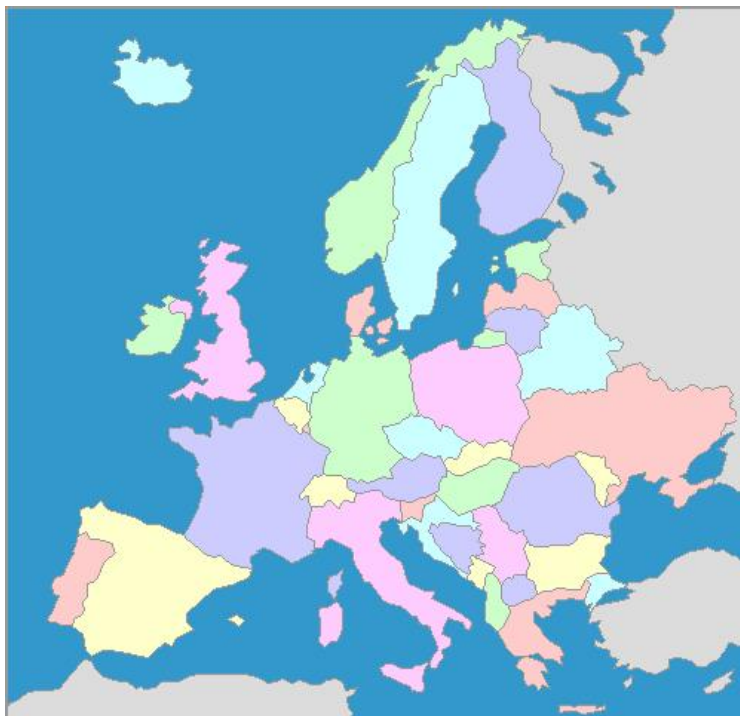




# **EURO PERSPECTIVES FOUNDATION**



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2011**

## **Mission**

**The mission of the Foundation is to foster sustainable development in Europe and to strengthen the European integration in the Western Balkans acting as a centre for training and education, information and experience exchange and policy-making initiatives.**

## **Objectives of the Foundation**

- Enhancing European Integration and guaranteeing the sustainability of the results of the integration process;
- Supporting the competent state authorities in formulating the state policy related to effective delivery of public services and implementation of European policies;
- Drawing expert potential for the development and implementation of successful practices for public and private investments;
- Development and implementation of models for successful partnerships;
- Promoting innovation and economic development to improve the competitiveness and employment throughout the European space;
- Improving public services in health care, education, science, culture, technology and public and social infrastructure;
- Contributing to environmental protection, sustainable use of natural resources and preventing risks;
- Enhancing sustainability and public visibility of protected areas;
- Improving mobility, sustainable territorial and information society accessibility;
- Promoting sustainable urban development;
- Development and affirmation of civil society;
- Protecting human rights, support for social integration and personal realization of man;
- Support of youth initiatives;
- Mobilizing EU resources to address the global development gap.

## **Foundation activities**

- Distribution of information and know-how, including new methods and approaches;
- Investigation, analysis and development of policies/strategies/programs/plans;
- Design, organization and delivery of education and training;
- Setting mechanisms and systems for partnership and networking;
- Holding and supporting the participation in international, national and regional experience exchange events and campaigns;
- Supporting community initiatives, related to the sustainable use of natural resources;
- Offering financial and technical assistance;
- Working on behalf of and supporting the authorities at all levels, the non-profit organizations and the business in fundraising;
- Development, implementation and/or funding of projects, including demonstration projects;
- Lobbying and advocacy;
- Supporting the coordination, information and experience exchange in operating together with state, regional and municipal bodies, non-profit organizations, commercial enterprises, the academic community and society in general;

- Organizing and holding discussions, seminars, round tables, fora, public hearings and other forms of public/stakeholder consultations;
- Other activities not forbidden by law.

## **Bodies of the Foundation**

The Foundation is defined as an organization, which will perform activities in general interest in conformity with the text and requirements of Art.2 and Art. 38, par. 1 of the Law on Juridical Persons practicing Non-profit Activities (LJPNA). The Foundation complies with the requirements of the EU for Public Equivalent Body according to DIRECTIVE 2004/18/EC of 31 March 2004 on the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts.

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## THE PROJECTS WE WORK ON

### „MORE4NRG”

financed by ERDF via the INTERREG V Programme of the EU  
Project number 0006R1

**Area of action:** local policies in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources (EE and RES)

#### **Partners:**

Lead partner is Province of Flevoland (The Netherlands). The other partners are: Province of Noord-Brabant, The Netherlands; County Council of Norrbotten and County Council of Västernorrland, Sweden; Maramures County Council and Prahova County Council, Romania; Region Abruzzo and Lazio Region, Italy; Valencia Agency of Energy, Spain; Assembly of European Regions and Western Greece via Georama and EPF with the Gabrovo Region.

