmental stresses imposed</p>	<p>Adopt an <b>Integrated Green Infrastructure</b> approach to planning and design of Community Growth Areas.</p> <p>Develop clear policies / policy objectives for <b>climate change adaptation and mitigation</b> linked to the development of the Wetland Park and associated green network,</p> <p>Clear policies and policy objectives to link the creation and management of the Wetland Park to delivering local <b>socio-economic regeneration and economic development</b></p>	<p>Developing a project attractive to tourists, increasing biodiversity developing the potential to create employment locally</p> <p>- Introducing the pilot zone into the local Danube tourism map</p> <p>small affordable projects that demonstrate positive actions attractive to the local population</p> <p>Assessing water balance opportunities at early stage; how to use wetlands to help prevent flooding and to help overcome drought</p>	<p>Give priority for existing and potential wetlands areas preservation and development in local development strategy and plan.</p> <p>Further development of cooperation with involvement of all relevant stakeholders</p> <p>After water replenishment of the oxbow system establishing a new eco-touristic centre with study and cycling route (and the necessary infrastructure)</p>	<p>Development of cooperation between local authorities and businesses in the development of brownfield sites around the Gorka and Balaton reservoir</p> <p>The use of all the advantages of Gorka and Balaton tank</p> <p>Creation of joint regional location marketing concept to bundle and strengthen activities</p> <p>Improving the efficiency of support instruments of local businesses involved in revitalization projects</p> <p>Development of cooperation between local actors that manage leisure and recreational objects</p>

## SIGMA for Water – Policy Recommendations

<p><b>Reg</b></p>	<p>Strengthen the existing touristic (water)connection from Drachten with the Frisian lakes become part of the Frisian Lake project and the provincial policy programme 'Gastfrij Fryslân'.</p> <p>Designate Drachten within the Frisian lake project as a gateway to the Frisian lake area. Develop a master plan for the waterfront of Drachten an Oudega together.</p>	<p>Integrate Geiseltal lake in regional marketing strategy</p> <p>Ensure financing for further development of tourism infrastructure</p> <p>Creation of joint Tourism Development strategy for new lakes in Central Germany</p>	<p>Development of cooperation with other water authorities including water and soil associations in Mecklenburg Western Pomerania - transfer of knowledge and experiences from S4W including coordination with WFD implementation</p>	<p>To ensure the Integration between water management and water planning regulation</p> <p>To ensure financing for further development of integrated projects</p> <p>To solve conflict in wetland (water) use and management</p> <p>To apply the European Regulation about wetland (water)</p>	<p>Ensure the continuous cooperation of the Regional Authority with the Ecodevelopment Management Body of Karla - Mayrovounio - Kefalovriso – Velestino.</p> <p>Ensure the final approval of Karla Lake's Master/Action/Funding Plan from the Regional Authority and integrate the proposed actions to the Regional Operational Programme of Thessaly 2014-2020</p> <p>Ensure that <b>small smart win-win projects</b> regarding the <b>utilization of Karla Lake</b> will be appropriately communicated to potential investors, while at the same time will be <b>approved/ supported by the local community</b></p>	<p>Adopt the <b>Integrated Green Infrastructure</b> approach within regional planning policy and within planning and development decision making.</p> <p>Secure the long term management and development of the Wetland park as a flagship site within the <b>GCV Green Network and Central Scotland Green Network</b> including linking the Wetland Park / green network</p>	<p>being alert to climate change and using water bodies as an important element of adaptation to climate change</p> <p>- Assessing water balance opportunities at early stage; how to use wetlands to help prevent flooding and to help overcome drought</p> <p>Influencing funding bodies into becoming involved in structural funds consultation stages to ensure that funding for wetlands is incorporated into the new EU structural funds and regional funding programmes</p> <p>Ensuring the masterplanning helps develop the maximum economic opportunities whilst ensuring environmental and social benefits</p>	<p>Create a natural resources preservation and management platform (including wetland) for efficient participation of local partners (municipalities), stakeholders.</p> <p>Develop strategic plan for regional wetlands development as a highlighted element of the spatial planning process, decisions.</p> <p>Integrated with the Ancient Drava Programme (complex development programme of the 'Ormánság' Region) sharing the experience and the future possibilities of Sigma Project, and within that the Hungarian Cún-Szaporca Project in order to provide a good example for other development project of this region - which has very bad state of economy but a lot of natural values</p>	<p>Create tourism strategy which include also water reservoirs</p> <p>Financial support for the development of water reservoirs with particular emphasis on the needs of small retention</p>
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<p><b>Nat</b></p>	<p>Ensure sustainable development of the National park De Alde Feanen (Natura 2000).</p>	<p>Ensure sustainable development of Geiseltal with phasing out of redevelopment activities</p>	<p>Raising awareness for sustainable wetland development on national level - financing of implementation in underdeveloped regions also from federal sources to compensate the decline in EU funding</p>	<p>To ensure sustainable development of wetland in national regulation: integrated approach</p> <p>To apply the European Regulation about wetland (water)</p> <p>To involve the national key stakeholders in national planning to ensure the integration and feasibility of European New regulation</p> <p>To ensure funding for integrated project about wetland sustainable use</p>	<p>To ensure the viability of the operation of the Ecodevelopment Management Body of Karla - Mayrovounio - Kefalovriso - Velestino. The MB should be authorized to gather and elaborate the local population/end-users opinion on the subject</p>	<p>Green Networks and <b>Integrated Green Infrastructure</b> highlighted as best practice in national planning policy and practice</p> <p><b>Ecosystem services</b> identified and assessed, and their protection and enhancement <b>given greater consideration in planning decision making</b></p> <p>Opportunities to <b>deliver wider socio-economic benefits</b> through the creation and management of green networks and green / blue infrastructure highlighted in regeneration policy and practice</p>	<p>Utilizing an ecosystem services approach to help protect and enhance biodiversity</p> <p>Influencing funding bodies into becoming involved in structural funds consultation stages to ensure that funding for wetlands is incorporated into the new EU structural funds and regional funding programmes</p> <p>including the area into the National Protected areas Programs</p>	<p>Put the accent on the restoration and development of wetlands in the 2014-20 planning process and in the KEOP during the realizations.</p> <p>Finding other possible sources. Supporting the private investors.</p> <p>Similar to regional recommendation, dissemination is very important since Ancient Drava Programme is regional programme which is supported also at national level by the Hungarian Government. If it is found to be successful it can be a good reference in the future to improve other less-developed regions in Hungary based on natural values and sustainable water management.</p>	<p>Develop a national policy and strategy for the revitalization of brownfield sites including reservoirs such eg. after the mining operations</p> <p>Promotion of PPP and the development of legal solutions for the implementation of PPPs</p> <p>Changes in ownership law to facilitate the management of "wild" water reservoirs</p>
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<p>EU</p>	<p>Continue stimulating exchange of experience en cooperation with European partners (lake, wetland and sustainable tourism development).</p>	<p>Further development of exchange of experience with other European Lakes by creation of common network or cooperation platform</p>	<p>Development of exchange of experience regarding the implementation of the S4W masterplans in the involved regions EU support also for the financing of the implementation of the S4W masterplans</p>	<p>To ensure the integration in European funds to permit the integration and valorisation of wetland: natural, cultural and economic resources</p> <p>To ensure the European NETWORKING: sharing of experiences, experts, technologies, knowhow ...</p> <p>To involve the key stakeholders in European planning to ensure the integration and feasibility of European New regulation</p> <p>To ensure information, communication and education about wetlands and lakes sustainable use</p>	<p>To ensure the approval of Karla Lake’s Master Plan from the European Commission prior to be implemented as it has to do with the Management of more than one RBDs (River Basin Districts), while some other MP may only have local interest, due to its size and consequences.</p>	<p>Further exchange of approaches and practice in planning / management of wetland areas. This should focus on: Protecting and enhancing <b>wetland ecosystem services</b> in spatial planning, Role of wetlands in <b>climate change mitigation and adaptation</b>, Role of wetlands in <b>tourism / economic development</b></p> <p><b>Integrating green infrastructure</b> into developments in wetland areas which aims to achieve biodiversity, access, water management benefits alongside provision of high quality greenspace.</p>	<p>Including the area into Natura2000 network</p>	<p>Weighted and well-proportioned subsidy system for an EU level efficiency: more resources should got here where the efficiency is higher.</p> <p>Looking for partners and funds to generate further projects in connection with sustainable water management in order to exchange more experience and to meet other similar problems, methods, aspects, etc.</p>	<p>Further development of exchange of experience with other European regions</p> <p>Creation of common network or cooperation platform</p> <p>Financial support for activities related to the increase of EU water resources</p> <p>Recommendation the use of Master Plans as standards in the planning and management of water reservoirs in the EU</p>
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### 3. Policy Recommendations of partner regions

