



Twinning Project RO/2006/IB/EN/07
*Implementation and Enforcement of the Environmental Acquis
focused on industrial waste management / Phase II*

3rd INTERIM QUARTERLY REPORT

Project Title: “Implementation and Enforcement of the Environmental Acquis focused on Industrial Waste Management, Phase II”

Member State Partners: German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Beneficiary Country: REPA Galati and LEPA of South East Region – Romania

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0. Summary:

This second Progress Report covers the activities undertaken during period **1st August 2008 – 31st October 2008**.

During the reporting period the project work made good progress, different daily activities under Component 3 have been started and others were improved, further the first study visit to Germany with focus on industrial waste management was carried out.

- **Component 1 “Kick – off, Coordination with other projects, RTA travel to other projects”**

The **1st Study Visit** to Germany was carried out with the participation of 10 BC experts from MESD, NEPA, REPA Galati, LEPA Braila, LEPA Galati, LEPA Vrancea and DDBRA. This visit was focused on the exemplary implementation of requirements in the field of industrial waste management. Special focus was on the types of installations and procedures that have to be covered under the technically focused activities under Component 4 of the twinning.

- **Component 3 “Support the REPA Galati in the performance of the daily activities”:**

- Within the Sub-component **3.1 Environmental Planning and Policy** it was carried out the first expert mission with the participation of STEs Joerg Mayer and Sven Schulz. During the mission there were carried out the activities envisaged by the twinning contract such as: analysis of the present methods used and competences for implementation of the measures envisaged by the plans, assessment of the current reporting and monitoring system. Also it was carried out a workshop with the following topics: environmental protection administration in Germany, environmental planning in Germany and in comparison with Romania, local agenda 21, regional and local environmental action plans, etc.
- Within the Sub-component **3.2 Integrated Permitting Procedure** there were carried out 2 expert missions with focus on the specific needs in the South-East Region. During the missions there was organized a seminar for the presentation of the draft **Guideline on Foundries**. Representatives from administrations and certain companies participated also as speakers as well. Within the reporting period **4 site visits** at important large (international) companies in the specific fields, Feral SA Tulcea, Rompetrol Rafinare Constanta, Profiland SA Galati and Hoeganaes Buzau, took place with focus on problems, which have to be solved according to the environmental legislation.
- Within Sub-component **3.3 Waste Management** the second mission was carried out with the participation of STEs Ellen Gerlach and Paul Einwag. They carried

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out coordination meetings with REPA staff in charge with Waste Management and an open seminar with the following topics:

- waste management plans,
 - waste management concepts for local authorities,
 - guideline for the elaboration of waste management concepts,
 - formation of local/regional associations with focus on efficient waste management, and more,
 - charges and fees,
 - tax regulation for waste.
- Within the Sub-component **3.4 Air Quality and Climate Change** there was carried out the first mission of STEs Berndt Heits and Wolfgang J Muller. During the mission they made a seminar related to Air Quality, and was also presented a Guideline and Standard Operational Procedures developed by the Twinning Project in REPA Cluj. Further the German experts made a site visit of the monitoring stations for air quality in the city of Galati.
- Within the Sub-component **3.6 Soil and sub-soil protection and Ecological Reconstruction** there was carried out the first mission of Key Expert Klaus Rehda and STE Kai Stepper. During the mission they made 2 seminars related to contaminated sites and soil protection, one in REPA Galati and one in Constanta at the premises of Hotel Oxford conference room, 2 site visits to a potentially contaminated site of SC PETROM SA in the county of Braila and SC OIL TERMINAL SA in the county of Constanta and one working meeting at LEPA Constanta.
- Within the Sub-component **3.9 Structural Instruments** mission of STE Guido Bockelmann took place. The mission objective was to support the STEs from Sub-component 3.6 in organization of the seminar and made specific presentation on financing possibilities with Structural Funds.