**Start:** September 2008

**End:** September 2011

**Status:** completed

#### **Team and Experts in Bulgaria:**

Veleslava Abadzhieva, Kamen Chipev, Mihaela Stoyanova, Ralitsa Manolova, Violeta Yaneva, Milena Ignatova, Nikolai Nikolov, Diana Terzieva

To reduce the effects of climate change and prepare for the decline of the oil-age, European regions play a key role in promoting, developing and implementing renewable energy sources (RES) combined with energy efficiency strategies. Many EU regions are taking action in this field, defining specific objectives and action plans to improve the use of RES and energy efficiency in their area. 86 European regions have signed the Declaration “European Regions for Energy efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources”, initiated by the Association of European Regions (AER) in 2006. Among them are 8 Bulgarian municipalities: Svilengrad, Minralni Bani, Madzharovo, Sliven, Haskovo, Chepelare, Dimitrograd and Region of Haskovo. In the wake of this declaration 11 EU partners joined forces with the AER in this project.

#### **Main project activities:**

1. Kick-off meeting
2. 7 regional experience exchange events
3. Development of specific studies on the good practices and legislative, institutional, financial and market conditions for the development of EE and RES sector at regional level.
4. 5 peer reviews among which 1 in Gabrovo Region with the participation of experts from Valencia, Spain, Västernorrland, Sweden, Lazzio, Italy and Western Greece.
5. Development of 5 regional action plans including for Gabrovo Region
6. Joint project newsletter
7. Joint project website accessible also in Bulgarian language
8. Project Brochure
9. DVD
10. Compilation of good practices
11. Final Conference

## Implemented in 2011:

The first event in 2011 was participation of Euro Perspectives Foundation at the invitation of the INTERREG IVC JTS at the 4<sup>th</sup> EU Interregional Cooperation Forum held in Budapest on 3-4 February 2011. We presented our experience under MORE4NRG project. The Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works also invited EPF to present MORE4NRG project in the info day in Sofia that took place on January 27, 2011.

The websites [www.europerspectives.org/more4nrg](http://www.europerspectives.org/more4nrg) (in Bulgarian) and [www.more4nrg.eu](http://www.more4nrg.eu) (in English) are maintained under the project, containing information on all events and materials produced.

In 2011 we succeeded to attract the attention of the National Energy Efficiency Agency (now Agency for Sustainable Energy Development). Its representative participated at the Final Conference that took place in The Netherlands in June 2011. Especially for the Conference a description of the unique Bulgarian product – rose oil - was developed and presented to all participants at the event. The willingness to achieve maximal dissemination effect of project experience and collected good practices led to the organization of a final national workshop in Shabla (September 2-3, 2011), where again the National EE Agency was presented, as well as Gabrovo Region and key stakeholders. As a result 5 media publications were made.

The main work in 2011 was to support the Region of Gabrovo in the development of the Regional Energy Efficiency Plan that details the measures and actions for stimulating EE and RES at the territory of the region. The Plan was adopted in June 2011. Euro Perspectives produced a Study of the good practices on structures, supporting the implementation of local and regional EE and RES policies.



EPF translated into Bulgarian language the major project results and developed a package for dissemination to stakeholders. The package included:

- A: Final Brochure
- B: Good practices Catalogue
- C: MORE4NRG GUIDELINES FOR MONITORING THE PROCESS OF PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL ENERGY PLANS
- D: Study on the support mechanisms available

for the development of renewable energy sources (RES) in Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Sweden, the Netherlands, Romania and Spain

E: MORE4NRG film into Bulgarian language and produced it with subtitles into Bulgarian.

F: BEST PRACTICES RESEARCH OF SUPPORTING STRUCTURES FOR PROVIDING LOCAL AND REGIONAL POLICY FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND STIMULATING RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES USE

G: Peer review Report for Gabrovo, 2009

H: Developed under the project Internet instrument for monitoring implementation of EE policies

The package was sent to 100 stakeholders.

**SEE-IFA Network**  
**South-East European Cooperation of Innovation and Finance Agencies**  
financed by the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme of the EU  
INTERREG IVB  
Project number SEE/A/202/1.2/X

The new SEE-IFA Network project ([www.see-ifa.eu](http://www.see-ifa.eu)) starts from a core group of already existing cooperation partners addressing innovation and technology support for micro, small and medium sized companies (MSME). MSME in SEE are facing structural deficits. Thus, stimulating innovative entrepreneurship with an appropriate range of instruments is one of the most important challenges for the countries from the region.

