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OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME ENVIRONMENT 2007-2013

OPE 2007-2013 Progress

- Contracted funds under OPE 2007-2013 – 4 086 billion BGN;
- Payments: 3 452 billion BGN;
- Completed projects: 281 projects for the amount of 821 million BGN.

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Physical progress under Priority Axis 1 “Water”:

•Constructed and reconstructed sewer network – 1519 km;

•Constructed and reconstructed water supply network – 1030 km;

•Constructed and reconstructed wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) – 50 WWTP in total, 35 of which only in 2015 - Gabrovo, Tundzha, Belene, Blagoevgrad, Burgas (Gorno Ezerovo), Byala Slatina, Varna, Kazanlak, Karlovo, Kostinbrod, Krichim, Kubrat, Kardzhali, Lovech, Lukovit, Mezdra, Momchilgrad, Montana, Nesebar, Novi Pazar, Pavlikeni, Panagyurishte, Peshtera, Pomorie, Parvomay, Svilengrad, Svishtov, Septemvri, Sozopol, Tryavna, Cherven bryag, Burgas (Banevo, Vetren, Mineralni bani), Byala (Ruse), Isperih, and Silistra.



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Physical progress under Priority Axis 2 “Waste”:

•18 landfills of Regional Waste management Systems (RWMS) are built – besides Botevgrad and Sofia completed in 2012, also - Aksakovo (Varna), Burgas, Veliko Tarnovo, Vidin, Gabrovo, Dobrich, Lukovit, Malko Tarnovo, Nikopol (Levski), Panagyurishte, Pernik, Pleven, Samokov (Kostenets), Stara Zagora, Haskovo, and Yambol;

•Population served by RWMS – more than 4 million people;

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Physical progress under Priority Axis 3 “Biodiversity”:

- 228 mapped protected areas and zones of NATURA 2000 network;
- 63 elaborated/updated management plans for protected areas and zones of NATURA 2000 network;
- 365 habitats and species for which preservation activities have been implemented;
- Percentage of species and habitats under Directive 92/43/EEC with conservation status assessments – the implementation is above 100 % of the envisaged mapping of species and habitats under the Directive.



