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1 Introduction

The present document is the final activity report of the EU-Russian project CABRI-Volga - an international coordination action to facilitate cooperation and to coordinate research in environmental risk management in large river basins in the EU, Russia & the New Independent States (NIS).

The Final Activity Report explains, in chapter 2, the methodology of the project, provides an overview of the project partners, and summarises the objectives (and their achievements), activities and results of the project. Finally, in chapter 3, an overview of the dissemination activities carried out during the project and planned for the time after the completion of the project is provided.

2 Project execution

2.1 Methodology

The CABRI-Volga project consortium organised and held three Expert Group Meetings in cities along the Volga, namely in:

- Nizhny Novgorod in September 2005 - focusing on state-of-the art and problem identification,
- Kazan in April 2006, focusing on scenario development and
- Cherepovets in November 2006 – focusing on the development of policy recommendations.

From its large stakeholder network, CABRI-Volga recruited experts from various scientific and institutional backgrounds for participation in these Expert Group Meetings. In each of them, over 70 experts from Russia, the European Union, America and Asia identified the following problems and challenges and formulated recommendations to solve them:

- Water quality, incl. drinking water, sanitation and public health, biodiversity and natural habitats;
- Risk management and overall vulnerability of the Volga Basin;
- Use of water resources in a sustainable manner;
- Economic development and sustainable transport in the Volga Basin;
- Institutional cooperation and stakeholder participation.

CABRI-Volga held a mid-term validation workshop in Karlsruhe (July 2006) in order to validate the results achieved after the first two Expert Group Meetings, to determinate discussion topics for the third Expert Group Meeting, to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the achieved results and to formulate recommendations for the next CABRI-Volga period.

In order to improve the overall quality of the project's outputs and to ensure the relevance of the final recommendations, the project consortium was supported by the CABRI-Volga Policy Advisory Board comprising politicians and other high-level decision-makers from Russia and the EU. This Board provided political guidance to the project and recommended political actions and events to support the project development.

**CABRI-Volga:
an EU-Russian
cooperation project**

**Three Expert Group
Meetings in cities
along the Volga**

**Rare opportunities
for dialogue between
stakeholder groups**

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In February 2007, its last of twenty-seven project months, CABRI-Volga organised and held several workshops and events in order to support and validate the project's policy recommendations as well as its proposed research agenda, including a local outreach workshop in Astrakhan, a scientific workshop in Pushchino, a workshop for industry representatives in Yaroslavl. Finally, the most notable event for the validation of the CABRI-Volga policy recommendations was a Policy Roundtable accompanied by an informative meeting in the State Duma of the Russian Federation.

Validation of CABRI-Volga's policy recommendations

2.2 Contractors

The CABRI-Volga consortium consists of 17 partner organisations well experienced in their respective fields – eight of them coming from Russia and nine from the EU Member States: Italy, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Malta and the Netherlands.

17 partner organisations from Russia and 7 EU countries

The project consortium represents a wide range of society sectors (public, private and civil) and organisation types, including universities, private research institutes, resource and training centers, industry, NGOs, and international organisations dealing with a variety of aspects in environmental risk management:

The CABRI-Volga Consortium

Rupprecht Consult Forschung & Beratung GmbH (Project Coordinator), Cologne, Germany

Environmental Policy Research and Consulting Center "EcoPolicy" (Scientific Coordinator), Moscow, Russia

UNESCO Moscow Office, Russia

Nizhny Novgorod State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Russia

Saratov State Socio-Economic University, Russia

Caspian Marine Scientific and Research Centre, Astrakhan, Russia

Autonomous Non-Commercial Organisation (ANO) Institute of Environmental Economics and Nature Resources Accounting "Cadaster", Yaroslavl, Russia

Ecological Projects Consulting Institute, Moscow, Russia

Open Joint-Stock Company "Ammophos", Cherepovets, Russia

United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security, Bonn, Germany

Wageningen University, The Netherlands

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – INWEB, Greece

Centro di Cultura Scientifica "Alessandro Volta", Como, Italy

University of Karlsruhe, Institute for Water Resource Management, Hydrologic and Rural Engineering, Germany

Compagnie Nationale du Rhône, Lyon, France

Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Szentendre, Hungary

International Ocean Institute, Gzira, Malta

2.3 Objectives and their achievement

At the beginning of the project, CABRI-Volga partners set a variety of strategic objectives and formulated concrete operational goals which are, together with the actual achievements of the project and its partners, described in this chapter.

Strategic objectives

In support of the European Union's international cooperation goals, CABRI-Volga set strategic objectives. In the following, it is described how the project has contributed to their achievement:

Table 1: Overview of CABRI-Volga strategic objectives versus contributions to achieve them

Strategic objectives	Contributions
<p>To mobilise and integrate existing, isolated human and institutional resources and increase the research potential on environmental risk management in river basins in Russia/ NIS and the EU and to link Europe's environmental research more strongly to research programmes at the international level.</p>	<p>CABRI-Volga set up interdisciplinary and international Expert Groups in the Volga basin providing the (in Russia still relatively rare) opportunity for discussions and experience exchange among representatives from diverse stakeholder groups. The Russian research arena has been enriched by the opportunity for exchange with international experts in the various (scientific) fields related to integrated river basin management. At the same time, the Expert Group Meetings have contributed to Europe's environmental research being able to reach out to the Russian scientific community and to benefit from this exchange.</p>
<p>To provide a concrete contribution to major EU and international policy goals.</p>	<p>CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meetings and other meetings such as the Policy Roundtable in Moscow at the end of the project raised knowledge and awareness of environmental, social, economic and institutional issues which primarily concern Russia's Volga Basin, but which are often of significant relevance also for other European and international river basins. CABRI-Volga has therefore provided a contribution within its potential as a small EU-Russian project to e.g. the EU Water Initiative, the "Environment for Europe" process, the EU's policy towards Russia, the Millennium Development Goals and the implementation of the Russian Water Code.</p>
<p>To strengthen the links between the scientific communities and policy-making processes.</p>	<p>CABRI-Volga has established a dialogue between the scientific community and political decision-makers by means of its Expert Group Meetings. Furthermore, the project provided policy guidance primarily by means of its policy recommendations and the organisation of its Policy Roundtable and informative meeting in the Russian State Duma. Knowledge transfer was enabled primarily through the above mentioned Expert Group Meetings, but also</p>

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Strategic objectives	Contributions
	through extensive scientific reporting, and staff exchange between partner organisations.
To follow an integrative approach for assessing and remediating human-induced environmental risks in the Volga basin, focusing on institutional coordination and cooperation, for a wide range of themes.	CABRI-Volga covered a wide range of themes in its Expert Group Meetings, including water management, disaster reduction, the sustainable use of natural resources, mobility, and social issues.
To contribute to the development of a long-term perspective for scientific cooperation and experience exchange on integrated environmental risk management in large river basins and the development of policy initiatives and durable cooperation structures for raising awareness of stakeholders of equality and democratic principles; thus contributing to the promotion of environmental and human security in Russia and in Europe as a whole.	CABRI-Volga laid the foundation for further research opportunities in the Volga Basin and other river basins. Its research network of experts and organisations can be utilised to recruit scientists and other experts in all fields related to integrated river basin management. The project reports as well as the project's website, which will remain online until at least the year 2012, will keep raising environmental (and other) awareness.

