

LSG Conclusions Report

Partner concerned:	Kaunas University of Technology
Policy Instrument concerned:	Operational Programme for the European Union Fund's Investments in 2014-2020 Republic of Lithuania
Date of the meeting:	18-12-2020

LSG Meeting

General Information

A. Participants

Name	Institution/profile
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B. Agenda

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on the BIGDATA 4RIVERS Project 2. Discussion: ideas and comments about the project; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water management; - Local problems; - Specific areas and potential good practices.
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C. Duration

13:00-15:00

LSG Meeting Conclusions

A. Summary of the meeting

In the meeting participated representatives of the main stakeholder – Ministry of Environment and the Competent Authority – Environmental Protection Agency from Lithuania involved in the BIGDATA 4RIVERS project.

Objectives

The objectives of this meeting were to:

- Update the new members of the stakeholder group, as here were changes in staff from Ministry of Environment and inform the stakeholders about the objectives of the BIGDATA4RIVERS project.
- give the context about the Interreg Europe program and the possibilities it offers.
- present to the stakeholders what can be the benefit for Lithuania from the participation in the BIGDATA4RIVERS project.
- identify the local water management problems, room for improvement and potential good practices in the Lithuania, from the perspective of the various stakeholders involved.

After all the main topics of the BIGDATA4RIVERS project were presented:

- Climate change/environmental risks;
- Monitoring water bodies and environmental assets;
- Tools for monitoring/follow-up for improvements;
- Local and regional networks and perception of the private sector/university;
- Water directive/water management;
- Water losses.

Responsibilities and expectations

As the quality of water in Lithuania's rivers has improved significantly over the past decade thanks to large investments in wastewater management system; however, the Curonian Lagoon, the Baltic Sea shore, about two-thirds of Lithuania's rivers and about one-third of lakes do not meet yet the requirements for a good status of water. The LSG will give its support to the BIGDATA4RIVERS project by:

- Helping to identify local problems within water management and WFD implementation in Lithuania.
- Propose solutions and the good practices from their experience.
- Give support in technical questions in their field of expertise.

- Opinions about the recommendation reports (to other partners), joint analytical report and action plans.
- Participation in meetings and study visits, knowledge transfer seminars and interregional workshop.

B. Recommendations of the LSG

Several questions were raised and discussed during the stakeholder's meeting:

- Regarding the Substances of very high concern (SVHC) and other hazardous substances related water environment and companies – How the hazardous substances could be identified in the companies?
- How there process of the river basin management is organised in region (country)? What and how the Institutions are involved?

Good practice proposed: Wastewater treatment in Kretinga municipality.

C. Information Request

-No additional information was requested at the time.