

**SUSTAINABLE USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATER RESOURCES
AND WATER SECURITY MANAGEMENT (WATER SUM)**

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Regional Kick-off Conference

June 11 - 13, 2015

Venue:

REC Conference Center
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Working languages: English, with simultaneous interpretation into Arabic

Objectives:

- To present the results of the inception phase to the Project Beneficiaries and Partners;
- To jointly discuss the details of the project activities;
- To build synergies with other water-related actions and projects at national and regional level.

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: June 11, 2015 - Thursday

Arrivals and lodging (The Aquincum Hotel Budapest - Árpád fejedelem útja 94, 1036, Budapest / Tel.: +36 1 436 4100)

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| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch (The Aquincum Hotel Budapest) |
| 14:00 – 19:00 | Budapest tour by bus (focus on water: Danube, Budapest baths, thermal waters & spa) |
| 19:30 – 22:00 | Danube boat tour with dinner <u>Note:</u> Project Steering Committee (PSC) members are supposed to join and will be transferred from the REC to the dinner venue after the PSC meeting |
| 22:00 – 22:30 | Transfer by bus to The Aquincum Hotel Budapest |

DAY 2: June 12, 2015 - Friday

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| 07:00 – 08:00 | Breakfast (The Aquincum Hotel Budapest) |
| 08:00 – 08:30 | Transfer by bus to the REC |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration, REC Conference Center, Conference hall (1 st Floor) |

Session 1: Opening, Welcome and Introductions

09:00 – 09:30 - Ms. Marta Szigeti Bonifert, REC Executive Director

- Dr. Anders Jägerskog, Counsellor, Regional Development Cooperation, Water Resources, Embassy of Sweden
- Representative of Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- Representative of Ministry of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment, Morocco (tbc)
- Representative of Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia

Session 2: Project Framework and Inception report

- 09:30 – 10:00
- Dr. Radoje Laušević, REC Deputy Executive Director & Project Director
 - Ms. Jovanka Ignjatović, REC Senior Expert & Project Manager: Integrated Water Resources Management Good Practices and Knowledge Transfer (WATER POrT)
 - Prof. Slobodan Milutinović, REC Associated Expert: Water and Security (WaSe)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Discussion on Inception report findings
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

Session 3: Project Activities for the Next Planning Period

- 11:30 – 12:00
- Ms. Jovanka Ignjatović, REC Senior Expert & Project Manager: Integrated Water Resources Management Good Practices and Knowledge Transfer (WATER POrT)
 - Ms. Aleksandra Saša Solujić, REC Expert & Deputy Project Manager: Water and Security (WaSe)

Session 4: Interaction and Synergies with Other Projects in the Region

- 12:00 – 12:30
- Facilitated by Dr. Radoje Laušević, REC Deputy Executive Director & Project Director; representatives of project partners will present ongoing projects / initiatives in MENA region
- 12:30 – 13:00 Discussion and closing remarks
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch (REC Conference Center, Ground floor)*
- 14:00 – 14:30 Poster session about REC activities

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| Rest of Day 2 & Day 3 | Study tour at Kis-Balaton, including dinner; organized by REC partner Aquaprofit (Hungary) |
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- 14:30 – 14:45 Aquaprofit welcome (company introduction and short presentation of the field trip agenda)
- 14:45 – 15:00 Preparation for departure to Hévíz
- 15:00 – 18:00 Travel & introduction of the water resource protection programmes and strategy in Hungary based on Aquaprofit's 20-year-long experience
- 18:00 Arrival and check-in at Danubius Health Spa Resort Hévíz
- 18:30 – 19:45 *Dinner at the hotel*
- 20:00 – 21:00 Optional evening programme: guided visit at Hévíz Thermal Lake (UNESCO World Heritage Site nominee - natural water treasure)

DAY 3: June 13, 2015 – Saturday

- 06:30 – 07:30 *Breakfast (Danubius Health Spa Resort Hévíz)*
- 07:30 – 08:00 Check-out, bus boarding
- 08:00 – 12:30
- Introduction of the Kis-Balaton Water Protection System by Mr. Dezső Szimandel, Deputy Director of the West-transdanubian Water Directorate
 - presentation of the project details and tasks;
 - introduction of the water protection model's demo;
 - field trip to the project area.
- To learn more details about the project: www.kisbalatonprojekt.hu/english
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – Participants transferred to Liszt Ferenc international airport (Budapest) for returning to home countries

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First Meeting of the WATER SUM Project Steering Committee (PSC)

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Working language: English

Objectives:

- To present the results of the WATER SUM inception phase to the project beneficiaries;
- To jointly discuss the details of the foreseen project activities;
- To endorse the project Inception Report.

PROGRAMME

15:15 – 15:30 Registration, REC Office Building (white building), Conference Room (3rd floor)

Session 1: Opening, Welcome and Introduction

15:30 – 15:45 Opening and welcome – Ms. Jovanka Ignjatović, REC Senior Expert & Project Manager

15:45 – 16:00 Introduction of participants and tour de table

16:00 – 16:10 PSC Set-up – Dr. Radoje Laušević, REC Deputy Executive Director & Project Director

Session 2: Project Framework

Facilitator: Dr. Radoje Laušević, REC Deputy Executive Director & Project Director

16:10 – 16:20 Project background and management structure, Dr. Radoje Laušević, REC Deputy Executive Director & Project Director

Project outline and results of the activities undertaken during the inception phase

16:20 – 16:35 Component 1: Water Resources Management Good Practices and Knowledge Transfer (Water POrT), Ms. Jovanka Ignjatović, REC Senior Expert & Project Manager

16:35 – 16:50 Component 2: Water and Security (WaSe), Ms. Aleksandra-Sasa Solujic, REC Expert & Deputy Project Manager

16:50 – 17:10 Open discussion

17:10 – 17:25 *Coffee break*

Session 3: Implementation phase: project activities for the next six/twelve months planning period

Facilitator: Dr. Radoje Laušević, REC Deputy Executive Director, WATER SUM Project Director

17:25 – 17:40 Component 1: Water Resources Management Good Practices and Knowledge Transfer (Water POrT), Ms. Jovanka Ignjatović, REC Senior Expert & Project Manager

17:40 – 17:55 Component 2: Water and Security (WaSe), Ms. Aleksandra-Sasa Solujic, REC Expert & Deputy Project Manager

17:55 – 18:20 Open discussion of future project activities

18:20 – 18:30 Final remarks and conclusions

Social Event:

18:45 *Departure of PSC participants from REC premises to reach dinner venue*

19:30 *Danube boat tour with dinner
Boat "Millennium I." - Jászai Mari tér, Budapest, dock no.1*