**Area of action:** support for SMEs in areas related to innovation and new technologies

**Partners** – the project unites 11 partners from 10 countries in SEE

**Austria** – Austria Wirtschaftsservice, AWS – Lead Partner, public structure for promotion of innovation and competitiveness

**Bulgaria** – Euro- Perspectives Foundation, public equivalent body aiming to promote regional cooperation and regional cohesion - [www.europerspectives.org](http://www.europerspectives.org)

**Italy** - Finlombardia – Consultancy Agency for innovation and technology promotion

**Greece** – Georama – Regional Consultancy Agency

**Hungary** – TETALAP – Hungarian Science and Technology Foundation

**Italy** – Regione Veneto Industry Department, public structure

**Romania** – AMCSIT – Management Agency for Scientific Research, Technology Transfer and Innovation

**Slovenia** – SID, Slovene Export and Development Bank

**Macedonia** – University St Cyril and Methodius, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

**Croatia** - AZRA, Varazdin County Development Agency

**Serbia** – RDA Banat, Regional Agency for Socio-Economic Development Banat

**Start:** 11 March 2009

**End:** 31 December 2011 extended to April 30, 2012

**Status:** on-going

**Team and experts in Bulgaria:**

Raina Karcheva, Vihra Andonova, Veleslava Abadzhieva, Zlatina Karova, Philip Krastev, Violeta Yaneva

**Specific Objectives**

1. Identify needs and gaps in all SEE-countries in the region's capacity for a more effective provision of innovation and technology support to MSME
2. Improve the exchange and transfer of know-how through the assessment of existing instruments and the identification and modification of transferable elements
3. Enhance the operating environment through the identification of funding possibilities and the development of a patent and license Fund
4. Assist IFA partners and relevant bodies in the establishment of Innovation & Finance Agencies with adequate portfolios for innovation and technology support
5. Increase capacity of local actors and experts through mentoring, training, exchange schemes and visits

## **Target group**

Primary target group – operators of Innovation and Finance Agencies (IFAs) at regional and national level; secondary target group – innovative SMEs and their business support actors; intermediate target group – public bodies with an important framework role in provision of technology and innovation - Universities, research centers

## **Expected results**

- ✓ Enhanced mutual learning of IFA actors in the region and mobilized local stakeholders
- ✓ Needs and Gap Analysis developed based on common methodology and common standards
- ✓ Financial instruments developed by designing at least one transferable instrument to stimulate innovation & technology in MSMEs
- ✓ New transnational Patent & License Fund designed to stimulate transfer of knowledge and technology (patents, licenses, research results, utility models, know-how)
- ✓ New Innovation & Finance Agency set up - 2 pilot actions carried out
- ✓ Capacity building activities implemented via train-the-trainers programme, exchange programme
- ✓ An advanced tool developed to increase visibility - SEE Innovation portal established

## **Main activities**

- ✓ To develop and animate Innovation portal and web content
- ✓ To draft Country Assessment Synthetic Report based on common benchmarks
- ✓ To elaborate Good practices models and to guarantee its dissemination
- ✓ To develop financial instruments to support innovation and transfer technology in MSMEs – drafting decision making guidelines, pilot activities implementation
- ✓ To set up a SEE-trans-border Patent & License Fund – feasibility studies, assessment of fund availability, recommendations
- ✓ To set up a new Innovation & Finance Agency – design of IFA portfolio and instruments, marketing
- ✓ To provide training activities for stakeholders
- ✓ To set up a Local Support Group/LSG in order to guarantee the national support and the multiplier impact

## **Implemented in 2011:**

The main activities in 2011 were concentrated in the following project components:

Component 1 (Management), Component 2 (Communication and Information), Component 4 (Instruments), Component 5 (The Fund), Component 6 (The Agency) and Component 7 (Training)

**C1:** EPF continued to work in close cooperation with the Lead partner and all project partners during 2011. All administrative obstacles at national level are removed. EPF team and the external experts contributed to the achievement of project objectives and made a substantial input to the production of the planned results.



Two key events marked this final project period:

1. The project was extended until April 30, 2012 after consultation with the partners and Programme management authorities. Thanks to this EPF team had the opportunity to extend its work towards Component 6, where not many actions for Bulgaria were originally planned.
2. After a technical visit of the Lead partner to Sofia in July 2011 the formal green light for EPF to work on Component 6 was given. The work focused on analyzing the legal and institutional infrastructure for innovation policy in Bulgaria and launching initiatives in this direction.

EPF representatives participated in all working meetings, technical and thematic, organized under the project. In order to overcome the delays EPF doubled its efforts and established regular contacts with the Bulgarian authorities, NGOs, professional organizations and business. All project management activities were implemented on time and with high quality.

**C2** Regular meetings of the established in 2009 National Support Group (NSG) were organized. These meetings contributed to the successful project implementation and achievement of its objectives, analyzing the achievements and multiplication of the efforts. The tradition for cooperation under the European Entrepreneurship Day continued. The new elements in EPF's work are:



- attracting new institutional partners – municipalities of Sofia, Burgas and Gabrovo
- Enhanced information contacts with the Ministry of Economy, working on the development of the Innovation Law

- Increased media interest - publication in Capital newspaper

Project materials in Bulgarian language (presentations, project information, etc.) reached over 60 experts in the field of innovation and SMEs.

