



***Twinning Project RO/2006/IB/EN/07***

*Implementation and Enforcement of the Environmental Acquis  
focused on industrial waste management / Phase II*

**1<sup>st</sup> INTERIM QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Project Title: “Implementation and Enforcement of the Environmental Acquis focused on Industrial Waste Management, Phase II”**

**Member State Partners: German Federal Ministry for the Environment,  
Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety**

**Beneficiary Country: REPA Galati and LEPA of South East Region –  
Romania**

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## **0. Summary:**

**This first Progress Report covers the activities undertaken during period 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008.**

**The Twinning project was notified on 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2008, the RTA started the work on 05<sup>th</sup> of February and the RTA Assistants were hired until the end of February 2008.**

**The project is proceeding very well. Since the start of this Twinning Project a good common cooperation has been started between all the Romanian and German Project partners at the different levels, in order to implement the Chapter 22 Environment of the Acquis Communautaire.**

**During the first reporting period different activities have been started and first results could achieve.**

**According to the different types of activities the results, which have been achieved, are divided in two “categories”:**

- on the one hand, the STEs assessed the current situation at the local and regional level, started to give recommendations and drafted first reports and guidelines and assisted REPA Galați to act as Focal Point for the technically focused activities related to Industrial Waste Management sector;**
- on the other hand, training was provided to the staff at the REPA, the LEPAs and the NEG in the South Eastern Region in accordance with their responsibilities established by law with regard to the implementation of the Acquis Communautaire.**

**More specifically, the activities which were undertaken are the following:**

- Within Component 1 “*Kick-off, Coordination with other projects, RTA travel to other projects*” :**

**The Kick off meeting was carried out on 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2008. At the meeting participated about 46 representatives of MESD, NEPA, REPA Galati, and the 6 LEPAs in SE region, IB SOP Environment, County Commissariats of NEG, RDA S-E, Prefecture of Galati, NGOs, Health Department and representatives from main enterprises of Galati, Port Administration and ArcellorMittal Galati.**

**From the German team participated the Project Leader, the RTA, key Experts and a representative of the GTZ.**

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- **Within Component 2 ”*Institution building – Institution matters/ changes/ support*”:**

The main objective of this component is to further develop results achieved in the previous Twinning project (Phase I) and to intensify the work on the institutional and organisational issues and challenges at both, REPA and LEPAs.

In several missions during the reporting period two experts carried out a comprehensive analysis of existing relevant documents, a number of interviews were taken out with human resources staff from the REPA Galati and LEPA

Tulcea in order to assess the institutional needs and possibilities at REPA Galați and the LEPAs in the region as well as the strengths and weaknesses.

Furthermore staff from the technical department of REPA Galati and the IB was interviewed.

In two meetings draft recommendations to optimize the allocation of staff, the division of responsibilities and competencies, working relations and information flows were presented to human resources staff from the REPA Galati, the LEPAs and NEG offices of the region.

- **Within Component 3 “*Support the REPA Galati in the performance of the daily activities”*:**

Within Sub-component 3.8 related to “*Horizontal Legislation*” the first mission was carried out and 2 training sessions on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) took place, with 37 participants from REPA Galati, LEPAs in SE Region and from the IB SOP Environment.

During both training sessions the STE presented specific knowledge with regard to practical examples of EIA implementation in Germany (incl. introduction in the field of public participation, public debate, access to environmental information and transboundary participation in the EIA procedure etc.) and gave support to strengthen the capacity of the REPA and the LEPA in applying EIA procedure, performing the evaluation of EIA studies’ reports and the subsequently related permitting process and the reviewing of SEA studies’ report.

(For more detailed information please find attached in Annex 4 the mission report of the Key Expert, invitations agendas presentations and lists of participants).