Operational project goals

The CABRI strategic objectives have been translated into concrete and measurable operational project goals. The following table describes how and to what extent these operational project goals have been achieved:

Table 2: Overview of CABRI-Volga operational goals versus achievements

Operational project goals	Achievement
To set up five geographically and institutionally balanced expert groups of 70 stakeholders and experts on the key project themes. (Three Expert Group Meetings with five thematic groups each)	CABRI-Volga held three Expert Group Meetings in the Volga Basin with 70+ experts from Russia, several EU countries, America and Asia. The participating experts represented a wide range of society sectors (public, private and civil) and organisation types, including universities, private research institutes, resource centers, regional or municipal administrations, business and industry, NGOs, and international organisations. Each Expert Group Meeting was structured along the five themes: EG1: River and environmental rehabilitation EG2: Human security and vulnerability EG3: Natural resources and their sustainable use EG4: Connecting goods and people EG5: Institutional coordination and cooperation

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Operational project goals	Achievement
To organise two meeting cycles of the five expert groups: providing briefing papers in advance, hosting two-day meetings, summarising discussion results.	CABRI-Volga organised three meeting cycles of five expert group discussions each. These meetings lasted two days, in one case three days. The participating experts were well prepared by means of briefing documents on their respective discussion topics as well as other supporting reading material such as previous meeting reports. The results of each Expert Group Meeting were summarised in a Meeting Report also made available on the CABRI-Volga website.
To analyse institutional coordination and cooperation structures as well as good and bad practices of environmental risk management and to develop case studies and a report.	Institutional coordination and cooperation structures in Russia and, for comparison, in EU countries were analysed in three Expert Group 5 meetings. A best practice review (deliverable D3) was prepared and several case studies were developed and made available on the CABRI-Volga website.
To identify trends, challenges and drivers and constraints of environmental risk management, to develop scenarios and to document these in papers and a report.	Trends, challenges, drivers and constraints of environmental risk management were primarily the subject of WP3 on scenario development. Within WP3, the Second Expert Group Meeting was held in Kazan in April 2006. The discussion at this meeting contributed significantly to the development of deliverable D4 “challenges and obstacles report”. This deliverable contains scenarios of expected developments of and within the Volga Basin.
To consolidate the intermediate results and to perform a mid-term project review.	CABRI-Volga held a mid-term validation workshop in Karlsruhe in July 2006. Participants were project partners as well as a small group of external experts from Russia, France, and the Netherlands. The participants validated the consolidated intermediate results CABRI-Volga had obtained in the two previous expert group series of WPs 2&3 and offered suggestions for the most relevant discussion topics during the third and final discussion series.
To validate the draft project recommendations through interviews and five parallel validation groups of 70 stakeholders and experts from an integrative horizontal perspective.	The draft policy recommendations of CABRI-Volga were validated at several occasions by various project-internal and –external experts in the respective research fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term validation workshop in Karlsruhe, July 2006 (early recommendations only) • Third Expert Group Meeting in Cherepovets, November 2006 • Local outreach workshop in Astrakhan,

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Operational project goals	Achievement
	<p>February 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific workshop in Pushchino, February 2007 • Industry-focused workshop in Yaroslavl, February 2007 • Policy Roundtable in Moscow, February 2007
To provide an integrated package of policy instruments aimed at increasing effectiveness of coordination between institutions and synergy of cooperation activities among stakeholders in assessing and remediating human-induced environmental risks in the Volga basin.	CABRI-Volga formulated a variety of policy recommendations, among them one to carry out systematic multi-hazard risk management in the Volga Basin. This recommendation was substantiated through various suggested actions to be undertaken in assessing and remediating human-induced environmental risks in the Volga basin.
To contribute to the development of an action plan and an agenda for future research on risk management in river basins in the EU and Russia/ NIS.	The concrete CABRI-Volga contribution to the development of an action plan and an agenda for future research on risk management in river basins in the EU and Russia/ NIS is project deliverable D6 which is called Action Plan and Research Agenda.
To disseminate the project results by making all papers and reports publicly available (in English and Russian) through the project website and via electronic mailings and to actively promote the project via four newsletters, four press releases and a final conference.	<p>Project papers, reports and other results have been made available through the project website www.cabri-volga.org in the two project languages. English and Russian. Three newsletters have been produced (the third and final one being an extended version published as newsletter 3/4) – circulated via surface mail and e-mail to members of the CABRI-Volga network. Four press releases have been produced. Instead of a final conference, CABRI-Volga held a local outreach workshop in Astrakhan, a scientific workshop in Pushchino and a Policy Roundtable and an informative meeting in the State Duma of the Russian Federation. All of these events took place in the final project month – February 2007.</p> <p>CABRI-Volga results and recommendations are also being disseminated after the end of the project (see final plan for using and disseminating the knowledge). In July and August of 2007, CABRI-Volga will be featured in a broadcast of the EuroNews television network's Futuris programme on research. The feature will be produced in Cherepovets, Moscow and Cologne at the end of June 2006 and broadcast in eight European languages, including Russian.</p>

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Operational project goals	Achievement
To extend the CABRI-Volga network from, as of November 2004, 54 confirmed institutions in Europe (from 23 countries) and 77 institutions in Russia and the NIS to at least 500 key institutions.	At the end of the project, the CABRI-Volga network included 540 individual experts in the various fields of integrated river basin management from 37 countries.
To develop a plan for exploitation of the project results in order to create a sustainable network of stakeholders after the end of INCO funding.	CABRI-Volga developed an exploitation plan (deliverable D8), describing the plans and intentions of the project partners to carry over the project results and experiences in future research endeavours in the Volga Basin and beyond.
To set up sound and balanced international management structures, project evaluation and an independent Policy Advisory Board.	<p>The project held regular steering committee (PSC) meetings in conjunction with the three Expert Group Meetings, the mid-term validation workshop and the Policy Roundtable. All partner organisations (with only a few justified exceptions) participated in these meetings. Evaluation of the project progress was ensured through the PSC and also through the mid-term validation exercise evaluating whether the project was still on track to achieve its objectives.</p> <p>An independent Policy Advisory Board of high-level politicians and other decision-makers from Russia and the EU was established. This Board provided political guidance and fulfilled its independent project monitoring function.</p>
To increase local public participation and awareness.	<p>In all Expert Group Meetings, representatives of local stakeholder groups (including NGOs) participated. CABRI-Volga events were generally well publicised in local media. CABRI-Volga organised smaller local outreach workshops and scientific workshops, respectively, in Astrakhan and Pushchino, i.e. in cities and areas where no Expert Group Meeting or other CABRI-Volga event could take place.</p> <p>EuroNews will feature CABRI-Volga in its Futuris programme and reach a large audience, also in Russia, as the broadcast will be also be shown there in Russian. This TV broadcast as well as the CABRI-Volga website, www.cabri-volga.org, reached a potentially large audience and contributed to local awareness in the sustainable development of the Volga Basin.</p>