1: PROJECT DATA

PROJECT DATA

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PROJECT NUMBER	RO2006/IB/EN/07
PROJECT TITLE	Implementation and Enforcement of the Environmental Acquis focused on industrial waste management, Phase II
CONTRACTING AUTHORITY	CFCU, Bucharest Romania
MEMBER STATE PARTNER	German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
FINAL RECIPIENT	Regional Environment Protection Agency(REPA) Galati, and the six Local Environment Protection Agencies (LEPAs) in the South East Region, Romania
BC PROJECT LEADER	Mrs. Carmen Elena Sandu, REPA Galati
MS PROJECT LEADER	Mr. Michael Bass,
RESIDENT TWINNING ADVISER	Mrs. Dorothea Frohn
BC COUNTERPART	Mrs. Anastasia Lescai
PROJECT NOTIFICATION	31 January 2008
PROJECT DURATION	18 months
BUDGET	800.000 Euro Financing by Phare Programme 40.000 Euro Co-financing by Romanian MESD
REPORT NUMBER	3
PERIOD COVERED BY THE REPORT	1 August 2008 – 31 October 2008

2: CONTENT

2.1: BACKGROUND

Project Purposes

The proposed project aims to continue supporting the Regional Environmental Protection Agency (REPA), the Local Environmental Protection Agencies (LEPAs) and the National Environmental Guard (NEG) within the region, with their day-to-day responsibilities and functions related to the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the transposed environmental legislation in accordance with their responsibilities established by law.

The specific aim of this project is to consolidate the capacity of the REPA Galați and the LEPAs and NEG's structures in the South-East region in the implementation and enforcement of the environmental legislation.

In addition, during its life, the proposed project will assist REPA Galați to act as Focal Point for the technically focused activities related to Industrial Waste Management sector.

2.2: ACHIEVEMENT OF MANDATORY RESULTS

According to the Twinning Contract the mandatory results are the following:

1. Strengthened institutional capacities at regional and local levels in terms of good institutional management and technical performances of staff
2. All regional and local EPAs' and NEG's staff involved in permitting, monitoring and inspection is trained according to the training needs assessed; accordingly, associated competencies, knowledge and skills have significantly improved.
3. The regional component of the relevant strategic and planning documents on environmental protection are reviewed and improved or updated.
4. Data collection and storage systems have improved.
5. Programmes for remediation actions/measures of contaminated sites in the region have been developed.
6. Improved capacities and capabilities of IB to perform the delegated tasks regarding the implementation of SOP environment.
7. The REPA Galați is acting as Focal Point for the other REPAs/LEPAs/NEPA regarding the technically focused activities in industrial waste management.
8. To this end, national guidelines, standards and procedure manuals are provided by the Focal Point on its technically focused activity and are disseminated between the Romanian REPAs;
9. Furthermore, there will be trained staff with well developed skills for the specific areas of the focal Point.

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In Table 1 “Activities and Benchmarks of the Project” the list of 93 benchmarks is shown in connection to the related components and activities of the work plan of the project, as well as the respective deadlines set out in the Twinning Contract and expressed in calendar months within the implementation period.

Activities marked in yellow have started in the period of reference or before and the activities marked in green are finalized. The column “Current status” shows for each activity if it is in progress or done (no remarks and no color means that work has not started). Benchmarks reached are marked by a “X” symbol.