- **Within the Sub-component 3.9 Structural Instruments** the STE used the day after the Kick off meeting to meet the Executive Director and Heads of Departments of IB SOP Environment. On the basis of his long-term experience he was made an assessment of the training needs. In the meantime the STE elaborated a modular training plan for the activities to be carried out within this sub-component over the whole project implementation period.
- **Within Component 4 “*Support the REPA Galati in the performance of Industrial Waste Management related tasks and the establishment of a Focal Point at REPA Galati*”:**

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**Within the Focal point activities several missions took place during the reporting period.**

**Related to “Legislative support” a first assessment of existing Romanian legislation in the field of industrial waste management and comparison with EU Directives (legal gap analysis) took place.**

**After checking the list of EU legislation and its transposition in Romania it was clear, a general presentation of EU legislation is considered as superfluous, because it is sufficiently known. The following items were identified as possible subjects for a seminar which will take place in May 2008:**

**EU Waste Strategy**

**EU Commission Waste/By-Product Guidelines**

**Waste list (Romanian transposing act 856/2002): classification practice, also in relation to the annual questionnaires compiled from waste producers**

**PCBs regulated by the POPs Regulation and the PCB Directive.**

**During the first missions within Activity 4.2 “Presentation of Case Studies, types of landfills/installations and procedures for the inspection of operators” two STEs started with an Assessment about compilation and transfer of existent documents from former project activities and of Romanian regulations, acts, ordinances and decisions related to constructing industrial landfills, inspection of landfill operators and supervision and monitoring of hazardous waste streams to be deposited in landfills.**

**During a seminar they presented specific knowledge related to case studies of German Industrial Hazardous Waste Landfills. About 26 representatives from REPA Galati, LEPAAs and NEG Commissariats in SE Region, Prefecture of Galati, County Councils, IB SOP Environment and ECOSAL SA took part.**

**Within Activity 4.3 “Monitoring procedures for existing landfills” a first mission was carried out to assess the current situation in this field.**

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**1: PROJECT DATA**

<b>PROJECT DATA</b>	
<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>	RO2006/IB/EN/07
<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Implementation and Enforcement of the Environmental Acquis focused on industrial waste management, Phase II
<b>CONTRACTING AUTHORITY</b>	CFCU, Bucharest Romania
<b>MEMBER STATE PARTNER</b>	German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
<b>FINAL RECIPIENT</b>	Regional Environment Protection Agency(REPA) Galati, and the six Local Environment Protection Agencies (LEPAs) in the South East Region, Romania
<b>BC PROJECT LEADER</b>	Mrs. Carmen Elena Sandu, REPA Galati
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<b>BC COUNTERPART</b>	Mrs. Anastasia Lescai
<b>PROJECT NOTIFICATION</b>	31 January 2008
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	18 months
<b>BUDGET</b>	800.000 Euro Financing by Phare Programme 40.000 Euro Co-financing by Romanian MESD
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	1
<b>PERIOD COVERED BY THE REPORT</b>	01 February 2008 – 30 April 2008



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**2: CONTENT**

## **2.1: BACKGROUND**

### **Project Purposes**

The proposed project aims to continue supporting the Regional Environmental Protection Agency (REPA), the Local Environmental Protection Agencies (LEPAs) and the National Environmental Guard (NEG) within the region, with their day-to-day responsibilities and functions related to the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the transposed environmental legislation in accordance with their responsibilities established by law.

The specific aim of this project is to consolidate the capacity of the REPA Galați and the LEPAs and NEG's structures in the South-East region in the implementation and enforcement of the environmental legislation.

In addition, during its life, the proposed project will assist REPA Galați to act as Focal Point for the technically focused activities related to Industrial Waste Management sector.

