

Danube Transnational Programme

SIMONA

**Sediment-quality Information, Monitoring and Assessment System
to Support Transnational Cooperation for Joint Danube Basin Water Management**

D.M.2.2 Steering Committee Meeting

October 21st, 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria

Venue: Joint Innovation Centre of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
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1. Agenda

1. Status of SIMONA tasks
2. Status of Sampling and Laboratory protocols
3. Discussions on SIMONA tasks and protocols
4. Meeting of Working Group 6
5. Meeting of Working Group 7
6. Steering Committee Meeting
7. Training WP7 preparatory meeting
8. WG7 meeting: Design of South Danube test area points

2. Minutes

Introduction

The meeting was initiated by the Project Management of DTP2-093-2.1 SIMONA project and organized by the GI-BAS SIMONA team. The event took place on October 21st-22nd, 2019 at the Joint Innovation Centre of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia, Bulgaria and continued at the Geological Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Participants

Lists of the participants of the three events are attached to this document

Working language: English

Working Group Steering Committee Meeting (SCOM)

21.10.2019

The meeting started with a welcome talk by Prof. Dr. Irena Peytcheva, coordinator of the GI-BAS SIMONA team and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lubomir Metodiev, Deputy Director of the Geological Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (host institution).



The meeting continued with a Project Status talk by the Project Coordinator Jasminka Alijagic (SI-GEOZS) subjecting the need of a new communication manager of the project and the ongoing issue with budget management. As far as project progress reports (PPR) are concerned, PPR2 is finalized on time (1st of August 2019). The Lead partner already received the money from the JS/MA, which will soon be transferred to the PPs. After comparing the spending in the first two periods, PPR1 and PPR2 respectively, about a double more money has been spent in P2, but budget is still being underspent. Project manager and financial manager therefore suggested a skype conference with all the project partners to improve the financial management status; budget justification, re-allocations, etc. Underspending in external experts' budget line was specifically stressed out. A question arose about which category the future analyses of samples should be referred to.

Dr. Jasminka Alijagic invited the partners to specify their reports, as we are approaching the Reporting for P3, where they will be used for development of PPR3. The recruitment process of the new ASP partner from Czech Republic was completed. New communication manager was also expected to contribute to the project from the beginning of November. Audit for the project had been provided by AESA Hungary Ltd., External Auditor. None of the irregularities or discrepancies were found.



The meeting went on with a presentation by the Scientific Coordinator Gyozo Jordan (HU-SZIE) giving details on the prerequisites, the specific objectives, and the most important deliverables of the SIMONA project.

A discussion was opened after the presentation regarding the following issues:

- ◆ The need of maintaining good cooperation between Project Partners and National Authorities (as the latter are target group for the SIMONA outputs and deliverables);
- ◆ The matter of the incorporation of Floodplain Sediments Sampling in the SIMONA Sampling Harmonized Protocol was widely disputed. On one hand, a point was made that these types of sediments are not included in the WFD requirements, and on the other – sampling and analyses of floodplain sediments is part of the SIMONA project proposal. Suggestions were made for preparing two separate protocols (1 - bottom and suspended sediment and 2 – floodplain sediments) or putting Floodplain sediments sampling and laboratory analyses as annexes to the protocols. A point was made that floodplain sediment sampling is more cost- and time-effective compared to sampling of suspended sediment. An issue with the exact terminology of “floodplain”, “floodplain sediments”, “active and inactive floodplain” was raised, which should be resolved (i.e. if sampled – where exactly in regards of distance from the river bed, frequency of floods, vegetation, etc.; Floodplain Directive and EU legislation should be taken into account for resolving the issue).

- ◆ Two probable risks for the project were outlined by the end of the discussion:
 - 1) the risk of a negative perception by some National Authorities of the final SIMONA Protocols if floodplain sediment sampling is included; and
 - 2) the risk of not having National Authorities/Stakeholders/Responsible Institutions engaged in the Project (i.e. unwilling to participate in SIMONA events).



ATTENDANCE LIST

Sofia Meeting of the Working Group 6 and 7 and Steering Committee of the SIMONA Project
21st – 22nd October

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