



The project

The kick-off meeting of the project “Innovations in sustainable management and protection of natural areas” was held during 10th -11th of September 2013 in Burgas, Bulgaria. All project partners attended the meeting – NGO “Fund Sevastopol” from Ukraine and SE RDA, Braila from Romania, as well as the associated partner, Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation. The meeting was fruitful – the teams were introduced and approved the internal procedures for monitoring and evaluation, the communication plan and discussed the upcoming activities etc. SE RDA developed and consulted with the project partners on the scope of the State of the art research of the protected natural areas in partner regions. During the meeting, experts from Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation and Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds presented their nature conservation activities and different projects they have in the sphere of environmental and biodiversity protection of the lakes and Burgas area.



The participants visited important protected natural sites near Burgas – Atanasovo lake and the bird watching point, Vaya lake – target area of the project and Nature Conservation Centre “Poda” of BSPB.

NGO “Fund Sevastopol” developed after consultations with the partnership a Brand book of the project. The logo and all other visual elements are in line with the overall objective of the project - sustainable management of protected natural areas in the Black Sea basin and development of innovative methods for integrating the protected natural areas in the overall strategies for urban and socio-economic development in the partner regions.

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The scope of the upcoming research of the protected natural areas developed by the **South-East Regional Development Agency** was discussed and approved during the kick-off meeting. The State of the art will include four main parts – status quo of the areas, SWOT analysis, good practices of sustainable management and conclusions.



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Burgas Municipality began preliminary consultations with stakeholders regarding the development of Black Sea Ecopedia. We envisage the four-language web platform to be an interactive, easily accessible and user-friendly tool of the project.



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Annual biodiversity awards

Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation gave its annual biodiversity awards in October this year in eight different categories in the field of biodiversity protection in Bulgaria:



I. Best campaign (activity/action) related to biodiversity protection; II. The best article about the protection of Bulgarian nature; III. Volunteer for the nature; IV. Politician with special attention to Bulgarian nature; V. Businesses supporting biodiversity; VI. Donor for biodiversity; VII. Institution/organization with contribution in the protection of biodiversity; VIII. Award for overall contribution in the protection of biodiversity.

The awards are provided within the project “For the Balkans and the people”, financed by the Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation Programme and were presented by the Swiss Ambassador to Bulgaria, Her Highness Ms. Regina Esher. These awards are unique in Bulgaria and have become traditional in supporting the awareness raising on the importance of biodiversity in our society.



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