## **2.2: ACHIEVEMENT OF MANDATORY RESULTS**

According to the Twinning Contract the mandatory results are the following:

1. Strengthened institutional capacities at regional and local levels in terms of good institutional management and technical performances of staff
2. All regional and local EPAs' and NEG's staff involved in permitting, monitoring and inspection is trained according to the training needs assessed; accordingly, associated competencies, knowledge and skills have significantly improved.
3. The regional component of the relevant strategic and planning documents on environmental protection are reviewed and improved or updated.
4. Data collection and storage systems have improved.
5. Programmes for remediation actions/measures of contaminated sites in the region have been developed.
6. Improved capacities and capabilities of IB to perform the delegated tasks regarding the implementation of SOP environment.
7. The REPA Galați is acting as Focal Point for the other REPAs/LEPAs/NEPA regarding the technically focused activities in industrial waste management.
8. To this end, national guidelines, standards and procedure manuals are provided by the Focal Point on its technically focused activity and are disseminated between the Romanian REPAs;
9. Furthermore, there will be trained staff with well developed skills for the specific areas of the focal Point.

**In Table 1 “Activities and Benchmarks of the Project” the list of 93 benchmarks is shown in connection to the related components and activities of the work plan of the project, as well as the respective deadlines set out in the Twinning Contract and expressed in calendar months within the implementation period.**

**Activities marked in yellow have started in the period of reference or before and the activities marked in green are finalized. The column “Current status” shows for each activity if it is in progress or done (no remarks and no color means that work has not started). Benchmarks reached are marked by a “X” symbol.**

**Table 1: Activities and Benchmarks of the Project**

Components + Activities		Benchmarks	Deadline (m/y)	Current status
<b>Component 1: Kick Off, Coordination with other projects, RTA Travel to other projects</b>				
1.1	Installation of the project: Project Kick Off Meeting	1. Partners and regional stakeholders informed about the project objectives, activities and time schedule	2 <sup>nd</sup> month	X
		2. Working groups for the daily and technically focused activities established		X
		3. All actors involved are aware of the project purposes, of their roles and responsibilities		X
1.2	Project coordination by RTA with NEPA and other REPAs	4. Working relations between the twinning projects of other REPAs and the NEPA established	4 <sup>th</sup> month	In progress
		5. REPA Galati established as focal point	6 <sup>th</sup> month	
		6. Communication network on IPPC developed	7 <sup>th</sup> month	
		7. Information exchange continuously maintained	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
1.3	Study Visits	8. Study Visit to Germany	7 <sup>th</sup> month	
		9. Study Visit to Germany	14 <sup>th</sup> month	
1.4	Wrap-up workshop	10. Project activities evaluated	18 <sup>th</sup> month	
		11. Outlook for future activities in the field defined		
<b>Component 2: Institution building – Institutional Matters/Change/Support</b>				
2.1	Assessment and Implementation Plan	12. Assessment with gap analysis including recommendations for improvement for all nine fields of responsibility carried out	3 <sup>rd</sup> month	In progress
2.2	Nation wide exchange	13. Nation-wide workshop on status quo and results and recommendations from all 8 regional projects under responsibility of NEPA implemented	6 <sup>th</sup> month	
2.3	Personnel development	14. Training needs have been identified	3 <sup>rd</sup> month	In progress
		15. Staff training plan and programmes updated (20 persons trained)		
		16. Personnel development strategy elaborated		
2.4	Cooperation structures with other agencies	17. Definition of roles and responsibilities of all relevant actors and stakeholders	6 <sup>th</sup> month	
		18. Recommendations on cooperation structures elaborated		

