First Training Courses as part of the “Integrated Land-use Management Modelling of Black Sea Estuaries” (ILMM-BSE) project held in December 2013 in the partner regions

The third group of activities in the project ILMM-BSE - spreading excellence, is more inter-related with training activities, where one component will be in formal educational format, to be delivered at partnering universities, towards students. In this respect, an environmental education program will be implemented in parallel in all partnering countries. The first training was held in December 2013. This is formal education of young people in order for them to understand the central role of the natural environment and their future welfare. An environmental education program is developed to ensure long-term sustainability of a participatory process. Training courses in Bulgaria are organised by the ENPI Partner University “Prof. Dr Assen Zlatarov” - Burgas, training courses in Ukraine are organised by the ENPI Partner UKRMEPA, training courses in Georgia are organised by the ENPI Partner CIVITAS and training courses in Turkey are organised by the IPA Partner Namik Kemal University.

In December 2013 in Burgas a Training course (training N1) in the frame of Integrated Land-use Management Modelling of Black Sea Estuaries” Project was held. The event was hosted by Burgas Prof. Asen Zlatarov University. The objective of the Training Course 1 (organized for the Bulgarian sites) is to introduce the target group of participants with Project, its goals, objectives, content, and methods and to discuss its implementation in Ropotamo and Veleka River Basins as a target study area in Bulgaria. Researchers and postgraduate students from the universities, experts from Public Institutions, representatives of NGOs and local authorities were participating in the Training Course.

Within the scope of the “ILMM-BSE Integrated Land-Use Management Modelling in Black Sea Estuaries” Project, the first 2-day Training Program was held on 17-18 December 2013 at Namik Kemal University (NKU), Tekirdag Turkey. Presentations made within the frame work of the Training Programme: Goals, objectives, content, expected outcomes and partners of the ILMM-BSE Project by Prof. Dr. Fatih KONUKCU, Environmental problems within the context of land use management, The significance of land use planning and land evaluation in Thrace Region and Turkey, Ergene River Basin Settlement Plan and its sustainability, Ergene River Action Plan: Deep discharge and its sustainability, Use of Geographical Information System (GIS) in watershed management; Database management within the context of GIS, Physical design of watersheds with the aid of GIS and applications and General Discussion.