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Croatia : End of the twinning agreement on the Flood Directive

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In April 2014, Austria, France and the Netherlands closed the twinning project on the European Flood Directive with Croatia, which became a full EU Member State in July 2013.

Adopted in 2007, the Flood Directive imposed its schedule to the four countries participating in the twinning project. The schedule of the Directive, which eventually will be synchronized with that of the Water Framework Directive, gives the following deadlines for the 3 stages of preparation of Flood Risk Management Plans to be developed in each river basin/unit :

- Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) with selection of Areas with Significant Potential Flood Risk (ASPFR) by December 2011 ;
- Hazard and risk mapping of ASPFR by December 2013 ;
- Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs), including their Program of Measures by December 2015.

This 16-month project especially focused on the mapping of flood risk in two priority pilot areas : the Kupa River in the Black Sea Basin and the delta of the Neretva River in the Adriatic Sea Basin with specific flood characteristics.

OWater was responsible for implementing the training program that supported the preparation of the Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP) with its Program of Measures and associated economic analysis.

A model for identifying the data necessary for preparing the plan was also developed for dissemination to other Croatian pilot basins.

On the French side, in addition to IOWater intervention on behalf of the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, the support of "CEREMA", Center for Studies and Assessment of Risk, Environment, Mobility and Development, which has developed modeling tools suited to the Directive requirements for the French Authorities, has been valuable and appreciated.