<b>Component 3: Daily activities</b>				
<b>Sub - Component 3.1: Environmental Planning and Policy</b>				
3.1.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of environmental planning and policy	19. Training in reviewing, updating and monitoring of the Environmental Protection Action Plans implemented (about 30 experts trained)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		20. Assessment of the environmental plans in light of the conformity with general regional environmental goals carried out		
		21. System for the regular monitoring of the activities in the framework of the regional and local Environmental Action Plans has been defined and implemented		
3.1.2	Evaluation Workshop with recommendations	22. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		23. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector have been devised and additional training needs have been identified		
		24. The relevant Romanian administrations have proceeded the implementation of the recommendations regarding Environmental Planning and Policy by the end of the project		
<b>Sub – Component 3.2: Integrated Permitting Procedure</b>				
3.2.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of Integrated Permitting Procedure	25. Training on the job related to IPPC and the Environmental Management System (EMS) provided, including reviewing the environmental integrated permits and monitoring of compliance (about 60 experts trained)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
3.2.2	Elaboration of a Technical Guideline including Determination of BAT and Permitting Requirements for Installations (acc. Nr 3.3 Installations for the manufacture of glass including Glass fiber with a melting capacity exceeding 20t/day of Annex 1 IPPC Directive)	26. Technical Guideline on Installations for the manufacture of Glass prepared	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		27. Technical guideline presented to all relevant Romanian Experts / stakeholders in a workshop		
3.2.3	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	28. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 40 participants)		
		29. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector have been devised and additional training needs have been identified		
		30. The relevant Romanian administrations have proceeded the implementation of the recommendations regarding the Integrated Permitting Procedure by the end of the project		

<b>Sub – Component 3.3: Waste Management</b>				
3.3.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of Regional Waste Management Plan and optimization of the data collection system	31. Training sessions on important aspects of Waste Management implemented (data collection, storage, reporting and information flow) implemented (about 40 experts trained)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		32. Regional Waste Management Plan reviewed/updated		
3.3.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	33. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 40 participants)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		34. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		35. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding Waste Management including the revised Waste Management Plan by the end of the project		
<b>Sub – Component 3.4: Air Quality and Climate Change</b>				
3.4.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of air quality management	36. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of air quality tasks (e.g. monitoring, quality of measurement data, data storage, reporting and information flow, software) (about 30 experts trained)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		37. Support has been given in the monitoring of compliance of regional operators developing specific activities with effect on earth climate		
		38. Action plans and programmes for air quality management and emissions' reduction, as well climate change permits have been prepared/updated		
3.4.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	39. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		39. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		40. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding ambient air quality management including the revised plans for ambient air quality management by the end of the project		
		41. Information disseminated by CD ROM and updated contents of website		
<b>Sub – Component 3.5: Biodiversity and Nature Protection</b>				
3.5.1		42. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of biodiversity and nature protection/Natura 2000 (e.g. on updating and review of inventories of species and habitats), as well as training to improve knowledge and skills of target public institutions involved in biodiversity and nature protection	17 <sup>th</sup> month	

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	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of biodiversity and nature protection	sector (about 30 participants) 43. The documentation for the establishment of new protected areas, including Natura 2000 sites has been prepared 44. Status of existing network of protected areas is monitored 45. Data collection/storage improved		
3.5.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	46. The implementation training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants) 47. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified 48. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding biodiversity and nature protection by the end of the project	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
<b>Sub – Component 3.6: Soil and Sub-soil Protection and Ecological Reconstruction</b>				
3.6.1	Introductory workshop on Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction	49. General aspects and difficulties of Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction presented and discussed in a workshop (about 30 participants) 50. Special training needs and the detailed training programme for the sub-component Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction (scope, contents, time schedule)	6 <sup>th</sup> month	
3.6.2	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction	51. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction (about 30 experts trained)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
3.6.3	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	52. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants) 53. Further recommendations for improvements in sector made and additional training needs have been identified 54. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
<b>Sub – Component 3.7: Chemicals Legislation</b>				
3.7.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of	55. Training session implemented and advice provided on important aspects of chemicals legislation (e.g. monitor the use and trade of restricted chemical substances; about 15 experts trained)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	

