



***TOWARDS EU STANDARDS IN THE NERETVA RIVER BASIN (BIH): LINKING
WATER MANAGEMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION***

SEMINAR ON WFD PRINCIPLES AND ITS LINKS WITH HABITAT DIRECTIVE

DAY 1 – PLENNARY (April 12, 2007)

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| 11.00 – 11.30 | Registrations of participants |
| 11.30 – 11.40 | Welcome speech and introduction to seminar objective – Ms. F. Antonelli & Mr. B Vucijak |
| 11.40 – 12.00 | Present status of legislation in the field of water management and biodiversity conservation in B&H – Local expert (tentative Ms. A.Kalem-Peric or Ms. A. Korac-Mehmedovic) |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | WFD principles on IRBM in general; Norway example in Morsa pilot catchment – pollution problem addressed, as threat to human health, species and habitats (public participation & local involvement, harmonizing of regulations, responsibilities and penalties) –Ms. H. Gunnarsdottir |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch break |
| 14.00 – 14.45 | Introduction to the EU Nature Directives + Q&A– Mr. A. Arroyo |
| 14.45 – 15.30 | Current status of the implementation of the EU Nature Directives + Q&A, some examples & experienced problems – Mr. A. Arroyo |
| 15.30 – 15.45 | Coffee break |
| 15.45 – 16.30 | Introduction to environmental water flow – Mr. N. Wright |
| 16.30 – 17.15 | Introduction to evaluation of different economic value of the different water management options – Mr. N. Wright |
| 17.15 – 17.45 | First day wrap-up and closure |
| 18.00 – 19.00 | Dinner at the hotel |

DAY 2 – WORKING GROUPS (AIMED TO PRACTICAL EXERCISE) (April 13, 2007)

08.00 – 09.00 Breakfast

09.00 – 13.30 Work group sessions (coffee break 11.00-11.30):

Work Group 1 – facilitated by Mr. A. Arroyo & Mr. Z. Mateljak

Details/Guidelines on the site designation process according to the Habitats Directive and the role of NGOs in it + Q&A

Details/guidelines on methodologies for identifying biodiversity values and hotspots according to Habitat Directive standards, using examples + Q&A

Details/guidelines on the identification and selection of Natura 2000 sites (SPAs + SACs), standard data forms and Software, using examples + Q&A

Second Day Wrap-up

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Increase of capacities for the upcoming implementation process of the Habitats Directive in BH, through a common understanding of the site designation process for Natura 2000 sites and roles of NGOs, brief analysis of some examples and of the current national situation, **draft definition of the following steps needed and some possible ways of cooperating** among different stakeholders.

Work Group 2 – facilitated by Mr. N. Wright & Mr. B. Vucijak

Details/guidelines on methodology for identifying the environmental water flow (and related water management) that would maintain the natural characteristics of a river, based on MED-country(s) examples + Q&A

Details/guidelines on methodology for identifying the economic value of the different water management options and environmental services in a river basin, based on MED-country(s) examples+ Q&A

Details/guidelines on alternative economic activities for SACs, socio-economic benefits and ecological services (MED-country(s) examples) + Q&A

Compensations, legal disputes examples + Q&A

Exercise – Environmental Flow identification for part of Neretva river + Q&A

Second Day Wrap-up

REMARK: Group objective is to raise its capacities and to **draft ToR** for identification of the best methodology and developing an action plan for identification of the environmental **water flow** (and the water management needed) that will maintain the natural characteristics of the river, so as to raise its capacities and to **draft ToR** for identification of the methodology and action plan for identifying the **economic value** of

the different water management options and environmental services Neretva provides.

13.30 – 14.15 Plenary sessions:

Summary presentation of Work Groups results and next steps – Ms. Antonelli and Mr. Reinvag

Workshop Closure – Ms. Antonelli & Mr. B. Vucijak

14.15 – 15.00 Lunch and departure

HD WG:

In the first part of the working group, we would focus on the site identification & selection, including the info needed for the preparation of the national lists of sites, and discuss about the current situation in BiH in relation with the upcoming process (including the possible identification of potential needs in BiH -data collection, new inventories, others)

In the second part, the discussion would focus more on the process of designation, how the discussions are carried out, roles and ways of interlining in it of the different stakeholders, relevant experiences from other countries (especially of NGO work), and discussion on the possible roles and next steps that the participants could play in the process.