**C3** - Activities concluded in 2010. The developed report – Synthesis of policies in support of innovative SMEs and functioning of adequate financial instruments in Bulgaria (incl. summarized transnational report) was an excellent base for the development of Components 4 and 5.



**C4** - EPF team after a deep analysis of the good European practices and consultations with the representatives of the institutions proposed an adequate instrument for Bulgaria – SEED Fund. It is aimed at financing of start-up companies – innovative SMEs. The initiative for the establishment of such financial instrument was launched in Bulgaria after an active preparatory work under the methodological guidance of the component's lead partner.



The new achievements are:

- In July 2011 the Ministry of Economy sent a letter of intend to EPF declaring its will for cooperation in the area of financial instruments in support of innovative companies
- EPF team participated in the process of the discussion of the draft Innovation Law in Bulgaria. EPF presented series of information on a package of instruments functioning in Austria and Italy, for the SEED Fund and different possibilities for its establishment.
- EPF was invited by the JEREMY Programme to present information on financial instruments.
- Started the development of detailed analytical report on the possible financial instruments, that were identified under the project as well as recommendations to the authorities for desertification of the financial instruments in support of innovation.

The materials were presented and consultations took place with the Sofia Municipal Guarantee Funds in support of SMEs creating a sustainable basis for further collaboration.

**C5** The activities for the establishment of the Regional IP Fund were substantially changed. The reason was the EU level initiative to establish common patent space and the work of the European Investment Fund in this direction. The EOF experts continued to actively participate in the implementation of new tasks:

- Identification and submission of pilot projects for patents/innovations. Those projects were assessed on their innovation potential under a methodology developed by the Lead partner – AWS. EPF team and external experts managed to identify and describe 7 projects, analyzed them and sent two to the Lead partner for assessment. As a result the two Bulgarian projects were ranked third and seventh among the 15 projects submitted by all partners.
- Due to the high quality of work of EPF the organization was invited by the component's lead partner to participate in the development of the final component product - SEE.IP Fund Information Memorandum.

**C6** - EPF planned and implemented activities under this component which main task is to analyze the institutional and legal framework of the innovation process and asses the innovation potential (see C1).

The following activities were realized:

- Needs Assessment of the actual environment and the fundamental needs/challenges of the Bulgarian Innovation Policy. The Analysis provides synthesis of 4 studies (data, conclusions, recommendations) related to the innovation context for SMEs at national an local level with the participation of experts from municipalities of Sofia, Burgas and Gabrovo. The authors concentrated on: (1) mechanisms for the development of adequate, integrated strategy for the implementation of innovation policy noting the needed institutional and legal changes, supported by adequate human and financial resources, as well as the urgent measures for effective application of planned strategic intentions; (2) forms for sustainable support to SMEs that are developing an innovation activity and improving their innovation skills – adequate financial instruments, information platforms, integrated European networks
- The launch of the initiative “Innovation Platform” was prepared. It aims at promoting and supporting innovative SMEs. The main mission of the initiative is to contribute to the improvement of the innovation climate in the country via stimulation of the effective management of innovations in the enterprises and improvement of the institutional and legal system of innovations. In line with the last EU initiative – Union

of Innovations and using the project results this initiative of EPF will support the public and mainly the business to think at much larger scale on the competitive benefits coming from the management of innovations.

**C7** – EPF experts participated in two training – train of trainers and introduction to methodologies for innovation assessment. Specific and innovative expertise is developed in areas such as innovation management, financing innovation, assessment of the innovation potential.

**PLAN4ALL European Network of Best Practices for Interoperability of Spatial Planning Information**  
 financed by the Multiannual Community Programme to make digital content in Europe more accessible, usable and exploitable – *eContentplus*  
 Project Number 318007

The strategic focus of Plan4all underlines the interest in the support of spatial planning information sharing throughout Europe among different levels of administration and also between administrations, citizens and businesses. It is also evident that some areas within Member States already have the necessary infrastructure for spatial planning SDI and have already responded to new and emerging opportunities. Identification of such areas and the examination of how they use, or can use, spatial planning SDI to drive local change is a necessary and integral part of the work.

