



BIGDATA 4RIVERS

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BIGDATA 4RIVERS aims to improve policies for European river basin and water management, thereby contributing to achieving the objectives of the EU's Water Framework Directive.

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An interregional cooperation project for improving resource-efficient economy policies.

Project Partners

Intermunicipal Community of Alto Minho (PT)

Regional Development Fund on Behalf of the Region of Attica (EL)
Iberian Association of Riverside Municipalities of Duero River (ES)
Cluster DREAM Water & Environment (FR)
Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) (LT)
The National Union of Romanian Entrepreneurs (RO)
The County Administrative Board of Östergötland (SE)

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Kick-off Meeting



The Kick-off meeting of BIGDATA 4RIVERS project took place on 29th of July in Viana do Castelo (Portugal), followed by the project presentation next day. BIGDATA 4RIVERS aims to improve the European rivers water quality through smart water management policies.

On the first day, all partners had the chance to make presentations addressing policy instruments and expected improvements. Also, there was a discussion about management, coordination and communication of the project.

On the second day they focused on the project implementation by analyzing main activities, calendar and budget.

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Partner meeting in Athens, Greece



Two-day meeting of European partners and project teams of BIGDATA 4RIVERS held on 22 & 23 January 2020 in Athens.

The meeting was organized by the Regional Development Fund of Attica.

The first day included visits and guided tours to places of interest in Attica Region (Schinias National Park, Marathon Lake, Asopos River) where stakeholders had the opportunity to see specific case studies on big data management of water, as well as problems caused by pollution.

On the second day, the meetings of the Project Coordination and Technical Committee were held in the area of Technopolis in Athens, where important innovations and initiatives were discussed by all project partners.

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1st NURE Local Stakeholder Group meeting

On October 29th 2019, the first meeting of the NURE Local Stakeholder Group was held with the main objective of presenting the project and establishing the group work.

The main conclusions were and the group's starting point were the following:

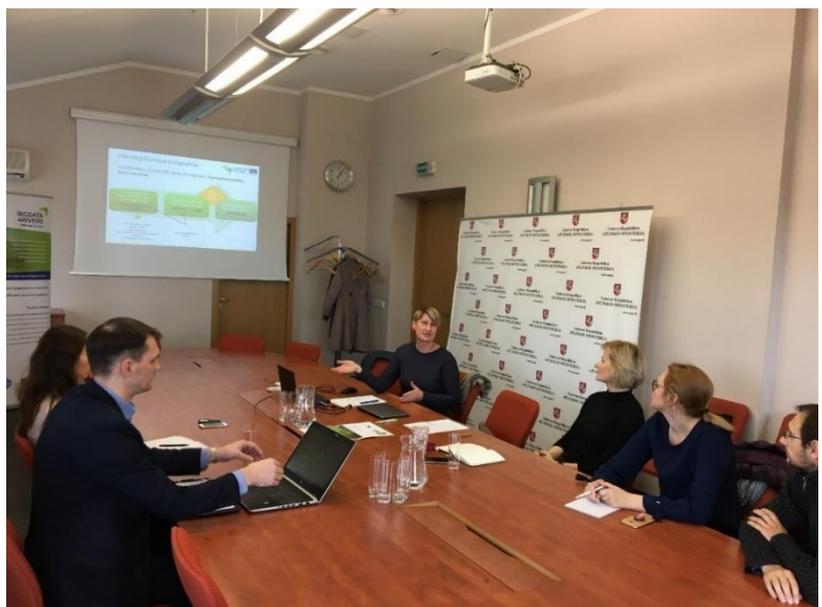
- The need for an integrated system for real-time management of water quality
- The need to modify and, as appropriate, develop new laws that complete the management of water quality and reduce the impact of small polluters on water quality.
- The need to rethink the way of managing the purification stations because the territorial units do not have funds or specialized human resources.



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1st Local Stakeholders meeting in Vilnius

The BIGDATA4RIVERS project was presented at the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania on 13th of November, 2019 in Vilnius. The objective of the event was to inform the main stakeholder as well as other stakeholders about the Interreg Europe programme, project objectives, project partners and their good practices and discuss the water management policies.