2.4 Activities

CABRI-Volga activities followed a workplan containing six workpackages and a total of 28 individual activities. In the table below, a brief “bulleted” description of the partners’ activities as carried out in CABRI-Volga is provided.¹

Table 3: Overview of CABRI-Volga activities carried out

WP1: Inception
<p>Activity 1.1: Confirmation of methodological approach & Expert Group scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project’s Scientific Coordination Team in cooperation with the Project Steering Committee at the Kick-Off event in Moscow in January 2005 discussed and agreed on the methodological approach as well as the Expert Group Scope. • Discussion topics for the first Expert Group Meeting were decided. • Literature was reviewed and, on this basis, briefing material prepared for each of the five thematic groups of the First Expert Group Meeting.
<p>Activity 1.2: Set up of Policy Advisory Board (PAB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations with the Scientific Project Coordinator at the EC concerning a delegate from the European Parliament to the PAB (ultimately no MEP was part of the PAB). • The CABRI-Volga PAB was set up as a small and efficient high-level group providing strategic guidance to the project. The Members of the PAB were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Prof. Alexander Kosarikov (Chairman of PAB), The State Duma of the Russian Federation Russian/ Deputy Chair of Ecology Committee, Moscow/ Russia – Prof. Alexander Likhotal, President of Green Cross International, Geneva/ Switzerland – Prof. Bela Petry, University of Delft/ International Consultant, Delft/ The Netherlands – Dr. Irmgard Schwaetzer, President of the German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV), Bonn/ Germany – Ms. Sheremetyeva, Mayor of Uglich, Uglich/ Russia
<p>Activity 1.3: Selection of Expert Group members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All project partners made suggestions concerning individuals or interesting organisations which could be invited to the CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meetings. • All suggestions were registered in the CABRI-Volga stakeholder database.
<p>Activity 1.4: Inception Report (deliverable D1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project coordinator prepared the Inception Report making operational the projects’ workplan which had to be adjusted following the necessity to extend the project by three months • The workplan structure and timing was basically kept unchanged, but moved back by three months.

¹ The individual activities of CABRI-Volga partner organisations are described in detail in the Final Management Report.

WP2: State-of-the-art and Good Practices

Activity 2.1: Consolidation of existing research results

- CABRI-Volga partners compiled major findings from existing peer reviewed-publications, grey literature, conference reports, results of previous research projects and provisional findings from ongoing studies on environmental risk management in large river basins in the EU in general and in the Volga basin in particular.
- Information was structured according to the themes of the Expert Groups and made available to participants of the Expert group meetings in advance of these meetings.

Activity 2.2: Status of institutional cooperation

- Cooperation and coordination structures between institutions responsible for integrated and sectoral environmental river basin management have been studied and compared with structures elsewhere (primarily in the EU).
- The status of stakeholder cooperation and involvement of stakeholders in decision-making processes in the Volga basin was assessed and compared with the situation elsewhere (primarily in the EU).
- In all five Expert Groups, institutional cooperation and coordination issues were discussed – either as an aspect within a specific theme (EGs 1-4) or from a cross-cutting perspective in EG5, dedicated to analysing institutional cooperation and coordination.

Activity 2.3: Identification of Good and Bad Practices

- CABRI-Volga partners identified and analysed good and bad practices in the five thematic (EG) areas, both within the Volga basin as well as in the EU.
- Suitable (comparable) Russian and EU experiences were contrasted and analysed.
- Selected best practices were made available on the CABRI-Volga website and made available to the experts invited to the three CABRI-Volga Expert Group meetings in advance of the events.
- The results of discussions at the Expert Group Meetings were analysed and meeting reports were prepared.

Activity 2.4: State-of-the-Art Review (deliverable D2)

- Based on the consolidation of existing research results, the status analysis concerning institutional cooperation in the Volga basin as well as the discussions and results of the First CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting in Nizhny Novgorod in September 2005, the State-of-the-Art Report was developed.
- The deliverable preparation was coordinated by Nizhny Novgorod State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering.
- Contributions as well as editing tasks were carried out by a variety of other partners as well.

Activity 2.5: Good Practices Report (deliverable D3)

- Based on the consolidation of existing research results, the identification of good and bad practices in the various thematic areas covered in CABRI-Volga, the State-of-the-Art Report as well as the discussions and results of the First CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting in Nizhny Novgorod in September 2005 (meeting report), the Good Practices Report was developed.
- The deliverable preparation was coordinated by Nizhny Novgorod State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering.
- Contributions as well as editing tasks were carried out by a variety of other partners as well.

WP3: Scenario Development

Activity 3.1: Analysis of trends, problems and driving forces

- Project partners collected data and research findings concerning trends, problems, resources, state of relevant infrastructure, and driving forces for all Expert Group themes.
- “Hot issues”, current problems, major opportunities and constraints in institutional coordination and cooperation of stakeholders in environmental risk management in large river basins in the EU and Russia in general and in the Volga basin in particular were identified.
- The obtained information was analysed and made available as briefing material and/or as direct discussion input for the three Expert Group Meetings

Activity 3.2: Determination of alternative strategies & Activity 3.3: Scenarios

- Under the leadership of Wageningen University and Cadaster, CABRI-Volga established an online cooperation space (share point) seeking information on and assessments of trends concerning the development of the Volga Basin from various viewpoints along the Expert Group themes.
- The obtained information was analysed and made available to the invited experts of the Second CABRI-Volga Expert group meeting in Kazan in April 2006 for further discussion.
- During the Expert group Meeting in Kazan, scenarios were further defined with the invited experts.
- After the Expert group Meeting, an analysis of the obtained information was carried out and a meeting report prepared.