#### 3.1. Friesland, Netherlands

##### Local:

Policy Recommendation:	There are no local policy recommendations, because new recommendations have been implemented in tourism policy and the local spatial masterplan during the past years.
Target Group:	
Coordinator:	
Next steps:	

##### Regional

Policy Recommendation:	Strengthen the existing touristic (water)connection from Drachten with the Frisian lakes to utilize the opportunities for tourism an liveability by separating professional shipping and recreational boating and increasing the leisure facilities. Make this policy recommendation part of the Frisian Lake project and the provincial policy programme 'Gastfrij Fryslân'.
Policy Recommendation:	Designate Oudega in the Streekplan (provincial spatial plan) as a tourist village in order to create possibilities for intensifying recreation between Earnewâld and Oudega by enlarging the recreational area outside the vulnerable core of the National park De Alde Feanen.



Policy Recommendation:	Designate Drachten within the Frisian lake project as a gateway to the Frisian lake area. Develop a master plan for the waterfront of Drachten an Oudega together.
Policy Recommendation:	Intensify the investments in developing the national park 'De Alde Feanen' and the national landscape 'De Noardlike Fryske Walden' in order to increase and utilize the value of this areas for tourism and nature. Especially focus on utilizing the natural qualities (ecological and for tourism) between the high lying sandy areas of the Noardlike Fryske Wâlden and the wet bogs of the Alde Feanen National Park.
Target Group:	Politicians and policymakers of the provincie Fryslân
Coordinator:	
Next steps:	

## National

Policy Recommendation:	Ensure sustainable development of the National park De Alde Feanen (Natura 2000).
Policy Recommendation:	Keep investing in nature development and conservation (also and specially because of its economical value for tourism and employment)
Target Group:	Politicians and policymakers of the national government

Coordinator:	
Next steps:	

## European

Policy Recommendation:	Continue stimulating exchange of experience en cooperation with European partners (lake, wetland and sustainable tourism development).
Policy Recommendation:	Continue investing in the framework directive
Policy Recommendation	Ensure sustainable development of the Natura 2000 and keep investing in nature development
Target Group:	Politicians and policymakers of Europe
Coordinator:	
Next steps:	

### 3.2. Saxony-Anhalt, Germany

#### Local:

Policy Recommendation:	Further develop local and regional cooperation under involvement of all relevant stakeholders
Target Group:	Municipalities and private tourism companies, associations
Coordinator:	Municipal District Saalekreis
Next steps:	Establishment of new marketing association as sustainable structure for cooperation