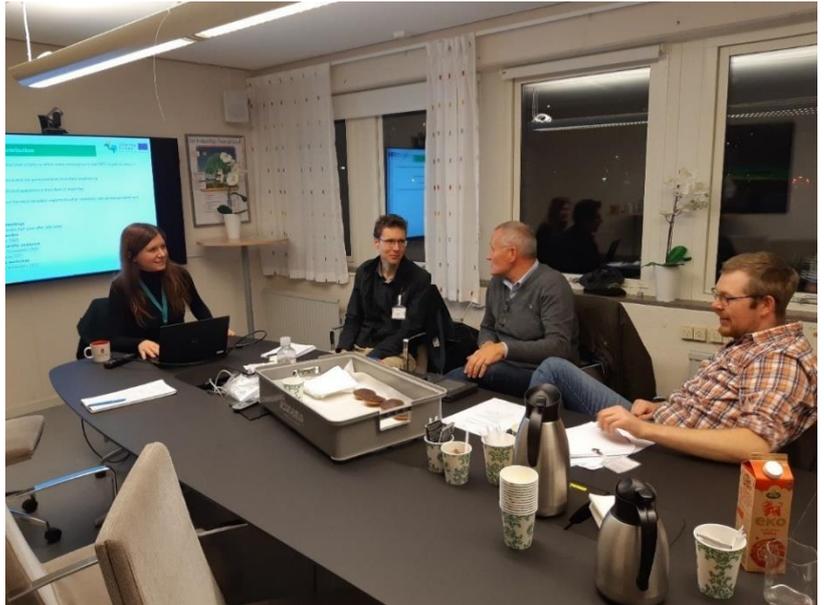


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1st Local Stakeholder's meeting in Linköping, Sweden

The meeting gathered local stakeholder group from Östergötland County involved in the BIGDATA 4RIVERS project.

- The objectives of this meeting were to inform the stakeholders about the goals, ideas and plans of the BD4R project
- To give the context about the Interreg Europe program and the possibilities it offers
- Furthermore, to present to the stakeholder what can be the benefit for Östergötland from the participation in the BD4R project



- Finally, to identify the local water management problems, room for improvement and potential good practices in Östergötland County, from the perspective of the various stakeholders involved
- The ideas raised by the participants about the possible areas of interest

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1st Local Stakeholder's meeting in Laguna del Duero

Last November 27th, the Iberian Association of Douro River Municipalities (AIMRD) presented, to its associates the Interreg Europe project BIGDATA 4RIVERS.

The objective of the participation of AIMRD in this project is to contribute the improvement of the Regional Operational Programme (ROP) of Castile and Leon region taking advantage of the knowledge and experiences of all the project partners and uptake the opportunities generated by new technologies and Big Data promoting the generation of smarter water policies and strategies.



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1st Local Stakeholder's meeting in Athens

At the technical meeting of the Regional Stakeholders Group (RSG) held on 13/12/2019, the project was presented with extensive reference to its partners, objectives, methodology, main points of implementation, as well as the role and function of the RSG and the benefits of participating in the project. The attendees then discussed the good practices of Attica.



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Local presentation event in Bucharest, Romania

On December 17th and 18th 2019, the project presentation events took place in the capital of Romania. The next day this presentation was completed with the participation in the General Assembly of the Romanian Water Association where water management specialists have had the opportunity to know about this project.



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1st Local Stakeholder meeting in Alto Minho, Portugal

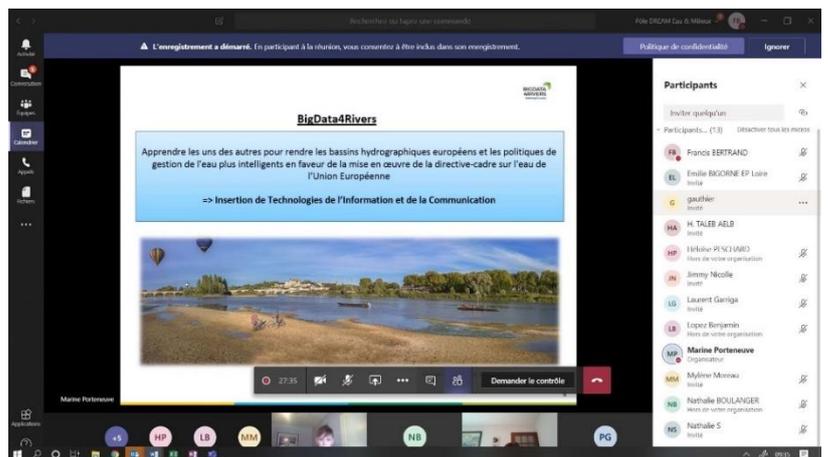
On the 27th January 2020, it took place, the first meeting of the group of local stakeholders, under the project "BIGDATA 4RIVERS. This first regional meeting with the stakeholder group of CIM Alto Minho had as main purposes: to frame and present the BIGDATA 4RIVERS project to the group of stakeholders, to initiate the establishment of an effective communication and collaboration framework between CIM Alto Minho and the group of local stakeholders aiming at defining the best action plan possible (with a real impact on the effectiveness of the regional policy instrument), as well as sharing ideas and collecting input from these key players in defining the action plan.



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1st Local Stakeholder Meeting in France

On March 31st 2020, the first meeting of the DREAM cluster Local Stakeholder Group was held. Because of the current conditions linked to Covid-19, the first stakeholder group took place thanks to the use of a digital tool: TEAMS. The main objective was to present the project at the local group. Then, the benefits for Centre Val de Loire region have been presented and the local water management have been exposed. Finally, they organized a discussion about good practices.



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