Activity 3.4: Challenges & Obstacles Report (deliverable D4)

- Based on the analysis of trends, problems and driving forces, the results of the scenario exercise, previous project deliverables on state-of-the-art (D2) and good practices (D3) as well as the discussions and results of the Second Expert Group Meeting in Kazan in April 2006 (meeting report), the Challenges & Obstacles report was developed.
- The deliverable preparation was coordinated by Wageningen University.
- Contributions as well as editing tasks were carried out by a variety of other partners as well.

WP4: Recommendations and Future Actions

Activity 4.1: Consolidation of results

- Specific policy strategies were validated and suggested for discussion to the invited participants of the Third CABRI-Volga Expert group Meeting in Cherepovets in November 2006.
- Results of the discussions were analysed and captured in a meeting report.
- Draft recommendations based on the discussions and results of the Third CABRI-Volga Expert group Meeting in Cherepovets in November 2006 (meeting report) were presented to policy makers, decision-makers and other stakeholders such as leading scientists in the field for validation.

Activity 4.2: Policy Recommendations (deliverable D5)

- Based on the consolidated results of the three CABRI-Volga Expert Group meetings, the consultations at the Policy Roundtable and the informative meeting in the State Duma of the Russian Federation as well as the results and recommendations of the mid-term validation workshop, the local outreach workshop in Astrakhan, the industry-focused workshop in Yaroslavl, and the scientific workshop in Pushchino, the policy recommendations were derived and formulated in a self-standing Policy recommendation report (deliverable D5).

Activity 4.3: Action Plan & Research Agenda (deliverable D6)

- Based on the consolidated results of the three CABRI-Volga Expert Group meetings, the consultations at the Policy Roundtable and the informative meeting in the State Duma of the Russian Federation as well as the results and recommendations of the mid-term validation workshop, the local outreach workshop in Astrakhan, the industry-focused workshop in Yaroslavl, and the scientific workshop in Pushchino, an action plan & research agenda was prepared (deliverable D6)

WP5: Evaluation, Dissemination and Exploitation of Results

Activity 5.1: Internal evaluation of methodology and tools

- The CABRI-Volga Project Steering Committee gathered on several occasions. One of the tasks was to check whether the applied methodology and tools were efficiently and effectively used. Where necessary, the PSC suggested adjustment.
- The CABRI-Volga Policy Advisory Board provided an assessment of the methodology used at the mid-term mark of the project. No major adjustments had to be suggested.

Activity 5.2: Validation of intermediate results

- A mid-term validation workshop was organised in Karlsruhe in July 2006, including project partners as well as a group of selected project-external experts in order to validate the results achieved in the project thus far, i.e. after having held two of the three CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meetings.

Activity 5.3: Report on Validation Results (deliverable D7)

- Based on discussions and agreements at the mid-term validation workshop and the Policy Advisory Board meeting, both held in Karlsruhe in July 2006, a report on the validation results was prepared, first project-internally (October 2006) and then in an adjusted version as formal obligation to the EC (March 2007).

Activity 5.4: Dissemination methodology and tools

- Partners discussed and agreed the dissemination methodology and tools at the Kick-Off meeting (website, newsletter, press releases, PowerPoint presentation templates, etc.).
- CABRI-Volga designed, established and maintained a project website in English and Russian (mirror sites).
- Three newsletters were produced and circulated to a Europe-wide audience.
- Four press releases were issued.
- Exhibition stands were organised at events in the EU and in Russia.
- Communication with the media (newspapers and television) was carried out.
- PowerPoint presentations at events and workshops were given worldwide

Activity 5.5: Networking and event organisation

- All partners contributed to the CABRI-Volga stakeholder database by suggesting experts related to integrated river basin management in various fields and by contacting experts inquiring about their interest in participating in CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meetings.
- The CABRI-Volga stakeholder database was frequently updated and maintained.
- Networking was done at several events and workshops around the world spreading the ideas and results of CABRI-Volga to a large group of stakeholders
- Several events were organised, including a Kick-Off Meeting in Moscow, three CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting (Nizhny Novgorod, Kazan, and Cherepovets), a mid-term validation workshop (Karlsruhe), a local outreach workshop (Astrakhan), a Scientific Workshop (Pushchino), an industry-focussed workshop (Yaroslavl), a Policy Roundtable and an informative meeting at the Russian State Duma (Moscow)

Activity 5.6: Report on Raising Public Participation & Awareness (D9)

- A report on all CABRI-Volga dissemination activities as well as on the project's plans for spreading the ideas and results of CABRI-Volga after the project end was prepared as project deliverable D9, also referred to as report on raising public participation & awareness or final plan for using and disseminating the knowledge.

Activity 5.7: Exploitation

- At each Expert Group Meeting, project partners emphasised the possibilities of exploitation of project results.
- At Steering Committee meetings, recommendations on how to ensure dissemination and to make the results available and usable were discussed and agreed.
- Project partners who coordinate stakeholder networks will promote and monitor the follow-up exploitation activities.

Activity 5.8: Exploitation Plan (deliverable D8)

- An Exploitation Plan describing the plans for exploitation, further research and dissemination foreseen to ensure use of the CABRI-Volga results was prepared including a plan for disseminating knowledge beyond the consortium after the end of the project.
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Activity 5.9: Preparation of follow-up

- Since roughly the mid-term mark of the project, partners discussed the possible continuation of CABRI-Volga either as a direct follow-up project or as a series of smaller and more specific research projects in the Volga Basin.
- Concrete project proposals were worked out, partly formulated in the project deliverable "policy recommendations" (D5) and "action plan & research agenda" (D6).

WP6: Project Management and Scientific Coordination

Activity 6.1: Financial and administrative management

- The project management provided financial and administrative support to the project partners on a day-to-day basis, but also in dedicated events, for example by organising a project-internal financial workshop in Moscow in order to facilitate the auditing processes as well as the financial statement preparation of the project partners for the first reporting period.
- The project management monitored the overall project performance and regularly communicated with and reported to the Scientific and Financial Project Officers at the EC.
- The project management collected and, if necessary, commented on administrative and financial input by the project partners and prepared the mandatory administrative and financial reports for submission to the EC.
- The Project Management prepared, organised and followed-up (minutes) on five Project Steering Committee Meetings during the course of the project.

Activity 6.2: Scientific coordination

- The Scientific Coordinator provided scientific guidance to the project partners and ensured that the project addressed the most relevant issues of the Volga Basin's sustainable development to achieve its objectives,
- The Scientific coordinator coordinated inputs from project partners and other sources for common information and knowledge sharing and ensured the efficiency and the scientific foci of the Expert Group Meetings.
- The Scientific Coordinator liaised with scientists in the field of integrated river basin management (primarily in Russia) and organised the scientific workshop in Pushchino in the final project month.
- The Project Management in cooperation with the Scientific Coordinator prepared the Meeting Reports of the Expert Group Meetings which served as one of the most fundamental inputs to the project's deliverables, including project deliverable "policy recommendations" (D5) and "action plan & research agenda" (D6)

Activity 6.3: Internal quality control

- The Project Management reviewed the content, grammar, and general appearance of all contractual deliverables and milestone reports ensuring the high quality standards of the EC and the CABRI project itself.
- Documents published in Russian were quality-controlled by the Scientific Coordinator.
- The Project Management monitored that the agreed timetable for deliverables and milestones was followed, it communicated and agreed, if necessary, with the Scientific Project Officer on adjustments the timetable, and ensured a timely delivery to the EC.