Table 1: Activities and Benchmarks of the Project

Components + Activities		Benchmarks	Deadline (m/y)	Current status
Component 1: Kick Off, Coordination with other projects, RTA Travel to other projects				
1.1	Installation of the project: Project Kick Off Meeting	1. Partners and regional stakeholders informed about the project objectives, activities and time schedule	2 nd month	X
		2. Working groups for the daily and technically focused activities established		X
		3. All actors involved are aware of the project purposes, of their roles and responsibilities		X
1.2	Project coordination by RTA with NEPA and other REPAs	4. Working relations between the twinning projects of other REPAs and the NEPA established	4 th month	X
		5. REPA Galati established as focal point	6 th month	X
		6. Communication network on IPPC developed	7 th month	X
		7. Information exchange continuously maintained	17 th month	In progress
1.3	Study Visits	8. Study Visit to Germany	7 th month	X
		9. Study Visit to Germany	14 th month	
1.4	Wrap-up workshop	10. Project activities evaluated	18 th month	
		11. Outlook for future activities in the field defined		
Component 2: Institution building – Institutional Matters/Change/Support				
2.1	Assessment and Implementation Plan	12. Assessment with gap analysis including recommendations for improvement for all nine fields of responsibility carried out	3 rd month	X
2.2	Nation wide exchange	13. Nation-wide workshop on status quo and results and recommendations from all 8 regional projects under responsibility of NEPA implemented	6 th month	X
2.3	Personnel development	14. Training needs have been identified	3 rd month	
		15. Staff training plan and programmes updated (20 persons trained)		X
		16. Personnel development strategy elaborated		
2.4	Cooperation structures with other agencies	17. Definition of roles and responsibilities of all relevant actors and stakeholders	6 th month	X
		18. Recommendations on cooperation structures elaborated		X

Component 3: Daily activities				
Sub - Component 3.1: Environmental Planning and Policy				
3.1.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of environmental planning and policy	19. Training in reviewing, updating and monitoring of the Environmental Protection Action Plans implemented (about 30 experts trained)	17 th month	X
		20. Assessment of the environmental plans in light of the conformity with general regional environmental goals carried out		
		21. System for the regular monitoring of the activities in the framework of the regional and local Environmental Action Plans has been defined and implemented		
3.1.2	Evaluation Workshop with recommendations	22. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 th month	
		23. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector have been devised and additional training needs have been identified		
		24. The relevant Romanian administrations have proceeded the implementation of the recommendations regarding Environmental Planning and Policy by the end of the project		
Sub – Component 3.2: Integrated Permitting Procedure				
3.2.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of Integrated Permitting Procedure	25. Training on the job related to IPPC and the Environmental Management System (EMS) provided, including reviewing the environmental integrated permits and monitoring of compliance (about 60 experts trained)	17 th month	In progress
3.2.2	Elaboration of a Technical Guideline including Determination of BAT and Permitting Requirements for Installations (acc. Nr 3.3 Installations for the manufacture of glass including Glass fiber with a melting capacity exceeding 20t/day of Annex 1 IPPC Directive)	26. Technical Guideline on Installations for the manufacture of Glass prepared	17 th month	In progress
		27. Technical guideline presented to all relevant Romanian Experts / stakeholders in a workshop		
3.2.3	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	28. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 40 participants)		
		29. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector have been devised and additional training needs have been identified		
		30. The relevant Romanian administrations have proceeded the implementation of the recommendations regarding the Integrated Permitting Procedure by the end of the project		

Sub – Component 3.3: Waste Management				
3.3.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of Regional Waste Management Plan and optimization of the data collection system	31. Training sessions on important aspects of Waste Management implemented (data collection, storage, reporting and information flow) implemented (about 40 experts trained)	17 th month	X
		32. Regional Waste Management Plan reviewed/updated		
3.3.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	33. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 40 participants)	17 th month	
		34. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		35. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding Waste Management including the revised Waste Management Plan by the end of the project		
Sub – Component 3.4: Air Quality and Climate Change				
3.4.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of air quality management	36. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of air quality tasks (e.g. monitoring, quality of measurement data, data storage, reporting and information flow, software) (about 30 experts trained)	17 th month	In progress
		37. Support has been given in the monitoring of compliance of regional operators developing specific activities with effect on earth climate		
		38. Action plans and programmes for air quality management and emissions' reduction, as well climate change permits have been prepared/updated		
3.4.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	39. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 th month	
		39. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		40. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding ambient air quality management including the revised plans for ambient air quality management by the end of the project		
		41. Information disseminated by CD ROM and updated contents of website		
Sub – Component 3.5: Biodiversity and Nature Protection				
3.5.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training	42. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of biodiversity and nature protection/Natura 2000 (e.g. on updating and review of inventories of species and habitats), as well as training to improve knowledge and skills of target public institutions involved in biodiversity and nature protection sector (about 30 participants)	17 th month	X

