



Peipsi
Center for
Transboundary
Cooperation

International seminar

Water management planning in the Eastern Baltic Sea States

20-22 September; Taagepera

Funders: Embassy of the United States, Global Water Partnership CEE, UNDP/GEF project

Place: Taagepera hotel (www.taageperaloss.ee). Taagepera is a small village, which situates in South Estonia, in very beautiful surrounding, just few kilometers from the Latvian border.

Introduction

One year is passed from the workshop "Sustainable River Basin Management and Public Participation" which was held in October 2003 in Tartu, where participants from the Baltic States shared their experience in the compilation of water management plans, both from the angles of ministries and that of citizen's organizations.

During the year the countries have made big progress in preparing the water management plans. Taagepera seminar is bringing once again together water management specialist from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and North-West Russia. The general topic of the seminar is to discuss implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive in Baltic Sea countries - its problems and challenges in different countries. The main topics are following: classification of water bodies; monitoring and intercalibration; mitigation of impact from agriculture to water quality and water ecosystems; and evaluation of efficiency of measures for water protection; and public involvement in the process of planning of water management.

Seminar language: English

20 September, Monday

Rented bus Vilnius-Riga-Taagepera

17:30 Bus transport from Tartu Bus Station

19.30 Welcome party (picnic and grill)

21 September; Tuesday

9.00-9.30 OPENING

Welcomes by

Mr Harry Liiv, Deputy Secretary General, Estonian Ministry of the Environment

Mr Rolands Bebris, Latvian Ministry of Environment

Aldona Margeriene; Director of River Basin Management and Pollution Prevention Department,
Lithuanian Ministry of Environment,

Director of the Regional Water Management Board in Gdansk, Polish Ministry of the Environment

9.30-10.30 SESSION I:

Practical issues on implementation of WFD in Baltic Sea Countries

Moderator: Mr Harry Liiv, Estonian Ministry of the Environment

Each presentation discusses~ 30 min. implementation of WFD; problems and challenges; classification, monitoring and financial issues

Case study presentations:

Lithuania:

Latvia, Daugava RB director

10.30-10.50 Coffee break

10.50- 13.00 SESSION I CONTINUES

Halina Burakowska; Regional Water Management Board in Gdansk, Polish Ministry of the Environment

Preparation of Viru-Peipsi Water Management Plan, Estonia; Mr Ain Lääne (EU LIFE project leader)

Preparation of Neva-Ladoga Water Management Plan; Russia

Questions, discussion

13.00-14.30 LUNCH

14.30- 16.00 SESSION II

Typology and classification of water bodies

Moderator: Mr Ain Lääne

Classification of water bodies on Viru-Peipsi RBD (Estonia)- Mr Peeter Marksoo (assistant of the EU LIFE project leader)

Water Quality Modeling Tools for WFD implementation in Lithuania, Jurgita Vaitekuniene, Institute for Environmental Engineering, Kaunas Technological University

Poland

Questions, discussion

16.00-16.20 Coffee break

16.20-18.00 SESSION III

Assessment and mitigation of impact from agriculture to water quality and water ecosystems

Moderator: Tiiu Raia

Impact of agricultural pollution to rivers and lakes in Viru-Peipsi RB (Estonia) - Ülo Sults; Peipsi CTC

Latvia

WFD and CAP interrelation; Vilma Kriveliene, European Commission Representation in Lithuania

Questions, discussion

19.30 DINNER

22 September; Wednesday

9.00-10.45 SESSION IV

Public involvement in water management planning

Moderator: Mr Bernardas Paukstys

Case study of Dovine Basin (part of Nemunas basin) - Lithuania

Case study of Ziemelseja river basin; REC Latvia; Erika Lagzdina

Case study from Poland; Renata Bogdanska-Warmuz; Institute of Meteorology and Water management

Innovative public participation methods: Citizens' jury "Minja Oil versus Kintai" – Dmitrij Zharkov, Lithuanian Environmental Policy Institute

Questions, discussion

10.45-11.10 Coffee break

11.10-12.40 SESSION V

Economic analysis of water use

Moderator: Marko Err???

Economic analysis of water use in Estonia; Rene Reisner, Estonian Ministry of Environment

Russia

Economic analysis of water use in Latvia; Ilona Kirchenstein

12.40-13.00 SUMMARY REPORT OF THE SEMINAR

Mr Bernardas Paukstys; Global Water Partnership, Lithuania

General discussion

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14:00 Bus transport back to Tartu

DEPARTURES