Policy Recommendation:	Construction of Central Visitor and Information Centre, Further development of feasibility study with finance and operator model  Establish attractive tourist destinations with focus on USP archaeology (e.g. Elephants exhibition)
Target Group:	Municipality Braunsbedra, Müheln, Bad Lauchstädt, Pfännerhall, Museum for Prehistory
Coordinator:	District Saalekreis
Next steps:	Development of project to start 1 <sup>st</sup> phase of exhibition of elephants in Pfännerhall Factory

Policy Recommendation:	Creation of joint regional location marketing concept to bundle and strengthen activities
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Target Group:	Municipalities, District, Tourism Associations
Coordinator:	District Saalekreis
Next steps:	Development of joint project for development of marketing concept until March 2013

Policy Recommendation:	Further networking with nearby existing tourist destinations., Further development of cooperation with Leipzig Neuseenland Area
Target Group:	Tourism Association Saale-Unstrut, Leipzig Neuseenland, Museum for Prehistory, Roman Street
Coordinator:	District Saalekreis
Next steps:	Further development of discussion – Geiseltal will become separate tourism cluster in Saale Unstrut Tourism area.

## Regional

Policy Recommendation:	Integrate Geiseltal lake in regional marketing strategy
Target Group:	Investment and Marketing Agency Saxony-Anhalt
Coordinator:	Geiseltalsee.de Marketing Initiative
Next steps:	Develop Marketing Concept for Geiseltalsee and discuss with IMG about integration in broader marketing activities

Policy Recommendation:	Ensure financing for further development of tourism infrastructure
Target Group:	Ministry of Science and Economy Saxony-Anhalt and Ministry of Regional Development and Transport Saxony-Anhalt
Coordinator:	Ministry of Economy Saxony-Anhalt
Next steps:	Programming of Operational Program for Period 2014-2020, set funding framework for future investments of municipalities until End 2013

Policy Recommendation:	Creation of joint Tourism Development strategy for new lakes in Central Germany (Cooperation between Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt)
Target Group:	Municipalities and Districts around the lakes in Saxony-Anhalt (Geiseltalsee) and Leipziger Neuseenland, Green Ring Leipzig
Coordinator:	Ministry of Regional Development and Transport Saxony-Anhalt
Next steps:	Development of joint cooperation project to develop Central German Lake Tourism Strategy until March 2013 – Start cooperation in Summer 2013

## National

Policy Recommendation:	Ensure sustainable development of Geiseltal with phasing out of redevelopment activities
Target Group:	Municipalities around the lake
Coordinator:	Ministry of Science and Economy Saxony-Anhalt, in cooperation with LMBV
Next steps:	Working group on redevelopment activities has been established to work out action plan for the next year, next meeting is 19 April in Mücheln

## European

Policy Recommendation:	Further development of exchange of experience with other European Lakes by creation of common network or cooperation platform
Target Group:	Municipalities around the Geiseltal lake, other European regions or municipalities with lakes, tourism associations, development agencies
Coordinator:	Municipal district Saalekreis
Next steps:	Monitor future funding opportunities e.g. Interreg VC to identify sources for funding, establish contacts to relevant lakes with similar interests.

### 3.3. Mecklenburg Lake District, Germany

#### Local:

Policy Recommendation:	Further development of local cooperation under involvement of all relevant stakeholders such as farmers association, land owners and farmers represented by Water and Soil Association Obere Peene
Target Group:	Water and Soil Association Obere Peene
Coordinator:	Project Partner 14 - Mecklenburg Lake District
Next steps:	Frequent discussions with all relevant stakeholders

#### Regional

Policy Recommendation:	Development of cooperation with other water authorities including water and soil associations in Mecklenburg Western Pomerania - transfer of knowledge and experiences from S4W including coordination with WFD implementation
Target Group:	Water and soil associations in Mecklenburg Western Pomerania
Coordinator:	Project Partner 14 - Mecklenburg Lake District
Next steps:	Information about the results of the S4W project on a regional level



## National

Policy Recommendation:	Raising awareness for sustainable wetland development on national level - financing of implementation in underdeveloped regions also from federal sources to compensate the decline in EU funding
Target Group:	German Federal Government (Federal Environmental Ministry, Federal Environmental Agency)
Coordinator:	Project Partner 14 - Mecklenburg Lake District together in coordination with the environmental ministry of Mecklenburg Western Pomerania
Next steps:	Discussion with the ministry of Mecklenburg Western Pomerania to coordinate the next steps

## European

Policy Recommendation:	Development of exchange of experience regarding the implementation of the S4W masterplans in the involved regions EU support also for the financing of the implementation of the S4W masterplans
Target Group:	EU
Coordinator:	S4W lead partner
Next steps:	Contacting the responsible EU authorities on the basis of the results of the S4W project

### 3.4. Genova, Italy

#### Local:

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure an integrated approach to the wetland (river) planning
Target Group:	The main target actors are: Province of Genoa and Municipalities; the Optimal Territorial Areas (ATO) that consist of well defined areas, upon the administrative limits, in which integrated water cycle management is pursued and the use of the environment optimized and that is governed by the “Autorità d’Ambito”, a consortium which manages the integrated water service with responsibility of planning and monitoring; water utility company (IRIDE S.p.A.); the “Basin Authority”; Liguria Region
Coordinator:	Province (through its “Landscape Territorial Plan”)
Next steps:	To organize head tables with all the target group subjects

Policy Recommendation:	To think about rivers as a resource and not as a problem
Target Group:	The main target group is constituted by Municipalities and Public Administration in general but it’s important that a change of the way of thinking could occur, so also companies, associations and citizens
Coordinator:	Municipalities
Next steps:	The future planning process must take into consideration this concept. The river must become a resource and a union element for all the valley