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	and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of biodiversity and nature protection	43. The documentation for the establishment of new protected areas, including Natura 2000 sites has been prepared		X
		44. Status of existing network of protected areas is monitored		X
		45. Data collection/storage improved		X
3.5.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	46. The implementation training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 th month	
		47. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		48. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding biodiversity and nature protection by the end of the project		
Sub – Component 3.6: Soil and Sub-soil Protection and Ecological Reconstruction				
3.6.1	Introductory workshop on Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction	49. General aspects and difficulties of Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction presented and discussed in a workshop (about 30 participants)	6 th month	X
		50. Special training needs and the detailed training programme for the sub-component Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction (scope, contents, time schedule)		
3.6.2	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction	51. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of Soil and Sub-soil and ecological reconstruction (about 30 experts trained)	17 th month	
3.6.3	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	52. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 th month	
		53. Further recommendations for improvements in sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		54. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations		
Sub – Component 3.7: Chemicals Legislation				
3.7.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of chemicals legislation	55. Training session implemented and advice provided on important aspects of chemicals legislation (e.g. monitor the use and trade of restricted chemical substances; about 15 experts trained)	17 th month	
		56. Support given in the identification of economic agents that develop activities involving persistent, bio-accumulable and toxic chemical substances (PCB, CMR) according to REACH procedure		

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3.7.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	57. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 15 participants)	17 th month	
		58. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		59. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding chemicals legislation by the end of the project		
Sub-Component 3.8: Horizontal Legislation				
3.8.1	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of horizontal legislation	60. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of horizontal legislation (e.g. EIA procedure for projects to be financed from Structural and Cohesion Funds; review of the EIA/SEA studies' reports and subsequently related permitting process; about 30 participants)	17 th month	X
3.8.2	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	61. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 th month	
		62. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		63. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations regarding horizontal legislation by the end of the project		
Sub-component 3.9: Structural Instruments				
3.9.1	Introductory workshop on Structural Instruments	64. General aspects and difficulties of Structural Instruments presented and discussed in a workshop (about 30 participants)	6 th month	X
		65. Special training needs and the detailed training programme for the sub-component Structural Instruments (scope, contents, time schedule)		
3.9.2	Assessment of Status Quo, training and implementation of the specific requirements in the daily tasks of Structural Instruments	66. Training sessions implemented and advice provided on important aspects of Structural Instruments (about 30 experts trained)	6 th month	In progress
3.9.3	Evaluation workshop with recommendations	67. The implemented training programme has been evaluated in a workshop (about 30 participants)	17 th month	
		68. Further recommendations for improvements in the sector made and additional training needs have been identified		
		69. The relevant Romanian administrations have started the implementation of the recommendations		
Component 4: Technically focused activities				
4.1	Legislative support	70. All relevant EC Directives presented	4 th month	In progress
		71. Legal gap analysis performed	5 th month	

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		72. Recommendations on the alignment of the national legislation elaborated and disseminated	6 th month	
4.2	Presentations of case Studies, types of landfills/installations and procedures for the inspection	73. Guidance on administrative procedures regarding the inspection of disposal procedures of operators elaborated	7 th month	In progress
		74. Templates for the documentation of transport and disposal of hazardous substances, documentation and dissemination	10 th month	
4.3	Monitoring procedures for existing landfills	75. Responsibilities of different environmental authorities (REPA, LEPA, NEG) in the field of monitoring landfills clarified	8 th month	In progress
		76. Administrative monitoring procedures defined	10 th month	
		77. Technical procedures defined	12 th month	
		78. Documentation (guidelines, manuals) are disseminated		
4.4	Closure and after-closure monitoring, procedures and training	79. Priorities for closure or recovery defined	10 th month	In progress
		80. Cost assessment prepared	12 th month	
		81. Closure procedures for industrial waste landfills (technical requirements, permits, ...) are elaborated	13 th month	
		82. Training programme defined and implemented	14 th month	
4.5	Recovery, procedures and training	83. Priorities for closure or recovery defined	12 th month	
		84. Cost assessment prepared		
		85. Possible solutions for recovery of industrial waste in landfills are assessed	13 th month	
		86. Guidelines for recovery (checklist for supervisory authorities, technical descriptions, ...) are elaborated	14 th month	
		87. Training programme and materials on monitoring procedures for industrial waste landfills and on recovery	15 th month	
		88. Training measures (workshops with REPA/LEPA staff, seminars for municipalities and operators, case study) are implemented	16 th month	
4.6	Support in planning procedures/ industrial waste management at the regional level	89. Possible use of Structural Instruments for necessary investment measures, like SOP Environment and Program Complement etc. are assessed	12 th month	
		90. Activities are coordinated with those on Regional Environmental Action Plans, Master Planning, Soil Protection	17 th month	
4.7	General Focal Point activities	91. Advice given to other RTAs/STEs from the other twinning projects	17 th month	
		92. A network for communication and exchange of information/progress related to industrial waste management issues is built up	17 th month	
		93. Focal Point established	6 th month	

