

## BSR INTERREG III B Progress Report – Activity Report

<b>Project name:</b>	Principles, tools and systems to extend spatial planning on water courses - WATERSKETCH		
<b>Reporting period:</b>	01.01.2005 - 30.06.2005	<b>Number of the report:</b>	2

<b>Summary description of the project</b> <b>Please provide a brief overall summary of the project to be published on BSR INTERREG III B webpage.</b> <b>(maximum 2500 characters)</b>	
<p>River basin planning in the BSR has always been a complex, yet important topic. It has gained a new momentum with the implementation of EU Water Framework Directive (WFD). Also principles of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) are to be applied and national expansions of Natura2000 networks are in progress. All these actions support sustainable use of waters, but they also restrain and steer economical activities of society. Even different EU directives have opposing goals. All these practices and contrasting goals need to be taken into account in river basin planning. In BSR especially the needs of increasing tourism for natural and recreational areas together with well-developed areas have to be foreseen in land and river basin planning. Often these contrary actions are too demanding for spatial planners, and therefore multiple criteria decision support systems addressing as well the ecological as the socio-economic dimensions are urgently needed. Legally binding workload will be demanding especially in sparsely populated areas, where resources and funds are highly limited. Moreover, some such regions have numerous water bodies, which further impedes the planning processes. New member states will aggravate the situation in European scale, since with different societal backgrounds and environmental problems they are required to begin their river basin planning activities according to EU legislation and directives.</p> <p>The main aims of the project are to prepare a strategy via which challenges seen in river basin planning in the Baltic Sea region may be addressed by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Analysing and synthesising the different directives and conventions focused on use of watercourses.</li> <li>2) Evaluating, how the goals of the regulations are expressed at the regional scale land use planning (especially related to WFD)</li> <li>3) Demonstrating different situations of river basin planning with a wide set of case studies ranging from southern tip of BSR (Poland) to northern parts of it (Northern Finland)</li> <li>4) Providing a Water Planning Decision Support System for spatial planners, which takes into account all main components needed for economically, socially and ecologically sustainable use of watercourses</li> <li>5) Raising capacity to promote the sustainable development in river basins by means of an information exchange platform, training workshops and the dissemination of the information needed for sustainable use of river basins by a handbook.</li> </ol> <p>More details are available at <a href="http://www.watersketch.net">www.watersketch.net</a></p>	

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**Achievements of the project so far**  
**Please describe the main achievements of the project so far to be published on BSR INTERREG III B webpage.**  
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Different directives and conventions related to river basin planning (WP1) were collected and national implementation phase among the Baltic sea countries was analysed by questionnaire and special workshop held in Vilnius April 2005. Results were collected in draft report at the end of second milestone.

The major challenges of river basin planning (WP2) was investigated in ten different case studies covering all main uses of BSR. Case studies have collected a large number of stakeholders, spatial planners and research institutes to numerous smaller work shops and meetings, where the aim of project was described. Case studies produced first impact matrices and detailed plan of their work.

Tools and principles for sustainable water course master plan (WP3) were tested in different case studies including e.g. tools for estimation of nutrient load and Webhipre for decision making. First draft version of web based toolbox was available for project use.

Results of project were disseminated (WP4) via flyers, posters and webpage ([www.watersketch.net](http://www.watersketch.net)), where document store of all relevant project documents and power point presentations were available for larger audience. Content of forthcoming handbook was agreed. Project representatives have participated in numerous different work-shops and meetings related to river basin planning.

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#### Are there any changes on the general project conditions/project set-up? (e.g. partnership, key persons, schedules ...)

The contact person of Partner no 9 County of North Jutland has been changed. New contact person is Mr. Peter Norskov Kristensen. He will also be a deputy member of the project's steering group.

#### Please describe the main co-ordination activities that have taken place during the reporting period. (e.g. partnership contracts, organisational arrangements, meetings...)

The management group of the project has had 3 meetings during the 2<sup>nd</sup> project period

- 2nd management group meeting, 12-January 2005, Helsinki (Finland) - 11 participants representing 6 partners
- 3rd management group meeting, 31-March 2005, Vilnius (Lithuania) - 9 participants representing 7 partners
- 4th management group meeting, 15-June 2005, Lodz (Poland) extended by conclusive meeting, 17-June 2005 - 22 participants representing 10 partners

An advisory board of two experienced members has been nominated for the project. Mr. Jörg Janning from the Lower Saxony State Government (Hannover, Germany) is specialist in transnational cooperation in environmental protection and administration and Mr. Bo Löwendahl from Boverket (Karlskrona, Sweden) is a specialist in spatial planning and the spatial cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region. The role of the board is to evaluate the project and its outcomes and to give advice for the strategic planning of the project. The members of the board are to be invited to the most important project meetings and seminars and they can take part of the steering group meetings.