Activity 6.4: Final Report (deliverable D10)

- The present Final Activity Report constitutes the project's Final Report (deliverable D10). It is prepared by the Project Management and summarises the activities carried out over the course of the project as well as the project results and a summary of the project's dissemination and use plan.

2.5 Results

CABRI-Volga achieved a variety of valuable results which set the stage for future research activities and other follow-up activities in the Volga Basin as well as in other river basins inside and outside of Russia. The project results are summarised below:

CABRI-Volga paved the way for future research and cooperation activities

Facilitation of experience and expertise exchange

CABRI-Volga facilitated the exchange of experience and expertise between EU and Russia/NIS, both between interest groups in the Volga basin as well as international scientists and policy makers. This was achieved primarily through the following events organised by the CABRI-Volga consortium (in chronological order):

- First CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting in Nizhny Novgorod, September 2005;
- Second CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting in Kazan, April 2006;
- Mid-term Validation Workshop in Karlsruhe, July 2006;
- Third CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting in Cherepovets, November 2006
- Local Outreach Workshop in Astrakhan, February 2007
- Scientific Workshop in Pushchino, February 2007
- Industry-focused Workshop in Yaroslavl, February 2007
- Policy Roundtable and Informative Meeting in the State Duma of the Russian Federation in Moscow, February 2007

CABRI-Volga meetings offered opportunities for exchange among representatives of diverse stakeholder groups

Large stakeholder database

For these events, in particular the three Expert Group Meetings (each with the participation of more than 70 Russian and international experts in the fields of integrated river basin management), CABRI-Volga relied on its stakeholder database which was constantly being extended and maintained during the project lifetime and by the end of the project contained 540 individual experts from 37 countries worldwide.

540 individual experts from 37 countries in project database

Scientific peer and media recognition

The OECD² referred to CABRI-Volga and its activities in the Volga Basin in its recent report "Progress in Environmental Management in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia".

CABRI-Volga found media coverage in local newspapers and partly local television during the three Expert Group Meetings in Nizhny Novgorod, Kazan, and Cherepovets as well as during other local project workshops in Astrakhan (local outreach workshop), Yaroslavl (industry-focused workshop) and Pushchino (scientific workshop).

The project gained international recognition through EuroNews – a European news channel broadcasting Europe-wide in eight languages, including Russian. EuroNews is featuring CABRI-Volga in its Futuris research programme. CABRI-Volga researchers will be interviewed and their research filmed in Cherepovets, Moscow and Cologne in June 2007. The eight-minute broadcast will be aired repeatedly in July and August on the EuroNews channel.

CABRI-Volga featured on the EuroNews television channel

² Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Reports and publications

The CABRI-Volga consortium produced ten project deliverables and various other reports and milestones during the course of the project which will benefit researchers and other interested stakeholders in the Volga Basin and/ or integrated river basin management in the future:

Deliverables:

- D1: Inception Report
- D2: State-of-the-Art Review³
- D3: Good Practices Report⁴
- D4: Challenges and Obstacles Report⁵
- D5: Policy Recommendations
- D6: Action Plan and research Agenda
- D7: Report on Validation Results
- D8: Exploitation Plan
- D9: Report on Raising Public Participation and Awareness (Dissemination Report)
- D10: Final Report

An overview of the CABRI-Volga policy recommendations (D5) in Russian and English is provided in the Annex of this Final Activity Report. These ten policy recommendations are further substantiated by concrete suggested actions for their implementation.

Ten policy recommendations

Milestones according to the CABRI-Volga workplan and other reports:

CABRI-Volga produced and made available on the project website a series of case studies from the EU on environmental risk management in large river basins:

Environmental risk management case studies

- Flood Protection and Flood Damage Mitigation Practices and Policies of the Water Resource Administration, Federal State of Baden–Württemberg, Germany
- The European Flood Forecasting System, EFFS
- The Elbe DSS: “Development of Decision Support System for the Elbe River Basin”
- Flood Protection of Small Towns. A Case Study from Greece
- ICoNE: Integrated Water Management in the Neckar River, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- Indicator Design for Flood Vulnerability Assessment
- The Po Basin Water Board, Italy
- The Scheldt Estuary Case: From Conflict to Cooperation
- The Volga-Rhine Project

³ Alternative title for future dissemination: “Environmental Risk Management in the Volga Basin: Overview of present situation and challenges in Russia and the EU”.

⁴ Alternative title for future dissemination: “Environmental Risk Management in Large River Basins: Overview of current practices in the EU and Russia”.

⁵ Alternative title for future dissemination: “The Volga Basin’s Development: Today’s Problems, Tomorrow’s Challenges”.

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With the new Russian Water Code being in force since January 2007, CABRI-Volga prepared a comparative analysis of the EU Water Framework Directive and the Russian Water Code entitled: "RF Water Code and EU Water Framework Directive - New Approaches and Policies to Water Management".

Comparative analysis of EU Water Framework Directive and Russian Water Code

CABRI-Volga planned a variety of milestones. The table below provides an overview of these milestones as well as remarks as to whether and to what extent the consortium has achieved them:

Table 4: CABRI-Volga Milestones (in workpackage chronological order)

Milestone No.	Milestone title	Remarks
M1.1	Kick-Off Meeting	Fulfilled; Kick-Off Meeting took place in Moscow in January 2005
M1.2	Gender Action Plan	Project-internal discussions and agreements; no formal report
M1.3	Set-up of Policy Advisory Board	Fulfilled
M1.4	Selection of Expert Group members	Fulfilled for each of the three CABRI-Volga Expert Group meetings
M2.1	Briefing Paper for participants of first EG series in Russian and English (published on CABRI website)	Fulfilled
M2.2	First Expert Group meetings	Fulfilled; First CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting took place in Nizhny Novgorod in September 2005
M2.3	Expert Group Papers on the state-of-the-art and good practices focussed on the discussion topics of the first EG series (published on CABRI website)	Fulfilled; Meeting Report of First Expert Group Meeting made available on project website
M3.1	Briefing Paper for participants of second EG series in Russian and English (published on CABRI website)	Fulfilled
M3.2	Second Expert Group meeting	Fulfilled; Second CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting took place in Kazan in April 2006
M3.3	Working Group Papers on scenario development focussed on the discussion topics of the second WG series (published on CABRI website)	Fulfilled; Meeting Report of Second Expert Group Meeting made available on project website
M4.1	Briefing Paper for participants of first VG series in Russian and English (published on CABRI website)	Fulfilled; Project carried out a Third Expert Group Meeting instead of a Validation Group Meeting following the agreements at the mid-term validation workshop and the recommendations of the project's Policy Advisory Board; Meeting Report of Third Expert Group Meeting made available on project website