Policy Recommendation:	To involve the key policy level in the local planning
Target Group:	Liguria Region, Province of Genoa, Municipalities
Coordinator:	The Province of Genoa

Next steps:	It is required by the new law that the Provinces will organize head tables with all the key policy actors to define the future participated planning instruments
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Policy Recommendation:	To ensure the cooperation about public and private key stakeholders
Target Group:	Public administrations, associations, companies, citizens
Coordinator:	Public administrations
Next steps:	The use of participated processes of decision, with a bottom up approach, is increasingly attempting

## Regional

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure the Integration between water management and water planning regulation
Target Group:	The main target actors are: Province of Genoa and Municipalities; the Optimal Territorial Areas (ATO) that consist of well defined areas, upon the administrative limits, in which integrated water cycle management is pursued and the use of the environment optimized and that is governed by the “Autorità d’Ambito”, a consortium which manages the integrated water service with responsibility of planning and monitoring; water utility company (IRIDE S.p.A.); the “Basin Authority”; Liguria Region
Coordinator:	Liguria Region
Next steps:	To promote the integrated approach for water management and planning

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure financing for further development of integrated projects
Target Group:	Public administrations, such as Liguria Region, Province of Genova, Municipalities, development agencies
Coordinator:	Liguria Region

Next steps:	The integration of different funding opportunities is the new approach
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Policy Recommendation:	To solve conflict in wetland (water) use and management
Target Group:	The main target actors are:  Province of Genoa and Municipalities; the Optimal Territorial Areas (ATO) that consist of well defined areas, upon the administrative limits, in which integrated water cycle management is pursued and the use of the environment optimized and that is governed by the “Autorità d’Ambito”, a consortium which manages the integrated water service with responsibility of planning and monitoring; water utility company (IRIDE S.p.A.); the “Basin Authority”; Liguria Region
Coordinator:	Liguria Region together with Provinces, Basin Authority and Optimal Territorial Areas Authorities
Next steps:	For the local pilot area the development agency Gal Genovese, together with the Province of Genova and the Municipalities involved are following a bottom-up approach to solve any conflict in wetland use and management.

Policy Recommendation:	To apply the European Regulation about wetland (water)
Target Group:	National ministries, Liguria Region, public administrations in general
Coordinator:	National ministry and Region
Next steps:	To promote the application of EU Regulation

## National

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure sustainable development of wetland in national regulation: integrated approach
Target Group:	Public administrations (National Ministries, Regions, Provinces, Municipalities) , Environmental Agencies, Natural Parks

Coordinator:	National Ministries
Next steps:	To promote the integrated approach for water management and planning

Policy Recommendation:	To apply the European Regulation about wetland (water)
Target Group:	National ministries, Liguria Region, public administrations in general
Coordinator:	National ministry and Region
Next steps:	To promote the application of EU Regulation

Policy Recommendation:	To involve the national key stakeholders in national planning to ensure the integration and feasibility of European New regulation
Target Group:	Public administrations (European Departments, National Ministries, Regions, Provinces, Municipalities) , Environmental Agencies, Natural Parks, Universities
Coordinator:	National Ministries
Next steps:	About the new European programming are ongoing exchanges between European Institutions and Member States

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure funding for integrated project about wetland sustainable use
Target Group:	Public administrations (European Departments, National Ministries, Regions, Provinces, Municipalities) , Environmental Agencies, Natural Parks, Universities, development agencies, associations
Coordinator:	European Departments and National Ministries
Next steps:	About the new European programming are ongoing exchanges between European Institutions and Member States and the integrated project is the new approach

## European

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure the integration in European funds to permit the integration and valorisation of wetland: natural, cultural and economic resources
Target Group:	European institutions, Member States, Local Authorities, Environmental agencies, cultural associations, economic actors, foundations, natural parks, University
Coordinator:	European Institutions and Member States
Next steps:	To facilitate the integration in EU funds

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure the European NETWORKING: sharing of experiences, experts, technologies, knowhow ...
Target Group:	European institutions, Member States, Local Authorities, Environmental agencies, cultural associations, economic actors, foundations, natural parks, University
Coordinator:	European Institutions and Member States
Next steps:	To facilitate an integrated approach

Policy Recommendation:	To involve the key stakeholders in European planning to ensure the integration and feasibility of European New regulation
Target Group:	European institutions, Member States, Local Authorities
Coordinator:	European Institutions and Member States
Next steps:	To facilitate an integrated approach

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure information, communication and education about wetlands and lakes sustainable use
Target Group:	European institutions, Member States, Local Authorities, Environmental agencies, associations, economic actors, foundations, natural parks, University, citizens
Coordinator:	European institutions, Member States

Next steps:	To facilitate an integrated approach
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### 3.5. Greece

#### Local:

Policy Recommendation:	Define the actual water needs of the wider area to be met using Karla Lake’s water reserves.
Target Group:	Local Communities, farmers, water users
Coordinator:	Region of Thessaly
Next steps:	Encourage the development and implementation of a Water Conservation Plan

Policy Recommendation:	Define the actual threats (type and size) Karla Lake’s ecosystem is facing, due to the related environmental stresses imposed
Target Group:	Local Communities, farmers, water users
Coordinator:	Region of Thessaly
Next steps:	Encourage the development and implementation of a Penalty Plan for those responsible (based on the WFD’s fundamental principle “Pollutant Pays Principle”)