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<b>Title of WP1</b>	<b>Directives and conventions affecting the integrated planning and management of river basins</b>	
<b>Strategic focus of WP1</b>	Evaluating common EU directives and national legislation concerning waters. Composing main spatial planning processes in different countries	<b>MILE-STONE</b>
<b>Planned results of WP1</b>	Improved knowledge of different factors affecting on water course status and use. Transfer of knowledge between different BSR countries of common and national factors.	<b>2</b>

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<p>Directives and conventions on spatial planning and integrated river basin management will be collected and analysed. The analysis tasks will be carried out by a group representing as well the research community as the practical planning community. Pan-European and international legislation will be gathered during the first phase, and national legislation in a second phase. The case studies in work package 2 will be used in the analysis effort, and possible divergence between legislation and practical river basin planning will be identified. Finally, the need for new methods and tools to support the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and other water related legislation will be analysed. Transnational dimension including differences in planning practice will be especially highlighted.</p>	<p>The main goal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> project period was to collect the EU Directives and other legislation and recommendations somehow related to River Basin Management and analyse them for interdependencies and potential conflicts.</p> <p>As a part of analysis, a questionnaire of the national implementations of the Water Framework Directive was prepared and answers were gathered in the Member States around the Baltic Sea – also in Estonia and Latvia which are not Watersketch partner countries.</p> <p>As a follow-up activity on this analysis, a seminar for authorities responsible for WFD implementation was arranged in Vilnius. The purpose of this seminar was two-fold. Firstly, the seminar gave us good possibilities to disseminate the ideas of Watersketch to a wider audience in the Baltic countries and Poland. The invited people where mainly stakeholders from the Ministries of Environment and regional authorities. Secondly, we could help the national representatives filling in the questionnaires.</p> <p>As a result of the work during the 2<sup>nd</sup> project period, a draft report of analysis and results was published.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>seminar for authorities responsible for EU WFD implementation at national level in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland". 1-April 2005, organized in Vilnius (Lithuania)</li> <li>work group meeting, 31 March 2005 organized in Vilnius (Lithuania)</li> <li>draft report on EU and international legislation and recommendations related to river basin management <a href="http://www.watersketch.net/en/index.php?page=ftpdocs&amp;dir=%2F%2FProject+management%2FMilestone+2">http://www.watersketch.net/en/index.php?page=ftpdocs&amp;dir=%2F%2FProject+management%2FMilestone+2</a></li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27 participants (15 from 8 partner organisations and 12 from 9 different external bodies from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland) attended the seminar in Vilnius</li> <li>11 participants from 7 partners present at the work group meeting in Vilnius</li> <li>1 draft report on Legislation related to the Water Framework Directive</li> </ul>

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**Deviation from the planned activities and outputs as well as their reasons/justifications**

No deviations.

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<b>Title of WP2</b>	<b>The major challenges of river basin planning in Baltic Sea Region (BSR)</b>	
<b>Strategic focus of WP2</b>	Demonstrating alternatives of river basin planning by case studies. Analyzing conflicts between different directives and use of watercourses	<b>MILESTONE</b>
<b>Planned results of WP2</b>	Wide set of case studies ranging from conflicting interest of hydropower, fishery, peat production, nature protection, scattered settlement, tourism, urban centers and agriculture. Comprehensive analysis of conflicts related to them and planning.	<b>2</b>