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Milestone No.	Milestone title	Remarks
M4.2	Validation Group meetings	Fulfilled; Third CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting took place in Cherepovets in November 2006
M4.3	Validation Group Papers on the horizontal themes of the first validation group series (published on CABRI website)	Fulfilled; Meeting Report of Third Expert Group Meeting made available on project website
M5.1	Press release I in Russian and English	Fulfilled
M5.2	Interview guidelines	Interviews for dissemination purposes were carried out without a predefined interview guideline; Expert opinions were obtained through Expert Group Meetings, an additional interview series was not perceived as being necessary
M5.3	Questionnaires	Fulfilled; Questionnaires for feedback and suggestions were collected from the participating experts of the Expert Group Meetings and analysed
M5.4	CABRI website in Russian and English	Fulfilled; www.cabri-volga.org ; the website was frequently updated and maintained; it will remain online until at least 2012
M5.5	CABRI newsletter I in Russian and English	Fulfilled
M5.6	Press release II in Russian and English	Fulfilled
M5.7	CABRI newsletter II in Russian and English	Fulfilled
M5.8	Mid-term validation workshop meeting (two-day event, external and internal validation)	Fulfilled; the CABRI-Volga Mid-term Validation Workshop was carried out in Karlsruhe in July 2006 with the participation of the project consortium and a selected group of project-external experts
M5.9	Press release III in Russian and English	Fulfilled
M5.10	CABRI newsletter III in Russian and English	Fulfilled as a newsletter III/IV with six pages (instead of the usual four), produced and circulated Europe-wide
M5.11	Press release IV in Russian and English	Fulfilled

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Milestone No.	Milestone title	Remarks
M5.12	Final Conference	Instead of a final conference, and in agreement with the Scientific Project Officer, CABRI-Volga held a local outreach workshop in Astrakhan, a scientific workshop in Pushchino, an industry-focused workshop in Yaroslavl as well as a Policy Roundtable and an informative meeting in the State Duma of the Russian Federation in Moscow.
M5.13	CABRI newsletter IV "Summary of Results" in Russian and English	Fulfilled as a newsletter III/IV with six pages (instead of the usual four), produced and circulated Europe-wide
M6.1	Periodic Activity Report I	In agreement with the Scientific Project Officer (see Inception Report), project activities were regularly reported by e-mail, phone or in person to the Scientific Project Officer
M6.2	Management Report	Fulfilled
M6.3	Periodic Activity Report II	In agreement with the Scientific Project Officer (see Inception Report), project activities were regularly reported by e-mail, phone or in person to the Scientific Project Officer
M6.4	Follow-Up Guide	No document has been produced, but thorough discussions on future opportunities carried out at several Project Steering Committee Meetings; an Exploitation Plan (D8) and a Dissemination report (D9) have also been produced

3 Dissemination and use

The present chapter is a summary of the “final plan for using and disseminating the knowledge” (project deliverable D9). It summarises the activities carried out to disseminate the results

It summarises, in the table below, an overview of the activities taken to promote dissemination of results during the course of the project as well as those measures (marked in blue) planned for the time after the project’s completion in February 2007.

3.1 Overview of CABRI-Volga dissemination activities

Table 5: Overview of activities to promote the dissemination of CABRI-Volga results

Planned/ Actual Dates	Type	Type of audiences	Countries addressed	Size of audiences	Partner responsible/involved
<i>Press release (press/radio/TV)</i>					
April, 2005/ May, 2005	Press Release #1 in Russian	External audience	Russia	1700	EPCI/ UNESCO
April, 2005/ August, 2005	Press Release #1 in English	External audience	EU, international audience	1500	EPCI/ UNESCO
December, 2005/ May 2006	Press Release #2 in Russian and English	External audience	Russia, EU, International audience	2500	EPCI
January, 2007/ May 2007	Press Release #3/4 in Russian and English	External audience	Russia, EU, International audience	1000	EPCI
<i>Media briefing</i>					
April, 2006	Article <i>Volga is More than Just a River</i> – University Newspaper <i>Ekonom</i> #3(33) April, 2006	External audience	Russia	999	Saratov SSEU
May, 2006	Article <i>CABRI-Volga in Nizhny Novgorod</i> – University Newspaper <i>Ekonom</i> #4(34) May, 2006	External audience	Russia	999	Saratov SSEU
December, 2006	Article <i>CABRI-Volga in Cherepovets</i> - "Volga - the 21st century" Journal, #12, 2006	External audience	Russia	2000	Saratov SSEU/EPCI
June, 2006	Article about CABRI- Volga in <i>East Light</i> Magazine	External audience	Russia	1000	EcoPolicy
June 2007	Article about CABRI- Volga in "UNIKATH" – newspaper of Karls- ruhe Univ., Germany	Research	Germany	2500	IWK
2007	Information about CABRI-Volga/results and progress in OECD report/UNECE/EFE "EECCA"	External audience	International	3000	REC

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Planned/ Actual Dates	Type	Type of audiences	Countries addressed	Size of audiences	Partner responsible/involved
July-August 2007	Futuris report on CABRI-VOLGA will be filmed by Euronews channel.	External audience	International	The audience of Euronews channel	Rupprecht Consult, EPCI, Ammofos
<i>Workshops, expert group meetings, conferences</i>					
17-19 May, 2005	*International Forum "Great Rivers-2005", Nizhny Novgorod	Research, industry, business, officials	Russia, EU	1500	EPCI/ UNU-EHS, UNESCO
May-June, 2005	Royal Colloquium, Sweden	Research, officials	Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, UK, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Seychelles, USA	25 experts	EPCI
August, 2005	World Water Week, Stockholm	Research, industry, business, officials	International audience	2000	EPCI
28-30 September, 2005	**First Expert Group Meeting, Nizhny Novgorod	Research and other stakeholders	Russia, EU	~100	CABRI Consortium
October, 2005	6 th Open Meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research Community, CABRI session, Bonn	Research	International audience	500 + ~ 70 at CABRI session	EPCI, EcoPolicy, RUPPRECHT CONSULT, UNU-EHS
December, 2005	Green Cross International General Assembly, Moscow	International, NGO sector, Russian officials	Russia+ 35 countries	95	EPCI
24 January 2006	Institutions for Floods in Asia: Comparative analysis of institutions, national policies and cooperative responses to floods, International Workshop, Thailand	Research and policy- makers	International audience	40	EcoPolicy
25 January 2006	The Mekong Programme on Water Environment and Resilience, Thailand	Research and policy- makers	International audience	15	EcoPolicy
5-7 April, 2006	***Second Expert Group Meeting, Kazan	Research and other stakeholders	Russia,EU	120	EPCI/ CABRI Consortium
27-28 April, 2006	Russian National Junior Water Prize	Students, teachers, research, officials, mass media	Russia	120	EPCI
18 May, 2006	Session of Advisory Council of Russian Regional Environmental Centre	NGOs, research, officials	Russia	50	EPCI

