

COOPERATION PROGRAMME INTERREG V-A GREECE - BULGARIA 2014 - 2020



Interreg
Greece-Bulgaria
FLOODGUARD



European Regional Development Fund

Priority Axis

A Sustainable and Climate adaptable Cross-Border area

Thematic Objective

Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention & management

Investment Priority

Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems

Specific Objective

To improve CB cooperation on flood risk management plans at river basin level.

Start date

01.04.2019

End date

31.03.2022

Project Budget

4.482.557,86 €

Work Packages

WP1: Project Management and Coordination

WP2: Project Communication and Dissemination

WP3: Establishment of a Joint Working Group

WP4: Capacity Building Actions for Flood Risk Mitigation and Information Exchange Structures

WP5: Construction of a Joint Training Center and Pilot Activities

WP6: Activities outside Programme Area

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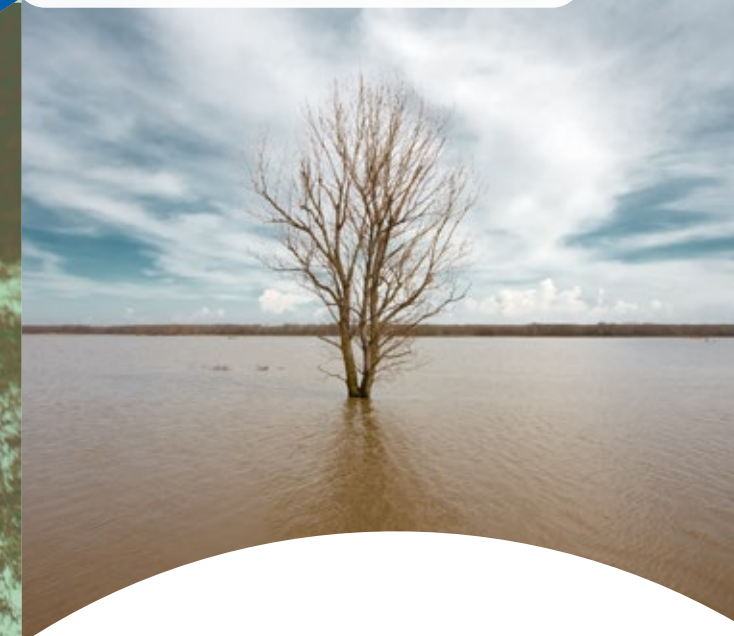
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**Integrated actions for joint coordination
and responsiveness to flood risks in the
cross border area.**



The Project is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund and by national funds of the countries participating in the Interreg V-A "Greece-Bulgaria 2014-2020" Cooperation Programme

THE PROJECT MAIN OBJECTIVE

To strengthen the capacity of authorities to ensure effective, integrated joint coordination and responsiveness to flood risks in the Cross Border area

THE PROJECT SUB-OBJECTIVE

- 1** Introducing a joint institutional approach for assessment, planning, prevention and fighting against floods of authorities
- 2** Increasing the technical and administrative capacity of civil protection services for joint actions in the field of preparedness and response in cases of floods
- 3** Introduction of effective information exchange structures and systems for flood risk assessment, mitigation and management



The project will focus on challenges of flood risk management via integrated actions for joint coordination and responsiveness to flood risks in the CB area. This area is vulnerable to climate change and its negative impacts, which needs adequate and coordination cross-border management. The territories covered by the project need to increase significantly their adaptive capacity to climate change, i.e. the international river basins of the cross-border rivers:

Strymon/Struma **Nestos/Mesta/**
Ardas/Arda **Evros/Maritsa**

The effective management of flood risks is of high importance and affects high number of population (175 000 persons) and surface area. The project actions will be directly oriented to joint coordination of five flood risks management plans (FRMP) for international rivers - two plans for Bulgarian territory and three plans for Greek territory.

The main benefit of Transnational Cooperation, the common problems associated with flood risk management and addressed by the current project have to be tackled at river basin level, which goes beyond national boundaries. Flood disasters can spread across borders and their effective management is of cross border importance, which requires to increase resilience to natural disasters (floods) at cross-border level. Fulfillment of Directive 2007/60/EC requirements on flood risk management plans requires joint coordination at the level of the international river basin districts. The Programme area includes three international river basins - Strymon-Struma, Nestos-Mesta, Ardas-Arda and Evros-Maritsa, which will all be covered by the joint and coordinated actions within the project. The project implementation will contribute to an integrated jointly management of flood incidents.