2.3 ACTIVITIES IN THE REPORTING PERIOD

In the reporting period, work started within Activity 1.3, Sub-component 3.1, Sub-component 3.2, Sub-component 3.3, Sub-component 3.4, Sub-component 3.6 and Sub-component 3.9.

Component 1: Kick off, Coordination with other projects, RTA Travel to other projects

Activity 1.3 Study Visit

The 1st **Study Visit** to Germany was carried out with the participation of 10 BC experts from MESD, NEPA, REPA Galati, LEPA Braila, LEPA Galati, LEPA Vrancea and DDBRA from 12th to 18th of October 2008. The scope of the visit was experiences exchange regarding waste management, installations and specific services for different types of waste, management of biosphere reserves, natural areas and wet areas.

During the visit there were carried out working meetings at:

- Sorting station for medical waste from Universitary Polyclinic Martin Luther Kröllwitz and Sorting station for waste in the city of Halle,
- Underground landfill Zielitz in the land of Saxony-Anhalt,
- Sanitation and ecological rehabilitation Society Schkopau,
- Special waste dump (industrial Waste),
- Biosphere Reserve,
- Chemical-physical and biological treatment plant in Gerwisch,
- Navigation channels crossroad,
- Incinerators I and II in Rothensee and
- New landfill in Cröbern (Saxony) – conform with EU and German Norms.

For more detailed information please find attached in **Annex 1** the Study Visit Report.

Component 3: Support the REPA Galati in the performance of the daily activities

Sub-component 3.1 Environmental Planning and Policy

From 27th until 31st of October 2008 it was carried out the first expert mission within this sub-component with the participation of STEs Joerg Mayer and Sven Schulz.

During the mission there were carried out the activities envisaged by the twinning contract such as:

- Analysis of the present methods used and competences for implementation of the measures envisaged by the plans,
- Assessment of the current reporting and monitoring system.

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Also it was carried out a workshop with the following topics: environmental protection administration in Germany, environmental planning in Germany, local agenda 21, regional and local environmental action plans, etc.

At this workshop participated about 22 representatives from REPA Galati, LEPA and NEG in SE Region, County Councils, City Halls, Prefecture of Galati, DDBRA and IB SOP Environment.

For more detailed information please find attached in **Annex 2** the mission report of the Experts, invitations, agenda, presentations and list of participants.

Sub-component 3.2 Integrated Permitting Procedure

The mission within Activity 3.2.1 of Key Expert Franz Ellerman, STEs Klaus Warnatz and Konrad Mair was carried out from 07th until 12th of September 2008.

During the mission there were carried out the following activities:

- Site visit to SC Feral SA in the county of Tulcea
- Workshop related to Guideline on mix foundries within REPA Galati. There were presented the draft of the guidelines and the participants made comments and suggestions that will be integrated in the final version of the document.

At this workshop participated about 12 representatives of REPA Galati, LEPA Braila, NEG Tulcea and NEG Galati.

The 4th mission within this sub-component of Key Expert Franz Ellerman and STE Klaus Warnatz took place from 05th until 10th of October 2008.