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Planned/ Actual Dates	Type	Type of audiences	Countries addressed	Size of audiences	Partner responsible/involved
22-23 May, 2006	IHDP Global Environmental Change a Human Security Programme, Annual meeting of the scientific committee, Washington	Research	International audience	15	EcoPolicy
24 May, 2006	Understanding the Global Water Crisis, Woodrow Wilson Inter- national Center for International Scholars, Washington	Research and policy- makers	International audience	70	EcoPolicy
25-29 May, 2006	****International Conference "Great Rivers-2006", Nizhny Novgorod	Research, officials, industry, business	Russia, EU	30000 participants and visitors	EPCI, IOI, Rupprecht Consult, IWK
20-22 June 2006	EC-INCO "Workshop- cum-training on communicating water research for increasing impact", Brussels	Research, officials	Russia, EU	37	Rupprecht consult, KASPMNIZ, REC
August, 2006	World Water Week, Stockholm	Research, business, decision- makers, NGO	International audience	2000	EPCI
August, 2006	EGW course: Environmental Fluid Mechanics, Karlsruhe	Research, students	EU	45	WK
September, 2006	RIVER FLOW, Lisboa	Research	International audience	150	IWK
September, 2006	Aqua Alta, Hamburg	Research	International audience	170	IWK
20-22 September 2006	First IHDP Science- Policy Dialogue Symposium. Swiss National Science Foundation Headquarters. Switzerland, Berne	Research, decision- makers Research	International audience	40 800	EcoPolicy
October, 2006	White Water to Blue Water meeting, Beijing	Research	International audience	200	RUPPRECHT CONSULT/ REC
13-17 November, 2006	Third Expert Group Meeting	Research, decision- makers	Russia, EU	150	CABRI Consortium
24 November, 2006	International Ocean Institute meeting, Egypt	Research	International Audience	50	IOI/EPCI, REC
5-10 December 2006	Institutions for Sustainable Development in the Face of Global Environmental Change. IHDP Institutional Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Synthesis Conference. Bali, Indonesia	Research	International audience	180	Ecopolicy

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Planned/ Actual Dates	Type	Type of audiences	Countries addressed	Size of audiences	Partner responsible/involved
11 December 2006	Meeting of CABRI and the Water consortium (New Approaches to Adaptive Water Management). Bali, Indonesia	Research	International audience	10	Ecopolicy
11-12 December, 2006	MarCuba Conference, Havana	Research, officials, industry	International Audience	370	IOI/REC
15-16 December, 2006	East Asian Summit, China	Research	International	1000	IOI/REC
<u>Final CABRI-Volga meetings</u>					
9 February 2007	Environmental risk reduction in the Lower Volga. Astrakhan, Russia	Research, decision- makers, NGOs	Russia	40	Kaspmniz
16 February 2007	Industrial and sanitary zones development in the Volga Basin: experiences and current problems. Yaroslavl, Russia	Research, decision- makers, business, NGOs	Russia	70	Cadaster
26 February 2007	New challenges and opportunities for sustainable development in the Oka Basin	Research, decision- makers, NGOs, mass- media	Pushino, Russia	40	Ecopolicy
27 February 2007	Working meeting in the State Duma of the Russian Federation on Volga basin development	Member of the State Duma, Russian officials from the Federal Government, heads of UN offices in Russia, EC office in Russia, international organisations	Russia and EU	18	EPCI
27 February 2007	CABRI-Volga Policy Roundtable	Policy- makers and officials, research, NGOs	Russia and EU	65	CABRI consortium
15-18 May 2007	Great Rivers Forum in Nizhny Novgorod	Research, industry, business, officials	Russia, EU	200	IOI, RUPPRECHT CONSULT, IWK, EHU-UN
May 2007	WMO Congress, Geneva	Research, business, officials	International audience	200	IOI
June 2007	IOC Assembly, Paris	Research, NGOs	International audience	150	IOI

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Planned/ Actual Dates	Type	Type of audiences	Countries addressed	Size of audiences	Partner responsible/involved
13-25 June 2007	Event of the Ural Basin project, CEU, Orenburg	Research, NGOs, officials	Russia, Kazakhstan, EU	100	REC
November 2007	32d PIM Conference, Malta	Research, NGOs	International audience	300	IOI
<i>Exhibition</i>					
25-29 May, 2006	****International Exhibition "Great Rivers-2006", Nizhny Novgorod.	Industry, research, officials	Russia, EU	210 organizations	EPCI
<i>Publications</i>					
September 2005	Briefing Notes for the 1 st EG Meeting	Project's partners and experts	Russia+EU	100	RUPPRECHT CONSULT/ EcoPolicy/NNSUACE
November, 2005/ December, 2005, January, 2006	Newsletter #1 in English Newsletter #1 in Russian	General public + Research, Industry, Business, Officials	EU Russia	5000 5000	REC/EPCI
March, 2006	Briefing Notes for the 2 nd EG Meeting	Project's partners and experts	Russia+EU	120	RUPPRECHT CONSULT/ EcoPolicy, Cadaster, Wageningen
February, 2006	CABRI - calendars - bookmarks - desk diaries	General public + Research, Industry, Business, Officials	Russia+EU	700 3000 1700	EPCI
March, 2006	Meeting Report, First CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting in N. Novgorod: - in Russian - in English	General public + Research, Industry, Business, Officials	Russia EU	300 100	EPCI/ EcoPolicy, RC
May, 2006	1. CABRI-Volga State- of-the-art Report Executive Summary - in Russian - in English 2. press release 1 - in Russian - in English 3. newsletter 1 - in Russian - in English 4. Meeting Report, First CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting in N.	General public + research, industry, business, officials	Russia EU Russia EU Russia EU Russia EU	200 100 200 200 300 300	EcoPolicy/ EPCI EPCI EPCI/ EcoPolicy