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	chemicals legislation	56. Support given in the identification of economic agents that develop activities involving persistent, bio-accumulable and toxic chemical substances (PCB, CMR) according to REACH procedure		
3.7.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	57. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 15 participants)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		58. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		59. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding chemicals legislation by the end of the project		
<b>Sub-Component 3.8: Horizontal Legislation</b>				
3.8.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of horizontal legislation	60. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of horizontal legislation (e.g. EIA procedure for projects to be financed from Structural and Cohesion Funds; review of the EIA/SEA studies' reports and subsequently related permitting process; about 30 participants)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	X
3.8.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	61. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		62. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		63. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding horizontal legislation by the end of the project		
<b>Sub-component 3.9: Structural Instruments</b>				
3.9.1	Introductory workshop on Structural Instruments	64. General aspects and difficulties of Structural Instruments presented and discussed in a workshop (about 30 participants)	6 <sup>th</sup> month	In progress
		65. Special training needs and the detailed training programme for the sub-component Structural Instruments (scope, contents, time schedule)		
3.9.2	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of Structural Instruments	66. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of Structural Instruments (about 30 experts trained)	6 <sup>th</sup> month	
3.9.3	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	67. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
		68. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		69. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations		



Component 4: Technically focused activities				
4.1	Legislative support	70. All relevant EC Directives presented	4 <sup>th</sup> month	In progress
		71. Legal gap analysis performed	5 <sup>th</sup> month	
		72. Recommendations on the alignment of the national legislation elaborated and disseminated	6 <sup>th</sup> month	
4.2	Presentations of case Studies, types of landfills/installations and procedures for the inspection	73. Guidance on administrative procedures regarding the inspection of disposal procedures of operators elaborated	7 <sup>th</sup> month	In progress
		74. Templates for the documentation of transport and disposal of hazardous substances, documentation and dissemination	10 <sup>th</sup> month	
4.3	Monitoring procedures for existing landfills	75. Responsibilities of different environmental authorities (REPA, LEPA, NEG) in the field of monitoring landfills clarified	8 <sup>th</sup> month	In progress
		76. Administrative monitoring procedures defined	10 <sup>th</sup> month	
		77. Technical procedures defined	12 <sup>th</sup> month	
		78. Documentation (guidelines, manuals) are disseminated		
4.4	Closure and after-closure monitoring, procedures and training	79. Priorities for closure or recovery defined	10 <sup>th</sup> month	
		80. Cost assessment prepared	12 <sup>th</sup> month	
		81. Closure procedures for industrial waste landfills (technical requirements, permits, ...) are elaborated	13 <sup>th</sup> month	
		82. Training programme defined and implemented	14 <sup>th</sup> month	
4.5	Recovery, procedures and training	83. Priorities for closure or recovery defined	12 <sup>th</sup> month	
		84. Cost assessment prepared		
		85. Possible solutions for recovery of industrial waste in landfills are assessed	13 <sup>th</sup> month	
		86. Guidelines for recovery (checklist for supervisory authorities, technical descriptions, ...) are elaborated	14 <sup>th</sup> month	
		87. Training programme and materials on monitoring procedures for industrial waste landfills and on recovery	15 <sup>th</sup> month	
		88. Training measures (workshops with REPA/LEPA staff, seminars for municipalities and operators, case study) are implemented	16 <sup>th</sup> month	
4.6	Support in planning procedures/ industrial waste management at the regional level	89. Possible use of Structural Instruments for necessary investment measures, like SOP Environment and Program Complement etc. are assessed	12 <sup>th</sup> month	
		90. Activities are coordinated with those on Regional Environmental Action Plans, Master Planning, Soil Protection	17 <sup>th</sup> month	
4.7	General Focal Point activities	91. Advice given to other RTAs/STEs from the other twinning projects	17 <sup>th</sup> month	

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		<b>92. A network for communication and exchange of information/progress related to industrial waste management issues is built up</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> month</b>	
		<b>93. Focal Point established</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> month</b>	

## **2.3 ACTIVITIES IN THE REPORTING PERIOD**

In the reporting period, work started within Activity 1.1, Activity 1.2, Activity 2.1, Activity 2.3, Sub-component 3.8, Sub-component 3.9, Activity 4.1, Activity 4.2 and Activity 4.3.

**Component 1: Kick-off, Coordination with other projects, RTA travel to other project**

### **Activity 1.1 Installation of the project, Kick-off meeting**

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From the German team participated the Project Leader Mr. Michael Bass, the RTA Mrs. Dorothea Frohn, Key Expert Mr. Franz Ellerman, STEs Mr. Guido Bockelmann, Mr. Paul Einweg and GTZ representative Mr. Cristoph Mairesse.