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<p>Analysing work of different case studies will be in full progress. Work will follow general Integrated Management Approach (IMA) including analysis of problems and conflicts in water course planning, scenarios for future development with multidisciplinary integrated impact analysis. Further results will be evaluated by the impact matrices, which will include main water related problems such as eutrophication, hydro-morphological change, algae blooming, hygienic harm versus main uses such are recreation, rural villages, hydropower production etc. Reviewing case studies against draft report on aspects of water related planning. Transnational information exchange will be promoted by offering open access for every participants on typical water planning cases in different countries of BSR.</p>	<p>All case studies started their activities according to plan. In general, main problems of water courses were described and analysed. First results were put to impact matrices to have a general view of situation. Depending on case study first meetings with stakeholders and spatial planners were arranged to inform the aim and goal of the project and discuss of the problems and conflicts between the uses and goals of the EU Water Framework Directive.</p> <p>Descriptions of the progress in different case studies:</p> <p>1) Finnish "Oulujoki River" case study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The case study consists of 4 sub-studies: peat production, forestry, hydropower and protected areas.</li> <li>4 workshops for stakeholders have been organized: Two workshops for peat production stakeholders: 16-February for peat production companies and Council of Oulu Region with 14 participants and 14-April for more interest groups (peat production companies, nature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full set of case studies was in progress with data collection, meetings with stakeholders and workshops.</li> <li>Detailed work plan was updated and impact matrices were drafted/finalised <a href="http://www.watersketch.net/en/index.php?page=ftpdocs&amp;dir=%2F%2FProject+management%2FMilestone+2">http://www.watersketch.net/en/index.php?page=ftpdocs&amp;dir=%2F%2FProject+management%2FMilestone+2</a>.</li> <li>A common work group meeting, 16 June 2005 organized in Lodz (Poland).</li> <li>A transnational workshop "The role of the WFD for river basin planning to achieve sustainable use of watercourses". 30-June-2005 organized in Hamburg (Germany)</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 participants from 10 partners and 2 external bodies attended the work group meeting in Lodz</li> <li>Altogether 21 participants (11 from 4 partner organisations and 10 from 8 different external bodies from Germany, Sweden, The Netherlands, Poland, Estonia and Russia) attended the transnational case study seminar</li> </ul>

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	<p>conservation, consultants, administration) with 28 participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two workshops for forestry stakeholders: in 22-February with 13 participants and in 17-May with 9 participants.</li> </ul> <p>Main activities so far:</p> <p>a) Peat production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flow and water quality model RLGIS was applied in several river stretches affected by peat production and forestry. Water quality and biological data was analysed and supplementary field work was planned.</li> </ul> <p>b) Forestry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lakes (2 reference, 4 impacted by forestry) were selected for further analysis of the effects of forestry and several analysis (drainage area analysis, water quality, sediments, biological elements) were made. A questionnaire related to problems of lake were prepared. A press release of forestry case was published.</li> </ul> <p>c) Hydropower</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities were arranged together with ongoing projects of Oulujoki area (Oulujoki pilot river basin, Heavily modified rivers-project, Norsdemo-project). The leader of subcase (S.Hellsten) is an expert member of Finnish committee writing new legislation of heavily modified water bodies. In April a meeting together with project of fish ways of modified rivers were arranged. Major meeting</li> </ul>	<p>in Hamburg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National meetings collected a huge number of participants. Representatives from at least 55 different stakeholder organisations and interest groups have been involved in project's events and activities in different countries so far.</li> </ul>

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	<p>of environmental goals was planned and it will take place in September 2005.</p> <p>d) Protected areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities were mainly focused on developing criteria for water related protection areas. Leader of the subcase (V.Hokka) was secretary of workgroup developing national criteria for protected areas.</li> </ul> <p>2) Finnish “Kokemaenjoki River Delta” case study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 workshops with stakeholders have been arranged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ At the 1<sup>st</sup> workshop the most important topics and areas, so called hot-spots were identified. in the area</li> <li>○ In the following workshops the current situation and conflicts related to the hot-spots were identified. Themes were the delta area, inshore waters, traffic issues and Yyteri recreation area.</li> <li>○ Altogether 66 participants from 26 different partner and stakeholder organizations have taken part of the of the work.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>In order to compare the results and approaches of Finnish case studies, a common meeting of all Finnish partners were arranged 26-May in Liminka with 20 participants from 8 partner organisations.</p>	

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	<p>3) Danish “Catchment areas at Limfjorden” case study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting on the organisation of the case study has been held and 8 workgroups were established. Several workgroup meetings have been held on the detailed description of the case study with 4-5 participants.</li> </ul> <p>4) Lithuanian “Northern part of Curonian lagoon” case study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting with local fisherman association concerning the Klaipeda port reconstruction impact on Curonian lagoon ecosystem with approx. 30 participants has been arranged. The information of the case has been distributed for Klaipeda municipality. Data has been collected from the research area.</li> </ul> <p>5) Lithuanian “Minija river” case study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information of the case has been distributed for Klaipeda municipality. Data has been collected from the research area.</li> </ul> <p>6) German “Elbe-Hamburg Harbour” case study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data was collected and research plan was updated. A transnational Workshop “The role of the WFD for river basin planning to achieve sustainable use of watercourses” was arranged in Hamburg 30th</li> </ul>	