#### Regional:

Policy Recommendation:	Ensure the continuous cooperation of the Regional Authority with the Ecodevelopment Management Body of Karla - Mayrovounio - Kefalovriso – Velestino.
Target Group:	Region of Thessaly, Ecodevelopment Management Body of Karla - Mayrovounio - Kefalovriso – Velestino, local community, local universities, research centres, experts
Coordinator:	Region of Thessaly
Next steps:	Start a networking channel in order for the Region of Thessaly to work closely together (forming respective working teams) with: a) the MB; b)



	<p>experts on these topics (local universities, research centres); c) experts outside the area in order to listen to new ideas; d) others having already accomplished the same goals as the Region is called to.</p> <p>During the implementation of the MP all relevant stakeholders should work together, but only the one authorized to make the final decision should be asked to step forth.</p>
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Policy Recommendation:	Ensure the final approval of Karla Lake’s Master/Action/Funding Plan from the Regional Authority and integrate the proposed actions to the Regional Operational Programme of Thessaly 2014-2020
Target Group:	Region of Thessaly, Greek Government
Coordinator:	Region of Thessaly
Next steps:	The integration of Karla Lake’s Master/Action/Funding Plan proposed actions to the National Operational Programming 2014-2020

Policy Recommendation:	Ensure that <b>small smart win-win projects</b> regarding the <b>utilization of Karla Lake</b> will be appropriately communicated to potential investors, while at the same time will be <b>approved/supported by the local community</b>
Target Group:	Local Communities
Coordinator:	Region of Thessaly
Next steps:	Promotion of local goods, entrepreneurship

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure that <b>small smart win-win projects</b> regarding the <b>utilization of Karla Lake</b> will be appropriately <b>communicated to potential investors</b> , while at the same time will be approved/supported by the local community
Target Group:	Potential Investors
Coordinator:	Region of Thessaly
Next steps:	Clustering

## National:

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure the viability of the operation of the Ecodevelopment Management Body of Karla - Mayrovounio - Kefalovriso - Velestino. The MB should be authorized to gather and elaborate the local population/end-users opinion on the subject
Target Group:	National authorities, Region of Thessaly, Local Authorities, local community
Coordinator:	Greek Government
Next steps:	To promote an integrated approach for water recourse management

## European:

Policy Recommendation:	To ensure the approval of Karla Lake’s Master Plan from the European Commission prior to be implemented as it has to do with the Management of more than one RBDs (River Basin Districts), while some other MP may only have local interest, due to its size and consequences.
Target Group:	European Commission, Greek Government, Region of Thessaly
Coordinator:	Region of Thessaly
Next steps:	To promote an integrated approach for water recourse management and respect the WFD suggestions, regarding who is responsible for the Water Resources Management.

3.6. Scotland

Local:

<p>Policy Recommendation:</p>	<p>Adopt an <b>Integrated Green Infrastructure</b> approach to planning and design of Community Growth Areas. These should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface water management plans</li> <li>• Multi-functional green networks (habitat, access, water)</li> <li>• Green network links to the surrounding landscape</li> </ul>
<p>Target Group:</p>	<p>Local authority planners, flood engineers, roads engineers, access officers, biodiversity officers and landscape architects</p> <p>Developers and planning consultants in the private sector</p>
<p>Coordinator:</p>	<p>Glasgow and Clyde valley Green network partnership and local authority planners</p>
<p>Next steps:</p>	<p>Develop detailed spatial plans for green networks / green infrastructure for Community Growth Areas (CGAs)</p> <p>Involve target groups in development of these plans</p> <p>Link plans to planning guidance / masterplan briefs for CGAs</p>

<p>Policy Recommendation:</p>	<p>Develop clear policies / policy objectives for <b>climate change adaptation and mitigation</b> linked to the development of the Wetland Park and associated green network, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection and enhancement of ecosystem services – particularly carbon capture and waster resource management</li> <li>• Renewable energy, use of low carbon materials and technologies, and use of carbon accounting</li> <li>• Raising awareness and education</li> </ul>
<p>Target Group:</p>	<p>Local Authority managers / officers</p> <p>Land owners / managers in the public and private sector</p>

	Contractors
Coordinator:	Lead body for implementation of Wetland Park masterplan
Next steps:	Develop climate change strategy for the Wetland Park and green network – setting out clear policies and an associated action plan

Policy Recommendation:	<p>Clear policies and policy objectives to link the creation and management of the Wetland Park to delivering local <b>socio-economic regeneration and economic development</b>, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for training and employment</li> <li>• Business / social enterprise development linked to services within the Wetland Park</li> <li>• Community benefit clauses in contracts for service delivery within / around the Wetland park</li> </ul>
Target Group:	<p>Regeneration / economic development organizations / agencies</p> <p>Private sector</p> <p>Local Community organizations / social economy organisations</p>
Coordinator:	Lead body for implementation of Wetland Park masterplan
Next steps:	<p>Identify / clarify scope for links. Work with partners to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a strategic approach to regeneration and economic development, setting clear policies and outcomes; and</li> <li>2. Develop and deliver programmes / projects to achieve agreed outcomes</li> </ol>

## Regional

Policy Recommendation:	Adopt the <b>Integrated Green Infrastructure</b> approach within regional planning policy and within planning and development decision making.
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Target Group:	<p>Scottish Government / Government Agency planners and policy makers</p> <p>Planners and associated professionals within local and regional authorities</p> <p>National / regional advocacy organizations for planning</p>
Coordinator:	<p>Regional planning authorities and regional green network partnerships (such as Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership)</p>
Next steps:	<p>Advocacy / awareness raising within key target audiences through events, website, continuing professional development programmes and meetings. Promote the IGI approach through regional policy consultations.</p>