Also, there were carried out meetings with head of departments in REPA Galati in order to establish the working procedure for the daily activities and technically focused activities.

For more detailed information please find attached in Annex 1 the minutes of the meeting, invitation, agenda of the meeting, presentations and list of participants.

### **Activity 1.2 Project coordination by RTA with NEPA and other REPAs**

A good cooperation and coordination between the NEPA Project and the 8 REPA projects as well as between the different REPA projects are very important for the success of each Twinning Project.

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## **Component 2: Institution building – Institution matters/changes/support**

### **Activity 2.1 Assessment and Implementation Plan**

The key priority of this component is to further develop results achieved in the previous Twinning project (Phase I) and to intensify the work on the institutional and organisational issues and challenges at both, REPA and LEPAs. Prior to the missions the experts carried out a comprehensive analysis of existing relevant documents. A list of documents is included in the annex of the mission report.

The first mission of Key Expert Keya Choudhury was carried out from 17<sup>th</sup> until 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2008.

During the mission a number of interviews were taken out, primarily with human resources staff from the REPA Galati and LEPA Tulcea in order to assess the institutional needs and possibilities at REPA Galați and the LEPAs in the region as well as the strengths and weaknesses. Furthermore staff from the technical department of REPA Galati and the IB was interviewed. In a final meeting draft recommendations to optimize the allocation of staff, the division of responsibilities and competencies, working relations and information flows were presented to human resources staff from the REPA Galati, and the LEPAs and NEG offices of the region.

The second mission was carried out from 1<sup>st</sup> until 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2008. STE Jens Oelerich worked within this activity together with Key Expert, Keya Choudhury, from activity 2.3. They carried out the following activities: finished the assessment of the institutional capacity and presented the draft recommendations within a working meeting with Human Resources Responsible from REPA Galati, all 6 LEPAs in SE region and NEG Braila.

### **Activity 2.3 Personnel Development**

During the first mission on this activity (1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2008) Key Expert Keya Choudhury worked together with the STE Jens Oelerich from activity 2.1. The questions, related to human resources and cooperation with other institutions, were further analysed in-depth. Therefore several detailed interviews were carried out with all the heads of service of REPA. Based on this detailed information recommendations were elaborated and presented at a final meeting where all the Directors and human resources staff from REPA, the LEPAs and NEG offices of the Galati region were invited.

For more detailed information please find attached in Annex 3 the mission report of the experts, invitations, agendas, presentations and lists of participants.

### **Component 3: Support the REPA Galati in the performance of the daily activities**

#### **Sub-component 3.8 Horizontal legislation**

The first mission of Key Expert Gabriele Schramm was carried out from 6<sup>th</sup> until 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2008. During the mission there were carried out 2 training sessions on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

At these training sessions participated about 37 representatives of REPA Galati, LEPAs in SE Region and from the IB SOP Environment.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> training session there were given specific presentations related to: Introductory Overview of EU Horizontal Legislation, Key elements of practical implementation of EIA in Germany explained in a case study (substantial change of an iron foundry), short presentation of a German EIA-Study and its assessment, Practical Implementation of EIA procedure in Romania particularly in the SE region, Recommendations of the EU Commission in the report covering 5 years of EIA : “How successful are the Member States in implementing the EIA Directive”.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> training session there were given specific presentations related to: German implementation of key elements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA),

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**Practical Implementation of SEA procedure Romania in particularly in the SE region, Monitoring in the SEA - explanation based on examples from specialty literature, Introduction in the field of public participation, public debate, access to environmental information and transboundary participation in the EIA procedure (comparison of the ways of implementation in Germany and in Romania, documents and support), Presentation of a German public debate as part of an EIA and an IPPC-Permit.**

For more detailed information please find attached in Annex 4 the mission report of the Key Expert, invitations agendas presentations and lists of participants.