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	<p>June 2005</p> <p>7) Polish "Lodz-Jeziorsko Lake" case study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data was collected and research plan was updated. Draft report of environmental problems was formulated. Main stakeholder organisations (environmental protection, hydropower protection, WFD implementation) in charge of reservoir development and protection were informed during the seminar and field trip June in Lodz.</li> </ul> <p>General status of case studies was reviewed in the work group meeting in Lodz (Poland) on 16-June. It was decided to produce a short updated report and take more strictly into account the results from WP1 (Analysis of different directives and legislation) and modify the results to support needs of WP3 (Tools).</p>	

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<b>Title of WP3</b>	<b>Tools and principles for sustainable water course master plan</b>	
<b>Strategic focus of WP3</b>	Providing tools, which take into account sustainable use of water. Analyzing contradictions and mutual interests of different stakeholders.	<b>MILE-STONE</b>
<b>Planned results of WP3</b>	Planner's Toolbox will be provided for all partners. Multicriteria decision support system will be provided for different case studies. Principles and systems to create sustainable water master plan will be published and demonstrated in workshop.	<b>2</b>

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<p>Tool preparation in full progress. Collection of needed parameters of case study river basins into a common database is done. Conflict analysis tool (Hipre 3+) cases are prepared by distinguishing conflicts between different conventions and users of river basins. Planners toolbox is prepared for internal use. Technical tool preparation is done by Finnish partners, but practical preparation of used variables and factors is done together. Transnational dimensions are especially taken into account in variable preparation.</p>	<p>The first work group meeting was organized on 10-11 January in Helsinki. The main goal of the meeting was to gather ideas and specify the goals for the toolbox preparation. The first summary of the toolbox contents and technical features needed was compiled.</p> <p>In addition, theoretical background and real-life examples of using the multicriteria decision making and conflict analysis tool WebHipre were presented to participants. The possibilities to apply WebHipre in different case studies were evaluated.</p> <p>Also a GIS-based flow and loading model RLGIS was demonstrated. The model will be a part of the forthcoming Watersketch toolbox and it has been applied in basic analysis of case studies in Oulujoki. The further development of the model is in progress.</p> <p>After the first meeting a survey of existing toolboxes in the internet was carried out. The results of the survey were presented at the second work group meeting on 30-March in Vilnius. It was noted, that many toolboxes found were incomplete and therefore not useful. As a result of this meeting, the toolbox plans were specified and a team responsible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first draft version of the Watersketch Toolbox available at <a href="http://toolbox.watersketch.net">toolbox.watersketch.net</a></li> <li>• a work group meeting, 10-11 January 2005 organized in Helsinki (Finland)</li> <li>• a work group meeting, 30 March 2005 organized in Vilnius (Lithuania)</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 participants from 9 partners present at the work group meeting in Helsinki</li> <li>• 11 participants from 7 partners present at the work group meeting in Vilnius</li> </ul>

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	<p>for the toolbox preparation in practice was nominated.</p> <p>As a result of the work of the toolbox team, the first, but very limited version of the toolbox was launched in June. It can not yet been used in practice, but a visitor can get a view of user interface and layout of the forthcoming toolbox. The preparation work is in progress.</p>	

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<p>No deviations.</p>

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<b>Title of WP4</b>	<b>Dissemination of results</b>	
<b>Strategic focus of WP4</b>	Promoting sustainable development of river basins by an information exchange platform, training workshops and handbook.	<b>MILE-STONE</b>
<b>Planned results of WP4</b>	Existing information exchange platform in web, training component including workshops at river basins of member states and Russia, a handbook of applying water master plan for stakeholders and regional planners.	<b>2</b>