Policy Recommendation:	<p>Secure the long term management and development of the Wetland park as a flagship site within the <b>GCV Green Network</b> and <b>Central Scotland Green Network</b> including linking the Wetland Park / green network to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wider <b>Integrated Habitat Network</b> across the city region and beyond</li> <li>• a regional <b>drainage strategy</b> linked to flood risk management and climate change adaptation</li> <li>• regional <b>walking and cycling routes</b></li> <li>• regional <b>regeneration / economic development</b> programmes</li> <li>• regional <b>tourism and recreation development</b></li> </ul>
Target Group:	<p>Scottish Government Agency policy makers and programme managers</p> <p>Flood engineers, transport planners, tourism and economic development managers within local / regional authorities</p> <p>National / regional advocacy organizations for planning, biodiversity, flood risk management, sustainable transport, tourism</p>
Coordinator:	<p>Regional planning authorities and regional green network partnerships</p>
Next steps:	<p>Networking / awareness raising / advocacy through events, on-line seminars, professional bodies and promotional materials / campaigns to ensure key principles are embedded in future policy development and practice</p>

## National

<p>Policy Recommendation:</p>	<p>Green Networks and <b>Integrated Green Infrastructure</b> highlighted as best practice in national planning policy and practice</p> <p><b>Ecosystem services</b> identified and assessed, and their protection and enhancement <b>given greater consideration in planning decision making</b></p> <p>Opportunities to <b>deliver wider socio-economic benefits</b> through the creation and management of green networks and green / blue infrastructure highlighted in regeneration policy and practice</p>
<p>Target Group:</p>	<p>National planners / policy makers</p> <p>Policy makers on regional / economic development</p>
<p>Coordinator:</p>	<p>Government and Government Agencies for environment, water, regeneration and enterprise development.</p> <p>Professional bodies for planning / planning advocacy organisations</p>
<p>Next steps:</p>	<p>Demonstration projects – which show delivery ‘on the ground’ and can be highlighted in national policies and can be the focus of site visits and national professional development programmes. Promote the IGI approach and the Wetland Park project through national policy consultations.</p>

## European

<p>Policy Recommendation:</p>	<p>Further exchange of approaches and practice in planning / management of wetland areas. This should focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting and enhancing <b>wetland ecosystem services</b> in spatial planning</li> <li>• Role of wetlands in <b>climate change mitigation and adaptation</b></li> <li>• Role of wetlands in <b>tourism / economic development</b></li> <li>• <b>Integrating green infrastructure</b> into developments in wetland areas which aims to achieve biodiversity, access, water management benefits alongside provision of high quality greenspace.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Target Group:</b></p>	<p>Local and regional planners – both those involved in development plans and those involved in site masterplans</p> <p>Landscape architects, water engineers and other involved in the design of developments</p> <p>Policy makers at national and EU level – highlighting these approaches across a number of policy areas, i.e. Regional development, climate change, biodiversity, sustainable tourism, water environment.</p>
<p><b>Coordinator:</b></p>	<p>EU and other transnational organizations in the public and ‘professional organisations’ sector.</p>
<p><b>Next steps:</b></p>	<p>Large scale, ‘on the ground’ examples which demonstrate the protection and enhancement of wetland ecosystems to deliver biodiversity, ecosystem services, climate change and tourism / economic benefits in areas of high development pressure are needed.</p>

### 3.7. Romania

Policy Recommendation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing a project comprehensively to ensure that a series of aims are met, including making a site more attractive to tourists, increasing biodiversity and e.g. fishing opportunities, developing the potential to create employment locally</li> <li>- Introducing the pilot zone into the local Danube tourism map</li> </ul>
Target Group:	local water companies, Municipalities, Industrial companies, farmers, Local and Regional Public Authorities, citizens, N.G.O.'s
Coordinator:	National Administration "Apele Romane" Buzau – Ialomita River Basin Administration
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community consultations</li> <li>- Investigating funding opportunities as an early and integrated action within the project</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	- Ensure that any opportunities for "quick wins" are taken, i.e. small affordable projects that demonstrate positive actions attractive to the local population can be carried out at an early stage to help generate community support
Target Group:	Interested investors
Coordinator:	Local Public Authorities
Next steps:	- presenting the benefits of the project and area to the potential investors (tourism, fishing, etc)

Policy Recommendation:	- Assessing water balance opportunities at early stage; how to use wetlands to help prevent flooding and to help overcome drought
Target Group:	Local Public Authorities, citizens, Industrial companies, N.G.O.'s



Coordinator:	National Administration “Apele Romane” - Buzau – Ialomita River Basin Administration County Emergency Situations Preventions Comitee
Next steps:	Consultations meeting, proposals to include pilot area as a prevention against flood tool.

## Regional

Policy Recommendation:	- being alert to climate change and using water bodies as an important element of adaptation to climate change - Assessing water balance opportunities at early stage; how to use wetlands to help prevent flooding and to help overcome drought
Target Group:	local water companies, Municipalities, Industrial companies, farmers, Local and Regional Public Authorities, citizens, N.G.O.’s
Coordinator:	National Administration “Apele Romane” Buzau – Ialomita River Basin Administration
Next steps:	Consultations

Policy Recommendation:	- Influencing funding bodies into becoming involved in structural funds consultation stages to ensure that funding for wetlands is incorporated into the new EU structural funds and regional funding programmes
Target Group:	local water companies, Municipalities, Industrial companies, farmers, Local and Regional Public Authorities, citizens, N.G.O.’s.
Coordinator:	National Administration “Apele Romane” Buzau – Ialomita River Basin Administration
Next steps:	Discussions with river basin committee representatives

Policy Recommendation:	- Ensuring the masterplanning helps develop the maximum economic opportunities whilst ensuring environmental and social benefits
Target Group:	local water companies, Municipalities, Industrial companies, farmers, Local and Regional Public Authorities, citizens, N.G.O's.
Coordinator:	National Administration "Apele Romane" Buzau – Ialomita River Basin Administration
Next steps:	Discussions with river basin committee representatives

## National

Policy Recommendation:	- Utilizing an ecosystem services approach to help protect and enhance biodiversity
Target Group:	Municipalities and water management authorities, Industrial companies, farmers, Local and Regional Public Authorities, citizens, N.G.O's.
Coordinator:	National Government
Next steps:	

Policy Recommendation:	- Influencing funding bodies into becoming involved in structural funds consultation stages to ensure that funding for wetlands is incorporated into the new EU structural funds and regional funding programmes
Target Group:	local water companies, Municipalities, Industrial companies, farmers, Local and Regional Public Authorities, citizens, N.G.O's.