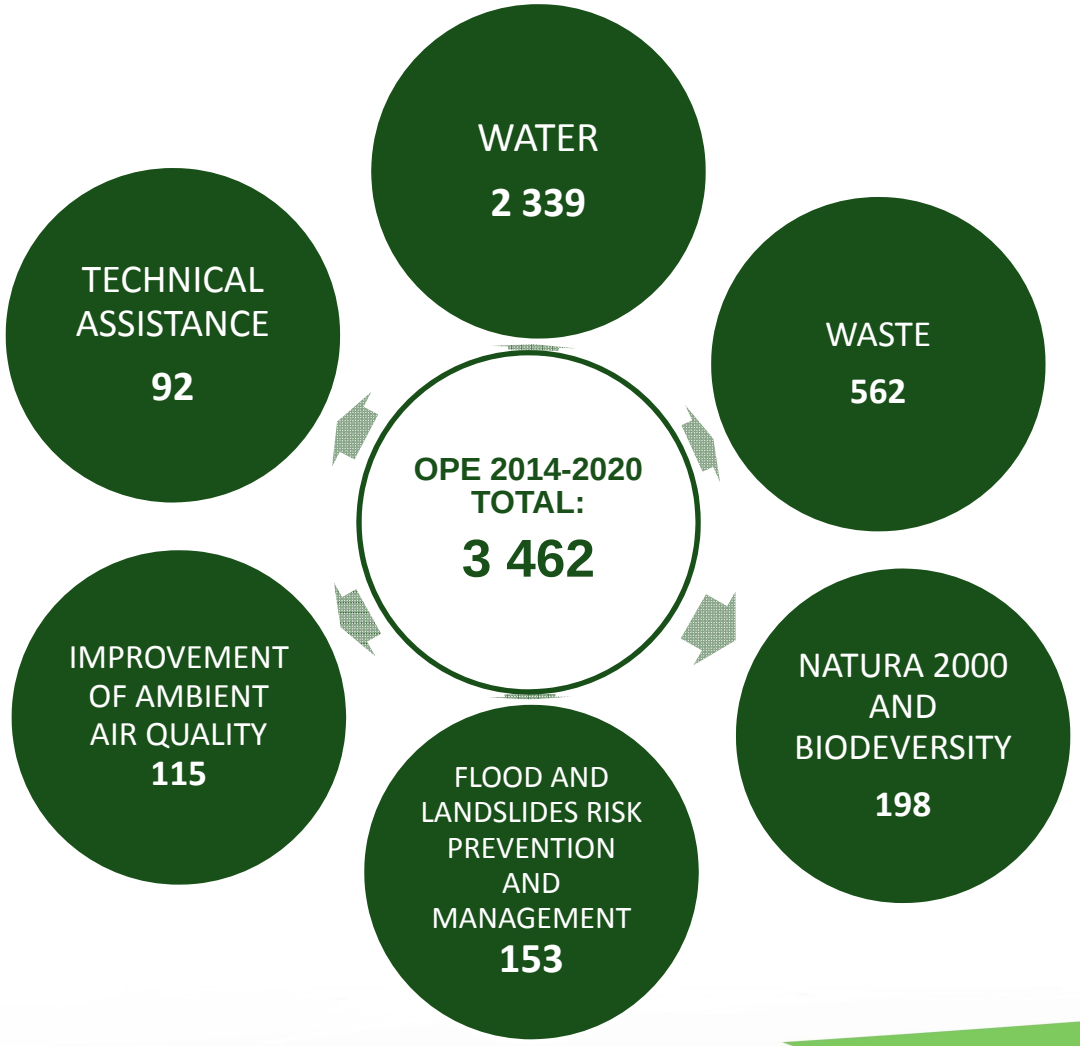


OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME ENVIRONMENT 2014-2020

- OP Environment 2014-2020 identifies priorities in the environment protection area with co-financing from the EU Cohesion Fund and the European Regional Development Fund

- Financial resource: **3 462 billion BGN**, where:
  - EU share is: 2 943 billion BGN
  - National funding: 519 million BGN

OPE 2014-2020 Priority Axis - Financial Resource (in millions BGN)



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES (1/2)

I. Construction of Water Supply and Sewerage (WSS) infrastructure in accordance with the River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and the Regional Master Plans and based on the Regional Feasibility Studies (RFS) and particularly:

- Development of RFS, which will define the long-term priorities for an optimal financing in WSS infrastructure;
- Projects for WSS infrastructure in agglomerations above 10 000 PE, identified as being priority ones within the RFS;
- Projects which implementation can start before the approval of the RFS and phased projects;
- Measures supporting the implementation of the WSS reform;

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES (2/2)

II. Extension of the water monitoring systems:

- Monitoring of the quantitative water status
- Water Quality Monitoring

III. Development of new and/or update of existing strategic documents for the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive

BENEFICIARIES

- *Water and Sewerage System (WSS) Directorate within Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works (MRDPW);*
- *Water Management Directorate within Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW);*
- *Executive Environment Agency (EEA);*
- *Sofia Municipality; Municipalities of Plovdiv, Dobrich, Asenovgrad, Pleven in partnership with Dolna Mitropolia municipality (for the implementation of early WSS projects); Municipalities of Bansko, Varna (Golden Sands Resort), Vidin, Vratsa, Radnevo, Tervel, Shumen and Yambol (for 8 water infrastructure projects to be phased); Further municipalities*
- *Ministry of Health;*
- *WSS operators, WSS operator – town of Smolyan*

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Measures in accordance with the waste management hierarchy for municipal waste and for implementation of legislative requirements in particular:

- Design and construction of centers for re-use, repair and preparation for re-use, including delivery of facilities and equipment for the activity;
- Design and construction of installations for preliminary treatment of municipal waste;
- Delivery of necessary equipment, facilities and machinery for separate collection of biodegradable and green waste;
- Design and construction of anaerobic and/or composting installations for separately collected biodegradable and/or green waste;
- Design and construction of installation for waste recovery – Third phase of the integrated system for municipal waste management of Sofia municipality;
- Design and construction of adjoining infrastructure to the above listed installations (e.g. power supply, road, water supply) serving only the sites/installations;
- Demonstration/pilot projects.

