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**Trainings and workshops with stakeholders held in Croatia and
Bosnia and Herzegovina**



Under Task B, the activity B8 was to organise and carry out trainings and workshops with identified stakeholders on action plans to secure understanding and commitment.

Beneath a short description is presented of the trainings and workshops carried out with stakeholders in Croatia in cooperation with an ongoing PHARE project to avoid overlap and secure synergies.

1. Preparation of a NATURA 2000 website for Croatia, to offer general, basic information to the stakeholder, mainly an interactive map including information of proposed sites (Sep 2008)

Web page was launched in September 2008 on the visibility event (press and media present) and gives all the information on NATURA 2000 general and sector specific. Very important part of the web page is interactive map which gives the info on all potential sites and their target species and has a possibility for queries open to the public.

2. Preparation and implementation of first round of sectoral stakeholder workshops (Oct-Nov 2008)

In this first round of workshops on national level seven different stakeholder groups were invited and consulted on NATURA2000 issues and proposed sites. Every session started with brief information about NATURA 2000 in Europe and Croatia, followed by the "question and answer" session. After this information phase (about 90 minutes) an interactive phase (also about 90 minutes) was scheduled to discuss rumours, fears and opportunities. At the end participants filled out evaluation sheets. Minutes were taken and distributed to all participants after the workshops. All the questions raised are available on the web site together with SINP's answers.

3. Preparation and implementation of regional stakeholder workshops (Nov 2008 – Jan 2009)

After first round of national stakeholders' workshop, five regional two-day workshops were organized in different parts of Croatia (Varaždin, Osijek, Split, Rijeka, Karlovac). Counties responsible for „Sava project area“ participated on workshops in Osijek and Karlovac. On these workshops brief overview of NATURA 2000 in Europe and Croatia was given and in interactive part comprised a carousel where particular NATURA2000 issues and sites were addressed. Second day of the workshop was dedicated to the Article 6 of the HD and also had an interactive part.

4. Conclusions of all workshops and revision of NATURA 2000 proposal (Jan-Mar 2009)

After the workshops SINP staff analyzed and answered all the questions. Several issues regarding the sites came up on all the workshops. Thus, it has been decided that a second round of national stakeholder workshops will be organized in order to further discuss these problems and to try and reach a consensus.

5. Preparation and implementation of second round of sector stakeholder workshops (Mar -Apr 2009)

In second round of sectoral workshops problematic issues from the first round were additionally discussed and agreements reached.

6. Information and report about results of the consultation Phase at ministry level (Apr 2009)

Meeting was organized on national level with all relevant ministries represented by their state secretaries. Consultation process has been described to them, together with reached



agreements. State secretaries agreed on a need for further and much closer cooperation since NATURA 2000 represents an intersectoral issue and obligation.

Furthermore, trainings and workshops on site level were carried out at several occasions during the project period, especially:

7. Stakeholder meeting in Bardača (Sep 2007)

The two-day meeting consisted of presentations of the project and of other ongoing projects, initiatives and case studies in sites along the Sava River and had the participation of 52 stakeholders related to many different sites.

8. Training for site managers and other stakeholders in Lonjsko Polje (Jun 2009)

The three-day training workshop had the theme “Toward the Wise Use of Resources along the Sava River” and gave insight in site management planning and recommendations, as well as potential for eco-tourism development and other future possibilities and opportunities. The training had participation of 32 stakeholders and project managers.

9. Training on Natura 2000 for institutions and other stakeholders in Zagreb (Apr 2009)

Two day training was carried out in Zagreb with speakers from Slovenia, including three sections: Part one: NATURA 2000 in Slovenia – from designation to management; Part two: AGROENVIRONMENTAL SCHEME and NATURA 2000 and Part three: SPATIAL PLANNING and NATURA 2000. The training had participation of approximately 30 stakeholders and partners.