### **Sub-component 3.9 Structural Instruments**

After the Kick off meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2008, Mr. Guido Bockelmann had specific meeting with the Executive Director and Heads of Departments of IB SOP Environment. It was made an assessment of the training needs.

On the basis of his long-term experience Mr. Bockelmann elaborated a modular training programme for the activities to be carried out within this sub-component.

**Component 4: Support the REPA Galati in the performance of Industrial Waste Management related tasks and the establishment of a Focal Point at REPA Galati**

### **Activity 4.1 Legislative support**

During the first mission of STE, Mr. Martin Pohlmann, from 11<sup>th</sup> until 14<sup>th</sup> of March and the following activities were carried out: assessment of existing Romanian legislation in the field of industrial waste management and comparison with EU Directives (legal gap analysis); meetings with REPA Galati and LEPA Galati from Environmental Policies Implementation Department.

For more detailed information please find attached in Annex 5 the mission report of the expert.

### **Activity 4.2 Presentation of Case Studies, types of landfills/installations and procedures for the inspection of operators**

During their 1<sup>st</sup> mission within this activity STEs Paul Einwag and Eckhard Fliege the performed the following activities:

- Analysis of the Guideline “Monitoring and Supervision of Landfills in the Operational as well as in the Post-Operational (Close-down) Phase”, elaborated during Phase I of the Twinning Project;

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- **Compilation and transfer of existent documents from former project activities and of Romanian regulations, acts, ordinances and decisions related to constructing industrial landfills, inspection of landfill operators and supervision and monitoring of hazardous waste streams to be deposited in landfills.**
- **Also it was carried out a seminar with specific presentations related to case studies of German Industrial Hazardous Waste Landfills.**  
**At the seminar participated about 26 representatives from REPA Galati, LEPAs and NEG Commissariats in SE Region, Prefecture of Galati, County Councils, IB SOP Environment and ECOSAL SA.**

For more detailed information please find attached in Annex 6 the mission report of the experts, minutes of meeting, invitation, agenda, presentations and list of participants.

#### **Activity 4.3 Monitoring procedures for existing landfills**

During the 1<sup>st</sup> mission of Mr. Paul Einwag, from 29<sup>th</sup> of February until 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2008, there were carried out following activities: assessment of roles and responsibilities of different environmental authorities (REPA, LEPA, NEG) in the field of monitoring; meetings with REPA Galati, LEPA Galati and NEG Galati staff, working meeting at ECOSAL SA and site visit of the landfill from Tirighina.

For more detailed information please find attached in Annex 7 the mission report of the expert and the minutes of the meetings.

#### **Steering Committee**

On 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2008 the 1<sup>st</sup> joint meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) of all regional twinning projects and the NEPA-twinning was held in Bucharest, in the context of the first bi-annual meeting of all twinning projects of the phase 2, organized by the twinning project at the NEPA. The meeting chaired by Mrs. Liliana Chirila from MESD and Mr. Lothar Guendling, NEPA twinning project RTA was held at the MESD premises and was attended by members of the SC of the projects that started the implementation process. The SC meeting reviewed the progress of the projects since the notification of the phase 2 projects. The meeting had been prepared by reports of the projects' activities; these reports were made available in electronic format and printed copies to all SC members. After presentation of summaries of the reports, the meeting discussed major issues of common interest to all projects.

**Side-letters**

In the reporting period were submitted 2 side-letters:




***Side-letter no 1:***

- within Activity 2.1 – Mr. Christian Rosinski will be replaced with Mrs. Keya Choudhury, Mrs. Christiane Geisler will be replaced by Mr. Jens Oelerich
- within Activity 2.2 – Mrs. Geisler will be replaced with Mrs. Choudhury
- within Activity 2.3 – Mr. Rosinski will be replaced with Mr. Oelerich
- within Activity 2.4 – Mrs. Geisler will be replaced with Mrs. Choudhury