During the mission there were carried out 3 site visits to SC Profiland SA Galati, SC Rompetrol Rafinare SA and SC Hoeganaes Buzau.

The scope of these visits was the experiences exchange related to Integrated Permitting Procedure.

For more detailed information please find attached in **Annex 3** the mission reports of the Experts, invitations, agenda, presentations and list of participants.

Sub-component 3.3 Waste Management

The second mission within this activity was carried out with the participation of STEs Ellen Gerlach and Paul Einwag.

The activities carried out during the mission were:

- coordination meetings with REPA staff in charge with Waste Management and

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- open seminar with the following topics: waste management plans, waste management concepts for local authorities, guideline for the elaboration of waste management concepts, formation of local/regional associations with focus on efficient waste management, charges and fees and tax regulation for waste.

At this seminar participated about 21 representatives of REPA Galati, LEPA's in SE Region, NEG, County Councils, Prefecture of Galati and IB SOP Environment.

For more detailed information please find attached in **Annex 4** the mission report of the Experts, invitations, agenda, presentations and list of participants.

Sub-component 3.4 Air Quality and Climate Change

The 1st mission on this sub-component of STEs Berndt Heits and Wolfgang Muller took place from 15th until 19th of September.

During the mission there were carried out the following activities:

- Site visit of the monitoring stations for air quality in the city of Galati
- Seminar related to Air Quality, Guidelines and Standard Operational Procedures developed in the frame of the Twinning Project in REPA Cluj.

At the seminar participated about 26 representatives of REPA Galati, LEPA's, NEG and County Councils in South East Region.

For more detailed information please find attached in **Annex 5** the mission report of the Experts, invitations, agenda, presentations and list of participants.

Sub-component 3.6 Soil and Sub-soil Protection and Ecological Restoration

The 1st mission on this sub-component of STEs Klaus Rehda and Kai Stepper with the support of Mr. Guido Bockelmann took place from 31st of August until 5th of September.

During the mission there were carried out the following activities:

- Site visit to a potentially contaminated site of SC PETROM SA in the county of Braila,
- Site visit to a potentially contaminated site of SC OIL TERMINAL SA in the county of Constanta,
- Seminar related to contaminated sites and soil protection in REPA Galati,
- Seminar related to contaminated sites and soil protection in Constanta at the premises of Hotel Oxford conference room.

At these seminars participated about 42 representatives from REPA Galati, LEPA's, NEG, IB SOP Environment, local authorities, operators and stakeholders.

For more detailed information please find attached in **Annex 6** the mission report of the Experts, invitations, agendas, presentations and lists of participants.

Sub-component 3.9 Structural Instruments

The 2nd mission on this sub-component of STE Guido Bockelmann took place from 31st of August until 5th of September.

During the mission he worked with the STEs Klaus Rehda and Kai Stepper from Sub-component 3.6.

During the seminars he made specific presentation related to financing possibilities for decontamination and soil protection.

For more detailed information please find attached in **Annex 7** the mission report of the Expert and presentation.

Steering Committee

On 16th – 17th of September 2008 the 2nd Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) of all regional twinning projects and the NEPA-twinning was held in Bucharest, in the context of the second bi-annual meeting of all twinning projects of the phase 2, organized by the twinning project at the NEPA. The meeting chaired by Mrs. Liliana Chirila from MESD and Mr. Lothar Guendling, NEPA twinning project RTA was held at the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development premises and was attended by members of the SC of all 8 regional twinning projects and NEPA twinning project. The SC meeting reviewed the progress of the projects since the 1st Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee. The meeting had been prepared by reports of the projects' activities; these reports were made available in electronic format and printed copies to all SC members. After presentation of summaries of the reports, the meeting discussed major issues of common interest to all projects.

For more detailed information please find attached in **Annex 8** the Power Point presentation.