Coordinator:	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Water and Forests
Next steps:	Discussions with environmental and water management representatives

Policy Recommendation:	- including the area into the National Protected areas Programs
Target Group:	economic and touristic stakeholders, Associations and organisations relating to environment protection, N.G.O.'s
Coordinator:	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Water and Forests
Next steps:	- Discussions with national area custodian

## European

Policy Recommendation:	- Including the area into Natura2000 network
Target Group:	The protection of areas that have been designated under the Habitat and Bird guideline. In European perspective these areas have a rich biodiversity.
Coordinator:	member states of the EU, European Commission
Next steps:	- Discussions and Proposals for extending Natura 2000 network sites in the area

### 3.8. Hungary

#### Local:

Policy Recommendation:	Give priority for existing and potential wetlands areas preservation and development in local development strategy and plan.
Target Group:	Local communities, local community associations.
Coordinator:	mayors
Next steps:	Involvement of local communities into regional wetland development strategy and plan development.

Policy Recommendation:	Further development of cooperation with involvement of all relevant stakeholders
Target Group:	Local municipalities (settlements of Cún and Szaporca); national park directorates; environment protection, nature conservation and water management authorities; fishing, hunting and forestry associations; other NGOs deal with the local traditions and development; farmers; etc.
Coordinator:	South-transdanubian Water Management Directorate
Next steps:	Organizing further stakeholder meetings to introduce the progress of the project and to reveal the possibilities which can be provided in the future by the project

Policy Recommendation:	After water replenishment of the oxbow system establishing a new eco-touristic centre with study and cycling route (and the necessary infrastructure)
Target Group:	Local municipalities (settlements of Cún and Szaporca); national park directorates; educational, recreational and touristic institutions; local inhabitants, in addition local and remote visitors
Coordinator:	Danube-Drava National Park Directorate
Next steps:	Agreement with the stakeholders; finding the relevant funds; creating/preparing the detailed plans; permitting and implementation

## Regional

Policy Recommendation:	<p>Create a natural resources preservation and management platform (including wetland) for efficient participation of local partners (municipalities), stakeholders.</p> <p>Develop strategic plan for regional wetlands development as a highlighted element of the spatial planning process, decisions.</p>
Target Group:	Regional/County Development Council, mayors
Coordinator:	Elected Board
Next steps:	Preparation work: identification of concrete actors, partners. Meetings and decision.

Policy Recommendation:	Integrated with the Ancient Drava Programme (complex development programme of the 'Ormánság' Region) sharing the experience and the
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	future possibilities of Sigma Project, and within that the Hungarian Cún-Szaporca Project in order to provide a good example for other development project of this region - which has very bad state of economy but a lot of natural values
Target Group:	Regional municipalities; development agencies; representatives of the regional policy and economy; professional institutions, associations, NGOs, etc.
Coordinator:	
Next steps:	Writing more articles for press; preparing leaflets and brochures; giving reports and interviews

## National

Policy Recommendation:	Put the accent on the restoration and development of wetlands in the 2014-20 planning process and in the KEOP during the realizations.  Finding other possible sources. Supporting the private investors.
Target Group:	Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of National Development, National Development Agency
Coordinator:	Ministry of Rural Development
Next steps:	Lobbying at Ministry of Rural Development and other planning bodies.

Policy	Similar to regional recommendation, dissemination is very important since
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Recommendation:	Ancient Drava Programme is regional programme which is supported also at national level by the Hungarian Government. If it is found to be successful it can be a good reference in the future to improve other less-developed regions in Hungary based on natural values and sustainable water management.
Target Group:	National development agencies and Ministry for Rural Development
Coordinator:	
Next steps:	Press release and dissemination with the national authorities of concern

## European

Policy Recommendation:	Weighted and well-proportioned subsidy system for an EU level efficiency: more resources should get here where the efficiency is higher.
Target Group:	European Commission
Coordinator:	DG Environment
Next steps:	Lobbying at national level for that should be put across at the Commission.

Policy	Looking for partners and funds to generate further projects in
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Recommendation:	connection with sustainable water management in order to exchange more experience and to meet other similar problems, methods, aspects, etc.
Target Group:	Professional institutions, associations, NGOs, etc.
Coordinator:	
Next steps:	Enquiring and looking for further project possibilities; considering and sharing new project ideas; keeping in touch with the existing partners and seeking new partners