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Planned/ Actual Dates	Type	Type of audiences	Countries addressed	Size of audiences	Partner responsible/involved
	Novgorod: - in Russian - In English 5. calendars 6. book marks 7. pens 8. bags		Russia EU Russia+EU Russia+EU Russia+EU Russia+EU	200 100 450 1500 300 300	
May, 2006/ June, 2006	Newsletter #2 in Russian and English	General public + research, industry, business, officials	Russia EU	7500	REC/EPCI
November 2006	Information packet for CABRI 3 ^d EG meeting 1. Meeting Report, First CABRI-Volga Expert Group Meeting in N. Novgorod: - in Russian - in English 2. State-of-the-Art Report (Executive Summary) - in Russian - in English 3. Good Practices Report / Executive Summary - in Russian - in English 4. Meeting Report in Kazan - in Russian - in English	General public + research, industry, business, officials	Russia EU Russia EU Russia EU Russia EU	100 50 100 50 120 50 150 75	EPCI
February, 2007	Newsletter #3/4 in Russian and English	General public + research, industry, business, officials	Russia+EU	7500	REC/EPCI
February, 2007	Briefing paper in Russian and English Recommendations and Actions/Summary in Russian and English RF Water Code in English EU Framework Water Directive in Russian	General public + research, industry, business, officials	Russia EU International audience	50 50 50 50 30 30	EPCI/Rupprecht Consult

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Planned/ Actual Dates	Type	Type of audiences	Countries addressed	Size of audiences	Partner responsible/involved
	Bilingual brochure on RF Water Code and EU RWD			100	
April 2007	Meeting Report, EG3 Cherepovets - Russian - In English	General public + research, industry, business, officials	Russia EU	150 100	EPCI/Ecopolicy
	Final Report / Follow- Up Guide - in Russian - in English	General public + research, industry, business, officials	Russia EU	200 100	EPCI/Ecopolicy / Rupprecht Consult
<i>Project web-site</i>					
October, 2005/ September, 2005	*****CABRI Volga web- site in English and Russian	General public	International Audience	World Wide Web	REC/EPCI
<i>Posters</i>					
March, 2006	Posters for the Expert Group Meeting in Kazan	Research	Russia+EU	120	EPCI
May, 2006	Posters for the International Forum "Great Rivers-2006", Nizhny Novgorod	Industry, research	Russia+EU	30000 participants and visitors	EPCI
November, 2006	Posters for the Expert Group Meeting in Cherepovets	Industry, research, officials	Russia+EU	150	EPCI
<i>Flyers Direct e-mailing</i>					
September, 2005	Electronic News Letter in Russian	General public	Russia	800	EPCI
<i>Film/video</i>					
April, 2006	Video "Dreaming of Water"	General public	Russia+EU	300	EPCI

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Comments

* International Forum "Great Rivers-2005", Nizhny Novgorod: dissemination of Press Release #1 in Russian, presentation "The CABRI-Volga Project: facilitates transition to the basin management principal in the Volga river basin and to Water Code enforcement for water relationships regulation"/EPCI.

** First Expert Group Meeting, Nizhny Novgorod. Spreading Contact Verification and Feedback Forms for experts with further review: 22 EU experts and 32 Russian experts have filled in the Forms.

*** Second Expert Group Meeting, Kazan: spreading Contact Verification and Feedback Forms for experts with further review: 6 EU experts and 18 Russian experts have filled in the Forms. Dissemination of newsletters, press releases, reports.

**** International Forum and Exhibition "Great Rivers-2006", Nizhny Novgorod. 55 organizations of the Russian Federation were presented. The total amount of participants was 456 scientific and industrial companies from 18 countries. There were representatives from 17 international organizations and 12 federal ministries. 30 000 participants and visitors have taken part and visited the Forum.

Presentation of the Project's results at the Congress (Section 1), informational poster at the congress, CABRI stand at the exhibition: posters, dissemination of press-releases, newsletters, reports, calendars, book marks, pens, bags, CDs.

***** CABRI Volga web-site: Russian and English versions are available at www.cabri-volga.org. Serves as a window to the Volga region and world, includes information on news and events, background information on the project, facts, maps, images, links about the Volga, project activities, publications, CABRI-Volga partners, partners' intranet.

There are regular updates on the public part of the web-site: news, meeting reports, newsletters. Both languages are synchronized. There are also regular updates on the password-protected intranet: all meeting background documents, expert contact database, cross-link to expert discussion site.

The CABRI web-site contains 85 web pages, 48 MS-Word files, 77 PDF files, (125 documents), 1153 pictures (page illustrations, pictures, photo gallery).

The Web-site will be online until 2012.

3.2 Description of dissemination activities planned beyond the end of the project

To provide follow-up activities and dissemination of the knowledge gained during the project, the following activities, highlighted in blue in the dissemination activities table of chapter 3.1, will be implemented:

Media briefing:

- the article about CABRI-Volga will be published in “UNIKATH” – newspaper of Karlsruhe University, Germany
- Information about CABRI-Volga/results and progress will be placed in OECD report/UNECE/EFE
- Futuris report on CABRI-VOLGA will be filmed by EuroNews channel. The report will be on air from July 12 until July 19. It will be broadcast 22 times in July and rebroadcast in August.

Workshops, expert group meetings, conferences

During May- November 2007 information about CABRI-Volga will be presented at the following events in the forms of oral presentations, information materials dissemination, press-conferences, etc.:

- Great Rivers Forum in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia,
- WMO Congress, Geneva,
- IOC Assembly, Paris,
- Event of the Ural Basin project, CEU,
- Orenburg and 32d PIM Conference, Malta.

Publications

- Final Report / Follow-Up Guide in Russian and in English.

Annex: Overview of CABRI-Volga Policy Recommendations

Фундаментальные вопросы Fundamental Issues	1	Поддержка систематического многофакторного управления рисками	Support systematic multi-hazard risk management
	2	Обеспечение координированного стратегического планирования и реализации	Ensure coordinated strategic planning and implementation
	3	Обеспечение участия заинтересованных сторон в процессе принятия решений	Enable stakeholder participation in decision-making processes
Основные политические аспекты Major Policy Fields	4	Способствовать доступности Волжского бассейна	Facilitate the accessibility of the Volga Basin
	5	Предотвращение деградации природных ресурсов и сокращения биоразнообразия	Prevent the degradation of natural resources and the loss of biodiversity
	6	Эффективное управление качественными и количественными параметрами водных ресурсов	Carry out efficient and effective water quality and water quantity management
Инструменты реализации Tools of Implementation	7	Поддержка инновационных финансовых решений	Promote innovative financing solutions
	8	Совершенствование управления информацией	Improve information management
	9	Создание условий для наращивания потенциала	Encourage capacity building
Перспектива Outlook	10	Инвестирование человеческих и финансовых ресурсов в постоянное развитие Волжского бассейна	Invest human and financial resources in the continued Volga Basin development