***Side-letter no 2:***

- chapter 4 of twinning contract – RTA Assistants signed a contract with German administration (extra costs had to be calculated)
- chapter 5 Project Preparation – unused money were reallocated
- within Activity 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 – is introduced Mrs. Ellen Gerlach
- within Activity 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 – is introduced Mr. Wolfgang Muller
- within Activity 4.2 – is introduced Mr. Eckhard Fliege
- within Component 4 – unused money from chapter 4 were introduced here

**2.4: TIMING AND DELAYS**

	Activity/Action Planned																	
	Activity/Action Performed																	
	Activity/Action Delayed by more than 3 months																	
<b>Project Month</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Component 1</b>	<b>Kick off, Coordination with other projects, RTA travel to other projects</b>																	
Activity 1.1	X																	
Activity 1.2	X	X																
Activity 1.3																		
Activity 1.4																		
<b>Component 2</b>	<b>Institution building – Institutional matters / Change / Support</b>																	
Activity 2.1		X																
Activity 2.2																		
Activity 2.3			X															
Activity 2.4																		

<b>Project Month</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Component 3</b>	<b>Daily Activities</b>																	



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<b>Sub-component 3.1 Environmental Planning and Policy</b>																	
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<b>Sub-component 3.2 Integrated Permitting Procedure</b>																	
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Activity 3.2.3																	
<b>Sub-component 3.3 Waste management</b>																	
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<b>Sub-component 3.4 Air Quality and Climate Change</b>																	
Activity 3.4.1																	
Activity 3.4.2																	
<b>Sub-component 3.5 Biodiversity and Nature Protection</b>																	
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Activity 3.5.2																	
<b>Sub-component 3.6 Soil and Sub-soil and Ecological Reconstruction</b>																	
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Activity 3.6.3																	
<b>Sub-component 3.7 Chemicals legislation</b>																	
Activity 3.7.1																	
Activity 3.7.2																	
<b>Sub-component 3.8 Horizontal Legislation</b>																	
Activity 3.8.1			X														
Activity 3.8.2																	
<b>Sub-component 3.9 Structural Instruments</b>																	
Activity 3.9.1																	
Activity 3.9.2																	
Activity 3.9.3																	

Project Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Component 4 Technically Focussed Activities</b>																		
Activity 4.1		X																
Activity 4.2			X															
Activity 4.3		X																
Activity 4.4																		
Activity 4.5																		
Activity 4.6																		
Activity 4.7																		

## **2.5: ASSESSMENT**

The Twinning project was notified on 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2008 and the RTA started the work on 05<sup>th</sup> of February.

The Project office in the REPA Galati was good prepared and equipped; the RTA Assistants were hired until the end of February 2008. The Twinning project is proceeding very well thanks to the good cooperation of all the Romanian and German Project partners.

At the Kick off meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2008, all the partners and regional stakeholders were informed about the project objectives, activities and time schedule.

The 46 participants arrived from Germany and from Romania - MESD, NEPA, REPA Galati, and the 6 LEPA's in SE region, IB SOP Environment, County Commissariats of NEG, RDA S-E, Prefecture of Galati, NGOs, and Health Department and also from main enterprises of Galati, Port Administration and ArcelorMittal Galati.

Since the start of this Twinning Project a good common cooperation has been started between all the Romanian and German Project partners at the different levels.

All actors involved are aware of the project purposes, of their roles and responsibilities regarding the preparation and the implementation of the different activities within the project.

During the assessment activities the Romanian partners were very open and gave a detailed overview about the current situation in the different areas, formulated questions and took active part at the discussion of the recommendations regarding the upcoming activities, given by the German experts.

All the workshops were characterized by a combination of German and Romanian presentations, experiences and recommendations in the different fields. Only on this way synergies are possible.

Due to the fact that the co-financing is very limited, all the workshop/training activities were provided in form of one-day workshop only. For the partners coming from regions with a longer distance to Galati it is very exhausting.

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### **3. EXPENDITURES**

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**4. ANNEXES**