BENEFICIARIES

- Municipalities,
- Business entities,
- Structures of/bodies within the Ministry of Environment and Water,
- NGOs – for the implementation of demonstration/pilot projects.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Measures in accordance with the National Prioritized Action Framework for Natura 2000 (NPAF):

- Development and implementation of management approach for Natura 2000 sites and improvement of Natura 2000 management capacity;
- Investments for maintenance and improvement of Natura 2000 species and natural habitats conservation status;
- Identifying and complementing the establishment of Natura 2000. Analyses and research of species and natural habitats subject to reporting under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive and Article 12 of the Birds Directive in the marine and coastal areas and the terrestrial part of the country;
- Preparation/update/harmonisation of management plans for Natura 2000 sites, action plans and other strategic documents;
- Support for development and management of ecosystem services;
- Development and maintenance of shared vision for Natura 2000 network in Bulgaria;
- Technical assistance for management of NPAF and National Information and Communication Strategy for Natura 2000 (NICS).

BENEFICIARIES

- Structures of/bodies within the MoEW and Ministry of Agriculture and Food Supply;
- Management structure for Natura 2000;
- Management structure for NPAF;
- NGOs;
- Municipalities;
- Science institutes.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES (1/2)

Measures for flood risk prevention and management:

- Establishment of a National Real Time Water Management System
- Measures related to flood risk prevention and management, including ecosystem-based solutions
- Establishment of 6 centers to increase the preparedness of the population for an adequate response to floods
- Conducting studies and assessments in relation to the second Flood Risk Management Plans 2021-2027
- Demonstration/pilot projects and information campaigns

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES (2/2)

Measures for landslides risk prevention and management:

- Preventive measures and activities for geological defense in registered landslides areas
- Preventive measures and activities for geological defense in registered landslides areas for limitation of the landslides
- Construction/repairing of Control and Measurement Systems in registered landslides areas for monitoring of the landslides processes
- Demonstration/pilot projects and information campaigns

BENEFICIARIES

- Water Management Directorate in Ministry of Environment and Water;
- Ministry of Interior - Chief Directorate Fire Safety and Civil Protection;
- Municipalities;
- Structures of/bodies within the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works and Ministry of Environment and Water;
- NGOs

Priority axis 5 “Improvement of Ambient Air Quality”
Financial resource BGN 115 million

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- **Elaboration/update of municipal ambient air quality plans;**
- **Measures addressing pollution from domestic heating;**
- **Measures addressing pollution from public transport.**

BENEFICIARIES

- Structures of/bodies within the Ministry of Environment and Water;
- Municipalities;
- Business entities;
- NGOs

Procedures/Call of Proposals

Priority Axis	Main priorities
PA 1 “Water“ **6 procedures launched**	Improved WS&S infrastructure aiming compliance with the WWTP and Drinking Water Directives; Improved monitoring of water bodies and drinking water; Support for the implementation of the Water sector reform.
PA 2 “Waste“ **1 procedure launched**	Aiming higher in the waste management hierarchy – recycling (focus on bio-waste) and re-use;
PA 3 “NATURA 2000 and Biodiversity“ **3 procedures launched**	Focus on conservation measures identified in the Priority Action Framework for Natura 2000; Establishment of a national structure for the management of Priority; Action Framework for Natura 2000 and of Natura 2000 network; Establishment and mapping of marine Natura 2000 areas.
PA 4 “Flood and landslides risk prevention and management“ **2 procedures launched**	**New Priority Axis (PA)** focused on the prevention of floods and landslides in identified risk areas; A National System for Real Time Water Management will be established under this PA; The second Floods Risk Management Plans will be developed;
PA 5 „Improvement of ambient air quality“ **1 procedure launched**	**New Priority Axis** focused on measures to address the main sources of fine particulate matter (PM) 10 pollution in municipalities with poor air quality – domestic heating and transport
PA 6 „Technical assistance“ **1 budget line launched**	Supporting the functions of the MA and improving project management capacities of the OPE beneficiaries

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