**Area of action:** European level spatial planning

**Partners**

Partic. No	Participant full name	Participant short name	Country	Role in the project
1	University of West Bohemia	UWB	CZ	coordination, research, standardisation
2	International Society of City and Regional Planners	ISOCARP	NL	evaluation, standardisation, dissemination, analyzing
3	Statutarni mesto Olomouc	OLOMOUC	CZ	content provider, testing, validating
4	Technology Development Forum	TDF	LV	analysing, testing, content provider, validating
5	Help service remote sensing s.r.o.	HSRS	CZ	content provider, technology provider, standardisation
6	Landesbetrieb Geoinformation und Vermessung	LGV Hamburg	DE	content provider, standardisation. testing, validating
7	Stichting EUROGI	EUROGI	NL	evaluation, standardisation, dissemination, analyzing

<b>Partic. No</b>	<b>Participant full name</b>	<b>Participant short name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Role in the project</b>
8	Bauska District Council	Bauska DC	LV	content provider analysing, testing, validating
9	Provincia di Roma	PROVROMA	IT	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
10	Fondazzjoni Temi Zammit	FTZ	MT	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
11	GEORAMA	GEORAMA	GR	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
12	Navarra de Suelo Residencial S.A.	NASURSA	ES	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
13	Hyperborea s.c.	HYPER	IT	standardisation, implementation, validating, testing
14	AYUNTAMIENTO DE GIJON	GIJON	ES	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
15	The National Microelectronics Applications Centre Ltd	MAC	IE	content provider, technology provider, standardisation
16	CEIT ALANOVA gemeinnützige GmbH	CEIT ALANOVA	AT	technology provider, standardisation
17	Asplan Viak Internet as	AVINET	NO	technology provider, standardisation
18	Dipartimento di Studi Urbani - Università degli Studi di Roma Tre	DIPSU	IT	designing, research, standardisation
19	Euro Perspectives Foundation	EPF	BG	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
20	Agentia de Dezvoltare Regionala Nord-Vest	ADR Nord-Vest	RO	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
21	Regione Lazio - Direzione Regionale Territorio e Urbanistica	Lazio	IT	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
22	Help forest s.r.o.	HF	CZ	content provider, testing, technology provider
23	AMFM GIS ITALIA	AMFM	IT	content providing facilitator, analysing, dissemination, validating, capacity builder
24	Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning	MEEDAT	FR	content provider, analysing, testing, validating

**Start:** 1 May 2009

**End:** 31 October 2011

**Status:** completed

## **Team and experts in Bulgaria:**

Steliyan Dimitrov, Veleslava Abadzhieva, Milena Ignatova, Mihaela Tsekova, Veselina Kolesheva, Tsanko Arnaudov, Kliment Naidenov, Violeta Yaneva, Slavko Dimitrov

## **Overall Objective**

To build a network of local, regional and national public bodies, stakeholders, ICT industry, organisations dealing with planning issues and regional development, universities and international organizations to find consensus about harmonization of Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) for spatial planning according to the INSPIRE Directive (<http://inspire.jrc.ec.europa.eu>) and also to contribute to standardization of related Spatial Data Themes from the INSPIRE Annexes. The project **Plan4all** (<http://plan4all.eu>) will focus on the harmonisation of spatial planning data based on the existing best practices in EU regions and municipalities & the results of current research projects and will be an open network, which will cooperate also with other organizations, bodies and with related projects.

## **Specific objectives**

- ✓ To implement INSPIRE principles in spatial planning practice (The INSPIRE initiative intends to trigger the creation of a European spatial information infrastructure that delivers integrated spatial information services to the users)..
- ✓ To harmonise and improve interoperability of spatial planning data sets.
- ✓ To increase of network services sharing
- ✓ To facilitate cross border use and data integration.

## **Target group**

Information users & information producers, national & local authorities

## **Expected results**

- ✓ European forums for SDI in spatial planning under umbrella of ISOCARP and EUROGI;
- ✓ Analysis of INSPIRE requirements and capacity building;
- ✓ Analysis of best practices in terms of organisation, collaboration, harmonisation in region;
- ✓ Recommendation for spatial planning SDI in following areas:
  - Spatial Planning Metadata profile;
  - Conceptual Data Model covering following Themes: Land cover, Land use, Utility and Government services, Production and industrial facilities, Agricultural and aquaculture facilities, Area management/restriction/regulation zones and reporting units, Natural risk zones;
  - Encoding schema for previous models;
  - Networking infrastructure design including registry, discovery, view, download, transformation, invoke spatial data, and Geo RM service;
  - Business model;
- ✓ Pilot application of ESDI for Spatial Planning;
- ✓ Four regional workshops organised by EUROGI and ISOCARP;
- ✓ One European conference under the umbrella of EUROGI and ISOCARP.

## **Main activities**

- ✓ To develop a State of the art analysis, focused on identification of leading regional and local administration, identification of innovation challenges and a framework structure for analysing relevant technology developments and trends, analysis of technology and application developments that are relevant to spatial planning SDI needs and on analysis of standard metadata, data models, networking technologies and on analysis of user requirements on planning systems.
- ✓ To design Plan4all metadata profile – a common metadata profile for European Spatial Planning.
- ✓ To define Plan4all data model, focused on national models and their combination and translation into common models covered by selected INSPIRE Themes.
- ✓ To develop networking architecture in order to extend the INSPIRE networking principles for the purpose of European Spatial Planning.
- ✓ To deploy large scale testbed - aims at using existing technologies and services that are already successfully implemented and operating in some regions by the project's technical partners
- ✓ To carry out Content deployment
- ✓ To provide the quality framework for the evaluation of the outputs of Plan4all

To carry out dissemination activities, clustering consensus building initiatives and sustainability planning

## **Implemented in 2011:**

During the period the project successfully came to its end. All activities, regarding the finalization were conducted and the project team and its work on Plan4all were given highest possible score during its final evaluation.