### 3.9. Poland

#### Local:

Policy Recommendation:	Development of cooperation between local authorities and businesses in the development of brownfield sites around the Gorka and Balaton reservoir
Target Group:	Units of local government, local businesses, residents, banks, insurance companies, consulting institutions, non-profit organizations
Coordinator:	Chrzanow County District/ Municipal Office of Trzebinia
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implementation of reclamation and development of water tanks for recreational purposes;</li> <li>▪ The modernization of tourism infrastructure in the vicinity of water bodies</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	The use of all the advantages of Gorka and Balaton tank
Target Group:	The municipality, banks, institutions that provide grants (Marshal's Office, the Regional Fund for Environmental Protection), consulting institutions, nonprofit organizations, businesses, residents, tourists
Coordinator:	Chrzanow County District/ Municipal Office of Trzebinia
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Creating natural paths;</li> <li>▪ The development of geotourism attractions based of geological attractions held (rocks, caves, pits post-mining);</li> <li>▪ Renovation of historic mansions, palaces (eg Mloszowa)</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	Creation of joint regional location marketing concept to bundle and strengthen activities
Target Group:	Businesses, community, enterprise IT, consulting firms, advertising agencies, media
Coordinator:	Chrzanow County District/ Municipal Office of Trzebinia
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wider use of modern IT tools in the planning and effective management of water areas such as visualization of development concept (3D);</li> <li>▪ Reaching with a comprehensive information for possible investments in industrial areas to businesses;</li> <li>▪ Advertising and promotional campaign</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	Improving the efficiency of support instruments of local businesses involved in revitalization projects
Target Group:	The municipality, banks, institutions that provide grants (Marshal's Office, the Regional Fund for Environmental Protection), company
Coordinator:	Chrzanow County District/ Municipal Office of Trzebinia
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analysis of the effectiveness of the use of financial instruments by firms interested in investing tourist and recreational</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	Development of cooperation between local actors that manage leisure and recreational objects
Target Group:	Municipalities, businesses
Coordinator:	Chrzanow County District/ Municipal Office of Trzebinia
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitoring of cooperation;</li> <li>▪ The exchange of knowledge in the field of management models developed of tourist facilities</li> </ul>

## Regional

Policy Recommendation:	Create tourism strategy which include also water reservoirs
Target Group:	the general public, beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries, as well as the media, social and economic partners, the institutions involved in the implementation of the strategy
Coordinator:	Marshal Office of the Malopolska Region
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implementation of the objectives and tasks inherent in the strategy</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	Financial support for the development of water reservoirs with particular emphasis on the needs of small retention
Target Group:	The municipality, banks, institutions that provide grants (Marshal's Office, the Regional Fund for Environmental Protection), businesses
Coordinator:	Marshal Office of the Malopolska Region
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Distribution of funds among provinces;</li> <li>▪ Starting procedures for funding</li> </ul>

## National

Policy Recommendation:	Develop a national policy and strategy for the revitalization of brownfield sites including reservoirs such eg. after the mining operations
Target Group:	The general public, beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries, as well as the media, social and economic partners, the institutions involved in the implementation of the strategy
Coordinator:	Ministry of Environment
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implementation of the objectives and tasks inherent in the strategy</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	Promotion of PPP and the development of legal solutions for the implementation of PPPs
Target Group:	Representatives of public bodies such as government, local government units, subordinate units and facilities / utility companies interested in the implementation of PPP projects, and representatives of companies - investors
Coordinator:	Project Support Department of Public-Private Partnership of Regional Development Ministry
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordination and execution of system tasks for financial and economic issues in the field of PPP for the effective preparation and implementation of PPP projects;</li> <li>▪ Take action on the advice and support of public bodies in the preparation of PPP projects;</li> <li>▪ Cooperation with the European Knowledge Centre for the PPP, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank and other national and international institutions in the field of PPP</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	Changes in ownership law to facilitate the management of "wild" water reservoirs
Target Group:	Citizen
Coordinator:	Ministry of the Environment / Ministry of Justice
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implementation of the revised ownership law</li> </ul>

## European

Policy Recommendation:	Further development of exchange of experience with other European regions
Target Group:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ local government units (cities, municipalities, counties) and their representatives,</li> <li>▪ public bodies,</li> <li>▪ public benefit legal persons (associations, unions, foundations),</li> <li>▪ local government budgetary establishments not engaged in commercial activities, municipal target compounds,</li> <li>▪ associations and organizations to support the economy, technology centers, research and development institutions,</li> <li>▪ other non-governmental organizations (NGOs)</li> </ul>
Coordinator:	The European Commission
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implementation of projects</li> </ul>

Policy	Creation of common network or cooperation platform
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Recommendation:	
Target Group:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ local government units (cities, municipalities, counties) and their representatives,</li> <li>▪ public bodies,</li> <li>▪ public benefit legal persons (associations, unions, foundations),</li> <li>▪ local government budgetary establishments not engaged in commercial activities, municipal target compounds,</li> <li>▪ associations and organizations to support the economy, technology centers, research and development institutions,</li> <li>▪ other non-governmental organizations (NGOs)</li> </ul>
Coordinator:	The European Commission
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promotion and development of common network platforms or cooperation</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	Financial support for activities related to the increase of EU water resources
Target Group:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ local government units (cities, municipalities, counties) and their representatives,</li> <li>▪ public bodies,</li> <li>▪ public benefit legal persons (associations, unions, foundations),</li> <li>▪ local government budgetary establishments not engaged in commercial activities, municipal target compounds,</li> <li>▪ associations and organizations to support the economy, technology centers, research and development institutions,</li> <li>▪ other non-governmental organizations (NGOs)</li> </ul>
Coordinator:	The European Commission
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Distribution of funds between regions in the EU;</li> <li>▪ Starting procedures for funding;</li> <li>▪ Preparation and implementation of projects of EU regions</li> </ul>

Policy Recommendation:	Recommendation the use of Master Plans as standards in the planning and management of water reservoirs in the EU
Target Group:	Local government units (cities, municipalities, counties) and their representatives
Coordinator:	The European Commission
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preparation of guidelines proper preparation of Master Plan;</li> <li>▪ Use Master Plan as the use of standards in the planning and management of water reservoirs in the EU</li> </ul>