



# Kick-off Meeting of the NCM-funded Project “Healthy River – Healthy me – Healthy Sea”

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# Main objectives

- Introduce integrated ecosystem health and source-to-sea thinking into RBM
- Develop and strengthen Public Advisory River Teams (PARTs) in Nemunas and Daugava basins and establish new PARTs in Narva, Odra and Pregolya
- Activate the role of NGOs in existing national, bi- and multilateral RBM bodies



# Long-term effects

- **Contribution towards reaching GES** by coordinated and coherent implementation of EU water policy and BSAP, in terms of improved public involvement and cooperation with third countries in joint river basin management, also addressing emerging pollution threats;
- **Step-wise strengthening of public participation** in Baltic transboundary river basins;
- Improvement of knowledge and data on surface and groundwater pollution for river basin management purposes through wider use of citizen science instruments in BSR.

When terminated the project will create **sustainable network of partners in transboundary basins** equipped with ecosystem-based management and ecosystem health tools.



# Project duration

- Start: 1 June 2018
- End: 31 October 2019



# Core activities

- Public Advisory River Teams meetings: 2 per basin in Nemunas, Daugava, 1 per basin – Narva, Odra and Pregolya
- 1 joint international conference and 1 annual workshop - for all basins
- Transboundary rafting/kayaking expedition on Daugava (from Belarus – to Latvia), for 15-20 prs. (2-3 per basin) to share knowledge and promote water protection
- Woven “River Belt” campaign, produced by stakeholders (e.g. schools) and symbolising each river basin will to be delivered to Daugavpils Museum
- Continuation of River Watch public monitoring with new elements included: microplastic and groundwater level
- Screening of eel for hazardous substances (at least for mercury) in selected basins
- Network of angling clubs engaged in protection of migratory species and their habitats, to share experiences and learn from each other
- Various awareness raising materials, e.g. for salmon information centres adapted to national conditions,
- “River University” education programme in Poland
- Public awareness actions in relation to the International Day of Action for Rivers and Against Dams, World Fish Migration Day, etc.



# Core partnership

- **Coalition Save Rivers, Poland,**
  - will lead work in Odra Basin and for “River University”
- **Klaipeda Ecological Club "Žvejoni", Lithuania,**
  - will coordinate training of RW practitioners
- **Environmental Protection Club of Latvia,**
  - will coordinate work in Daugava basin
- **The Green Belt of Latvia,**
  - will plan and implement rafting/kayaking expedition on Daugava
- **Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation**
  - will coordinate Narva basin
- **Lake Peipsi Project (Pskov), Russia,**
  - will participate in Narva basin
- **Green Planet, Kaliningrad, Russia,**
  - will coordinate Pregolya basin
- **Ecohome / Neman Environment Group, Belarus,**
  - will coordinate activities on migratory fish/rivers
- **+ LGF, CES, FoB, CCB**



# Provisional Timetable

## Healthy River – Healthy me – Healthy Sea: Joint actions for common challenges

			month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Partners*		
##	ACTIVITIES	2017	Q1-Q2.18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19			
1	<b>Public Advisory River Teams (PARTs)</b>																						
1.1	Continuation of PARTs (Nemunas, Daugava, W.Bug/Vistula)																					CES, LGF, GP, EHN, VAK, GBL	
1.1.1	PART meetings, including thematic groups (floods, migratory fish, inland navigation, nutrient runoff)					x	x	x	x	thematic groups				x	x	x	x						
1.2	Launching PARTs in new river basins (Narva, Odra, Pregolya)																						
1.2.1	Inventory of existing formal RBMPs, of previous attempts for transboundary management and public initiatives			continued process as an input to workshops																		FoB, CTC, LPP, KRR, GP	
1.2.2	Kick-off workshops and follow-up meetings in new river basins						x	x	x					x	x	x							
1.2.3	Thematic working groups established and started									groups gather intersessionally													
2	<b>River Watch (RW)</b>																					Zv, FoB, GP, VAK, CES	
2.1	Continuation of RW monitoring, including riverine litter and microplastic; identification and mapping of sources (RW map)			cont. process, according to agreed method								cont. process, according to agreed method											
2.2	Screening eel contamination by hazardous substances in selected basins						prep.	x	eval.								prep.	x	eval.			EHN, LGF, CES, VAK	
2.3	Trainings for RW practitioners (schools and teachers)																						
2.4	Further development of video-lessons for RW Manual (adapting to local conditions and languages)								compilation of material, producing, translation														Zv, FoB, GP, VAK
3	<b>Joint activities for all basins - information and awareness</b>																						
3.1	Transboundary rafting/kayaking expedition on Daugava																?	?				all	
3.2	Info campaign: Healthy River belt																					all	
3.3	Workshop for angling clubs engaged in protection of migratory fish species and their habitats									preparation	x											EHN, KRR, FoB, LGF	
3.4	Communication and outreach activities including social media		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		all	
3.5	River University in Poland (within Green University Programme)			x													x					KRR	
3.6	Annual Workshop for all PARTs							prep.	x													all	
3.7	International Conference/Festival for Transboundary River Basins, [Poland]																preparation	x				all	
4	<b>Coordination, monitoring and evaluation</b>																						
4.1	Contracting																					CCB	
4.2	Capacity building (gender, communication, legislation)						coord. w. events						coord. w. events									CCB	
4.3	Evaluation and Reporting (interim and final)										prep.	x							prep.	x		CCB	

Preparatory work to provide baseline for 2018 activities (within previous projects)

Project preparation, forming partnerships in river basins

## Provisional Budget

### Healthy River – Healthy me – Healthy Sea: Joint actions for common challenges

	TOTAL AMOUNT IN DKK	FUNDS FROM NCM*
1. Activities: The main activity and delivery. It includes all direct expenses related to the operation of the project (Conference, report, networking etc).	416 000	416 000
2. Project administration: expenses related to dissemination of the projects results, project monitoring including interim reporting to NMR	41 000	-
3. Communication	20 000	20 000
4. Unexpected expenses (max. 10% of point 1-3)	21 285	21 285
5. Evaluation	10 000	10 000
6. Project expenses in total DKK	508 285	467 285
7. Audit	10 000	-
8. Subtotal	518 285	467 285
9. Overhead (if relevant, max. 10%)	36 280	32 710
10. Total	554 565	499 995