In 2011, the following major activities were implemented:

- Participation in workshop in Riga, regarding the Plan4all architecture, February 2011;
- Work on adaptation and implementation of Plan4all data model for Bulgarian conditions, with spatial planning geospatial data – pilots selected are Spatial Plan of Varna and cadastral data of Yambol;
- The adapted and harmonized data were integrated into the developed in 2010 geoportal [www.geoportal-bg.com](http://www.geoportal-bg.com) and [www.plan4all.eu](http://www.plan4all.eu);
- The model and integrated data were evaluated by independent experts, who concluded that they are still far from harmonization with the requirements of Plan4All model;
- The recommendations were produced as a report and submitted to the project leader

The main product of the project is „Plan4all Geoportal”. It is a platform for testing, visualization and sharing of geodata and information related to planning and management of the territory.

**„MiSRaR”**  
**“Mitigating Spatial Relevant Risks in European Regions and Towns”**  
financed by ERDF via the INTERREG V Programme of the EU

**Area of Action:** exchange knowledge and experience in the field of mitigating spatial relevant risks

**Partners:** Lead partner is Safety Region South-Holland South (The Netherlands). The other partners are: Forli, Italy; Aveiro and Mirandela, Portugal; Thesprotia, Greece; Tallin, Estonia; EPF, Bulgaria

**Start:** November 2009

**End:** December 2012

**Status:** on-going

**Team and experts in Bulgaria:**

Veslava Abadzhieva, Mariya Basheva, Mihaela Stoyanova, Tihomir Nedyalkov, Violeta Yaneva, Plamen Venkov, Atanas Genkov

**Objective:** It is the objective of this project to learn from the best mitigation processes and each other's experiences during the course of the project.

The objective of the partnership is to learn from each other's experiences related to questions on how spatial relevant risks can be recognized and analyzed and how these processes lead to measures to prevent disasters or reduce the effect of disasters to people, infrastructure and the environment. For example, situating industry and large scale transport infrastructure in close proximity to residential areas leads to all kinds of risks that have to be considered in the planning process. Also flooding, forest fires, earthquakes and landslides are other examples of (natural) risks that should be considered. The specifics of the threats are different in every region and town, but the mitigating processes regarding the analysis and weighing of risks are similar everywhere.

**Main Activities:**

1. Opening meeting
2. Project Introduction Seminar
3. 16 Thematic Seminars on Hazard Identification, Risk Analysis, Risk Evaluation, Risk Assessment, on protection and action objectives, on mitigation instruments, on setting up a mitigation plan
4. Developing of 4 press releases and 5 newsletters
5. Developing a Thematic Brochure on Risk Assessment and Evaluation
6. Developing a Mitigation Handbook
7. Final press conference

**Implemented in 2011:**

During 2011 year Europerspectives foundation took part in six thematic seminars under the project, moreover hosted and organized one of them.

**The first forum** for the year was held in Dordrecht, Holland. EPF had three representatives. During the first day of the seminar we had a Steering Committee meeting where representatives of all seven partners shared their assessment about the project implementation so far, the partnership, the usefulness of the exchanged practices, etc. EPF prepared a presentation called: **Mitigation instruments as part of Gabrovo Regional plan for conducting rescue and emergency recovery activities**. The presentation featured time estimates, human resources estimates, equipment capacity estimates, assessment of the existing powers and means and the possibilities for their coordination. The field studies were envisaged for 3 different groups: forest fires, NATURA 2000, floods.



**The second thematic seminar** was carried out in mid April in the partner city of Mirandela, Portugal. The topic of the seminar was “Mitigation instruments“. Two staff members of EPF attended the event and delivered a presentation about landslide conditions in Gabrovo region.

**The third thematic seminar** was hosted in Gabrovo from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2011. The agenda for the event included all the agreed elements: delivery of presentations, field visits, demonstrations. On the first day the partners presented their experience in the field of mitigation instruments. The field

visits included in the seminar agenda were two: landslide recultivation and open lesson for children, teaching them in adequate reactions in cases of different disaster types.

In order to have a broad dissemination of the seminar organized in Gabrovo, EPF staff prepared a press-release that was sent to the media. Darik radio broadcasted it and published it in the electronic edition they support. Moreover, the article was published in the national



magazine “Kangaroo”, which was devoted to child protection and learning.

Next thematic seminars was organized in September and hosted by the Greek partner of Epirus Region. There were two representatives of EPF who attended it. They delivered a presentation about Mitigation Planning stressing upon the contents of the plan, different chapters, institutions in charge of guiding, approving or contributing to the development of the plan. EPF representatives also took part in the field

visits in Igoumenitsa: National Center of Immediate Help, Fire brigade, burnt forest area.

