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Payments for Ecosystem Services

THE DANUBE PES PROJECT:

Promoting Payments for Ecosystem Services and Related Sustainable Financing Schemes in the Danube Basin



7 case studies

A SET OF SEVEN CASE STUDIES SHOWS BEST EUROPEAN PRACTICES IN THE USE OF EU FUNDS FOR PROTECTION OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES.

Dear reader,

I am glad to present to you the first newsletter of the Danube Payments for Ecosystem Services project.

We started working on introducing economic incentives – payments for ecosystem services - in the Lower Danube back in the spring of 2010 and we already have quite a few developments we would like to communicate to you. We work mainly in Bulgaria and Romania, but Serbia and Ukraine are also our target.

Our work encourages the ordinary person, the business and the institutions to take action to sustain the services from nature we all depend on.

This project is implemented by the WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme with the financial support of the GEF through UNEP, and of the European Commission.

Maya Todorova, Coordinator of the Danube PES project.

PROMOTING PES IN THE DANUBE BASIN AND BEYOND

THE DANUBE PES PROJECT IS PRESENTED AT THE BIODIVERSITY POST 2010 CONFERENCE

Organised by the Belgian EU Presidency in Ghent, Payments for Ecosystem Services was a key topic at the conference on financing biodiversity conservation.

THE DANUBE PES PROJECT IS DEBATED AT THE CONFERENCE "BIODIVERSITY AND ECONOMY: TOWARDS A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP"

Held in Paris, the event brought together Canon, HP France, Lafarge, Danone, Carrefour and Allianz.



FIRST PES MEETINGS IN SERBIA

During two meetings in Belgrade in November 2010, the concept and practices of PES around the world were discussed with officials in Serbia. Through an elaborate questionnaire to be distributed to experts and representatives from ministries and institutions, the project team will identify the needs for PES in Serbia.

SERBIAN PUBLIC ENTERPRISE WATER OF VOJVODINE TO COOPERATE WITH WWF IN WATER MANAGEMENT

In October 2010, the public company VODE VOJVODINE expressed the wish to sign a memorandum of understanding with WWF DCPO for cooperation in water management and to build the capacity of its employees on water management and PES.

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LOCAL SITE WORK

NATIONAL COORDINATORS PROVIDE PES ANALYSES

Feasibility studies of demonstration sites have been finalized, including the socio-economic and environmental analyses of pilot areas in Bulgaria, as well as ecosystem and economic analyses of pilot areas in Romania.

ACTIVE COMMUNICATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

More than ten meetings took place in model sites in Bulgaria and Romania since the inception of the project, presenting the goals of PES and seeking solutions.

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POLICY WORK

BULGARIAN INSTITUTIONS GET UP TO SPEED WITH PES

The policy work of the Bulgarian team has focused on discussions with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food on the potential of agri-environmental measure on riparian habitats and High Nature Value Farming systems, and the Executive Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture on sustainable fisheries.

ROMANIAN INSTITUTIONS DEBATE PES SCHEMES

An informal working group between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Ministry of Environment and Forestry facilitated by the PES project team aims to develop a proposal for EU Natura 2000 payments in Romania as an instrument for setting up PES schemes.

PES TEAM REPORT GIVES RECOMMENDATIONS ON INVESTMENT OF EU PUBLIC MONEY

The report "Use of EU Funds for Ecosystems Services and Potential Public Funding for PES schemes" focuses on three key environmental issues: water, biodiversity

and climate change. It gives recommendations on how public EU money could be invested in safeguarding natural capital.

SEVEN CASE STUDIES DEMONSTRATE BENEFITS FROM ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

A set of seven case studies prepared by the project team shows best European practices in the use of EU funds for protection of ecosystem services.

WWF DCPO SUPPORTS OECD PUBLICATION ADVOCATING PAYMENTS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Based on case studies from around the world, the new publication recommends ways to design more effective and less costly PES schemes.

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INTERVIEWS AND ARTICLES

LANDMARK PROJECT REWARDS CARE FOR THE DANUBE

Maya Todorova, Project Manager of the Payments for Ecosystem Services project in Bulgaria and Romania, talks about her interest in Danube and PES-related issues.

PABLO GUTMAN: MARKETS AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Director Environmental Economics at WWF and international PES project coordinator Pablo Gutman shares his vision of Payments for Ecosystem Services in the Danube Basin.

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