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<p>Thematic networks will be established and designed to involve civil servants, scientists, educators, NGO members and consultants, as well as national companies and international enterprises interested and officially involved in river basin management. The rationale behind this approach is that ICT-based communication can be at best used, if it is able to reach a cross-sectoral range of beneficiaries and reliably address their information needs. A special feature to be mentioned here is that the networking takes place in the countries involved in their national languages and in English. During this phase, the existence of the networks will be announced and as an outcome or the second milestone, national and cross-sectoral networks will be in place. Support to activities, projects and events on river related issues, across the region, will be provided as part of the networking effort.</p>	<p>A transnational project newsletter was published and distributed among all partner countries and was available on webpage.</p> <p>A project roll-up/panel outlining the goals of the project has been prepared and is being used for dissemination purposes</p> <p>Foster dissemination of the project results via website</p> <p>In addition to that, a web forum in English was build up, to provide information to a wide audience.</p> <p>Preparation of the Handbook outline and the Case Study outline</p> <p>Outline of Thematic Networks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On Education</li> <li>- On Sediments</li> </ul> <p>A work group meeting, 15 June 2005 organized in Lodz (Poland).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two thematic networks (education and sediments) were established.</li> <li>- A project roll-up/panel outlining the goals of the project has been prepared.</li> <li>- The 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the transnational project newsletter was published and distributed in all partner countries.</li> <li>- A web forum was established at the project's website.</li> <li>- Several presentations in different transnational seminars and workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral presentation and brochures disseminated at the conference "Sustainable Chemistry and Biotechnology 2005", 15-19 February 2005, St. Marienthal (Germany) and Wroclaw (Poland)</li> <li>• Poster presentation and brochures disseminated at "2nd Harmoni-CA Forum &amp; Conference", 5-7 April 2005, Ghent (Belgium)</li> <li>• 2 oral presentations and brochures disseminated at the conference "Environment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<p>Technology. Resources.", 16-18 June 2005, Rezekne (Latvia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral presentation at the Baltic University Programme Centre Directors' meeting at 17-18 June 2005, Kaliningrad, (Russia)</li> <li>• Presentation of the project by brochure, newsletter and information stand at the "European week", 9-May 2005, Hamburg</li> </ul> <p>- In addition, project brochures were disseminated at several events, such as "Harbour Festival" 5-June 2005 in Hamburg and at the "Seminar on River Renaturation", 3-June 2005 at the University for Applied Science in Hamburg</p> <p>- A press release of case study on effects of forestry in small lakes, 2-June 2005 (in Finnish)</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Altogether 54 persons from different partner organisations have been straightly involved in the work and activities in the project. In addition, approximately 45 other persons working in partner organisations have been taking part of different events and activities organised by Watersketch.</li> <li>• Representatives of 55 different stakeholders and interest groups</li> </ul>

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		<p>have been involved in project's events and activities so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 1400 of 2100 printed project brochures have been distributed to interested parties at different events.</li> <li>• 1 press release</li> </ul>

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No deviations.

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<b>Title of WP5</b>	.	
<b>Strategic focus of WP5</b>	.	<b>MILE- STONE</b>
<b>Planned results of WP5</b>	.	<b>2</b>

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.		<p><i>(Outputs are the immediate products of project activities. They are tangible goods and services that the activities produce, e.g. reports, written concepts, policy tools, strategies, new products, websites, databases, seminars, training sessions.)</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>(Output indicators measure the achievement of the outputs of project activities. In case some output indicators are named and quantified in the WP plan, please list and quantify the ones related to the achieved outputs. Please see the indicative list given, but you can also report additional ones. )</i></p>

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Please describe the accumulated results of the project from the start of the project until now.  
If you have defined result indicators, please use them in this description.

A strong WaterSketch consortium was established and it combined water resource civil engineers (Poland, Lithuania) to Water framework directive (WFD) specialist (Finland) and spatial planners (Denmark). The group was strongly merged together with sustainability and dissemination professionals of Germany. River basin planning practises including public participation issues from old Eu member states were started to transfer and apply for new member state circumstances. WFD-implementation schedules and practices were clarified in several meetings with different partners.

Different directives and conventions related to river basin planning were collected and national implementation phase among the Baltic sea countries was analysed by questionnaire and special workshop held in Vilnius April 2005. Results were collected in draft report at the end of second milestone.

Ten different case studies were started covering main uses of river basins of BSR. Case studies have collected a large number of stakeholders, spatial planners and research institutes to numerous smaller work shops and meetings. Case studies produced first impact matrices and detailed plan of their work. Tools and principles for sustainable water course master plan were tested in different case studies. First draft version of web based toolbox was available for project use.

Results of project were disseminated via flyers, posters and webpage ([www.watersketch.net](http://www.watersketch.net)), where document store of all relevant project documents and power point presentations was available for larger audience.

Is there anything else you would like to report (problems, highlights etc.)?



**BSR INTERREG III B**  
**Progress report – activity report (results)**

Please describe the activities that have been carried out in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> round projects with the exception of upgraded projects), and in Russia and Belarus.