Two EPF representatives took part in the tenth (for the project) thematic seminar, which was held in Aveiro, Portugal, at the end of October. Its topic was about “Cost-benefit analysis“. EPF presented “Financial Sustainability For National Systems Of Protected Areas”, i.e. cost-benefit analysis of management plans for protected areas.

The last seminar realized during this year was conducted in Tallin, Estonia, from 28.11.2011 to 01.12.2011. The best practices introduced were about the Interministerial Commission for Reconstruction and Assistance and the Bulgarian Red Cross. The two EPF representatives also took part in the field visits to Kolga-Aabla wetland in Lahemaa National Park.



EPF also supported the popularization of the MisRar project during the INTERREG IVC Good Practice Fair in Krakow at the end of November. A stand was organized where the Leading partner from Holland together with the Bulgarian partners presented the project, some of its best practices, participating organizations and field of work. The project became interesting because of its target sphere of work, i.e. mitigation and civil protection, since there weren't other similar projects.



## **Results achieved in 2011**

### **Component 1**

1. Steering Committee meeting conducted
2. 2 First Level Controls audit carried out
3. 2 Activity reports done

### **Component 2**

1. Developed and disseminated press-release
2. Published informational material in an electronic edition
3. Radio broadcast about the project
4. Magazine articles
5. Translating **2 newsletters** into Bulgarian language and disseminating it among local stakeholders by e-mail
6. Participating in the INTERREG IVC best practice fair in Krakow and spreading information about the project

### **Component 3**

1. Participation in 6 thematic seminars
2. Participation in 8 field-visits
3. Organization and hosting of 1 thematic seminar
4. 5 experiences (good practices) identified and developed

**„IMMODI”**  
***Implementing Mo-Di Project***  
financed by ERDF via the INTERREG V Programme of the EU

**Area of Action:** Exchange and transfer of best practices in the field of e-government and e-health.

The development of appropriate digital services will help to overcome the isolation or the underdevelopment phenomena. Above all, it improves living standards of mountain citizens.

**Partners:**

TECLA Association (IT), Region Basilicata (IT), Euro Perspectives Foundation (BG), Institute of Technology (SE), Kainuun Etu (FI), Bautzen Innovation Center (DE), Regional Council of Auvergne (FR), European Association of elected representatives from mountain regions, European Mountain Forum

**Start:** November 2009

**End:** December 2011 extended to March 31, 2012

**Status:** on-going

**Team and experts in Bulgaria:**

Veleslava Abadzhieva, Mariya Basheva, Mihaela Stoyanova, Plamen Venkov, Violeta Yaneva, Vyara Stefanova, Silviya Arsova

**Objective:** The project aims at capitalising results and good practices developed by the partners in the field of e-government and e-health, which strongly contribute to the development of mountain and rural territories. Selected practices will be presented at various technical and regional workshops, detailed in a published guide and discussed with Managing Authorities in order to transfer them to regional program of each partner region.

**Main Activities:**

1. Start up conference
2. Organization of 4 e-government Forums
3. Organization of 2 Technical Workshops
4. Organization of 1 Political meeting at regional level
5. 3 Common Political meetings with Deep delegations
6. Publication of a cutting-edge guide on good practices
7. Developing and printing of press articles and newsletters
8. Developing an Action Plan

## Implemented in 2011:

### Component 1

1. Participation in 2 Steering Committee meetings
2. Conducting 2 audits and accounting
3. 1 Financial meeting in Rome with the Lead Partner for consulting the budget and project implementation
4. 2 Reports

### Component 2



1. Developing 1 pressrelease for the e-government forum in Sofia and distributing it to media.
2. Publishing informational material about the project on the web-sites of the National statistical institute and Euro Perspectives Foundation
3. Distributing 1 newsletter under the project to local stakeholders
4. Translating and e-mailing to stakeholders 1 pressrelease and 1 newsletter.
5. Publishing 3 articles in regional newspaper Forum.
6. Publishing 4 informational materials on the web-site of Euro Perspectives Foundation - for the dissemination conference in Brussels, for the signing of the action plans, for the final dissemination event in Bulgaria, for popularizing the web-site <http://www.epractice.eu/>
7. Translating into Bulgarian language the Common Guidebook for good practices
8. Translating into Bulgarian language the Valma and the Nurse Gudrun action plans
9. Publishing and distributing 500 copies of the Common Guidebook of good practices.
10. Publishing 300 copies of the Valma action plan to popularize it among stakeholders.
11. Participating in the Dissemination conference in Brussels for popularizing 2 action plans for the transfer of Valma and Nurse Gudrun BPs
12. Participating in the IMMODI closing conference in Clermont-Ferrand and the ceremony for signing the action plans
13. Participating in the INTERREG IVC Good Practice Fair in Krakow for popularizing the IMMODI project
14. Organizing and conducting 1 final dissemination event in Bulgaria
15. Conducting a working meetings before the development of the Valma action plan



### **Component 3**

1. 3 on-site visits conducted
2. 3 BP explored and 2 selected for transfer
3. 1 political meeting conducted
4. 2 e-government forums conducted
5. Developing two action plans – the first one is Valma in Gabrovo – e-civil participation on the environmental problems and the Second is Nurse Gudrun – the experience of Sweden applied in the neonatology in Gabrovo. These two action plans aim to set the steps for the implementation of the good practices selected by EPF under IMMODI project in Gabrovo.
6. Signing the Valma action plan

**SDI - EDU for regional and urban planning,  
Financed by the EU Lifelong Learning Programme – Leonardo da Vinci.  
CZ/09/LLP-LdV/TOI/134010**

**Area of action:** education for regional and urban planning with the support of Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) – new and wider definition for Geographic Information Systems, including also the network technologies and ways of use of geographical data and information via Internet.

**Partners from:** Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece

**Start:** October 2009

**End:** October 2011

**Status:** completed

#### **Team and experts in Bulgaria:**

Steliyan Dimitrov, Kliment Naidenov, Veleslava Abadzhieva, Violeta Yaneva, Milena Ignatova, Veselina Kolesheva

#### **Overall Objective**

SDI-EDU will develop training environment supporting spatial planners and architects in utilisation of Spatial Data Infrastructure. The training environment produced will demonstrate the utility of our approach for developing educational programmes that will increase understanding of SDI building on local and regional level and the tools used to make decisions that affect regional development. The defined content will stress awareness of environmental, economic, and social factors. As recognized by the SDI, this increased understanding will allow more informed and equitable planning.

The general objective of SDI-EDU is to adapt SDI by planners by improving knowledge about all aspects technological, data, political, legislation, but also business objective.

The SDI-EDU project will focus on building an interoperable Internet training architecture, where users will not only use training materials, texts, but also access and visualise much of the spatial data.

#### **Deliverables and outcomes**

According to the objectives of the project, there are two main outcomes. The first one will be the establishment of innovative internet based platform (webportal) for vocational training and eLearning to preset group of final beneficiaries interested in the field of regional, spatial and urban planning, GIS technologies, etc.

The platform will include components for

- Video lecturing
- URM implementation
- Tools for mobile learning
- Metadata with regional specific information
- Catalogue
- Gehosting

The second part of the SDI-EDU solution will be focused on practical education, which will share outputs from past or previous European projects like HUMBOLDT or NaturNet Redime. Its content will be represented by multimedia and geographical data, studies, and simulations that demonstrate some of the applications of planning and sustainable development. Here the aim will be to extend from knowledge at the global scale to detailed, local-scale information demonstrating aspects of planning at the level of different municipalities.

All learning materials of the project will be available via the SDI-EDU web portal, where users will find appropriate learning objects to lead them through the training process. Interaction with end users throughout the project will provide feedback to the project partners to ensure that the tools are optimized.

## **Main activities**

The project implementation process will be divided into 7 workpackages (WPs)

- WP1 - Analysis of needs and requirements
- WP2 - Training environment design and implementation
- WP3 - Curriculum preparing
- WP4 - Practical training and validation of platform
- WP5 - Dissemination
- WP6 - Exploitation

## **Implemented in 2011**



- Regional meeting in Sofia in April, 2011
- SDI-EDU is presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International conference “ Security in an era of global change”, Sofia, 15-16.04.2011
- EPF members participated in the Final meeting, held in Sicily (Italy) 27-31.08.2011.

- SDI-EDU was presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> National Conference ‘Geography and Regional Development’, Sozopol, 23-25.09.2011. The report is published in the conference proceedings.

In 2011 the project educational materials were translated into Bulgarian language.

**EURO PERSPECTIVES FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT 2011**  
**PERIOD: 01.01.2011 – 31.12.2011**  
**PRODUCED ON THE BASIS OF AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AND REPORT ON**  
**INCOMES AND COSTS FOR 2010**

	<b>thousand leva</b>
<b>Financial means by 01.01.2011 . in thousand leva</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Received financing during the period in thousand leva</b>	<b>343</b>
<b>Received donations the period in thousand leva</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Received the period finances from loans, including bank interests, exchange rate differences and others in thousand leva</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>TOTAL FINANCES</b>	<b>727</b>

<b>Expenses in 2011 in thousand leva</b>	<b>thousand leva</b>
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Social payments</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>External services, including expertise and accounting</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Materials</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other services, including travel and accommodation</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Bank expenses, interests and exchange rate differences</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Returned loans</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>702</b>

<b>Finances by 31.12.2011 in thousand leva</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Assets by 31.12.2011 in thousand leva</b>	<b>1</b>