Side-letters

In the reporting period was submitted 3 side-letters:

Side-letter no 4:

- Within Chapter 2 Resident Twinning Advisor allowances: The rent for the apartment of the RTA is less than the expected 1.500,00€. The funding is therefore reduced to the real costs of 900,00 € per month. The savings of 10.200,00 € are reallocated to finance additional inputs under activity 1.2 (1.982,00 €) as well as activity 3.3.1 (7.724,00€) and the contingencies (494,00€),
- Within Activity 1.2: The input of the MS PL under activity 1.2 is reduced to 3 work days, 4 per diems and transport costs of 50,00 €. The savings are reallocated to finance additional input under the same activity,
- Within activity 1.3: it was established the list of the institutions involved in the study visit (MESD, NEPA, NEG, REPA Galati, 3 LEPAs, DDBRA),
- Within activity 3.3.1 there are introduced the following experts: Keya Choudhury, Jens Oelerich and Paul Einwag,
- Within activity 4.3 there are introduced the following experts: Eckhard Fliege and Reiner Drewes.

Side-letter no 5:

- Within Activity 1.3 it was defined the list of participants for the Study Visit,
- Within Activity 3.1.1 it is replaced Jens Oelerich with Sven Schulz,
- Within Activity 3.6.2 it is introduced the following expert: Nanette Aust,
- Within Activity 3.9.2 it is introduced the following expert: Heinz Werner Persiel.

Side-letter no 6:

- Within Chapter 6 Project Coordination: during the course of the implementation of the project it became clear that the work days and per diems budgeted for the MS Project Leader under chapter 6 can be reduced. The work days allocated under chapter 6 are therefore reduced to 10, with 15 per diems and 5 flights. The savings of 7.525,00 € are reallocated to finance additional input under activities 3.2.1 (3.084, 00 €) and 3.2.3 (4.437, 00 €) as well as to the contingencies (231, 00 €),
- Within Activity 3.2.1 there are allocated 2 more working days for Franz Ellerman,
- Within Activity 3.2.3 there are allocated 3 more working days for Franz Ellerman,

2.4: TIMING AND DELAYS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity/Action Planned																	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Activity/Action Performed																	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity/Action Delayed by more than 3 months																	
Project Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Component 1 Kick off, Coordination with other projects, RTA travel to other projects																		
Activity 1.1	X																	
Activity 1.2	X	X																
Activity 1.3									X									
Activity 1.4																		
Component 2 Institution building – Institutional matters / Change / Support																		
Activity 2.1		X																
Activity 2.2						X												
Activity 2.3			X															
Activity 2.4						X												

Project Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Component 3 Daily Activities																		
Sub-component 3.1 Environmental Planning and Policy																		
Activity 3.1.1									X									
Activity 3.1.2																		
Sub-component 3.2 Integrated Permitting Procedure																		
Activity 3.2.1					X			X	X									
Activity 3.2.2					X													
Activity 3.2.3																		
Sub-component 3.3 Waste management																		
Activity 3.3.1				X					X									
Activity 3.3.2																		
Sub-component 3.4 Air Quality and Climate Change																		
Activity 3.4.1								X										
Activity 3.4.2																		
Sub-component 3.5 Biodiversity and Nature Protection																		
Activity 3.5.1						X												
Activity 3.5.2																		
Sub-component 3.6 Soil and Sub-soil and Ecological Reconstruction																		
Activity 3.6.1								X										
Activity 3.6.2																		
Activity 3.6.3																		
Sub-component 3.7 Chemicals legislation																		
Activity 3.7.1																		
Activity 3.7.2																		
Sub-component 3.8 Horizontal Legislation																		

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Activity 3.8.1			X															
Activity 3.8.2																		
Sub-component 3.9 Structural Instruments																		
Activity 3.9.1					X													
Activity 3.9.2					X			X										
Activity 3.9.3																		

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Component 4 Technically Focused Activities																		
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2.5: ASSESSMENT

During the reporting period the Romanian-German project team made further progress as following:

- the first Study tour to Germany with focus on Waste management took place,
- different daily activities under Component 3 have been started and improved,
- Focal point activities were improved.

These results were possible on the basis of a very good cooperation between the Project partners from Romania and Germany at the different levels.

All actors involved are aware of the project purposes, their roles and responsibilities regarding the preparation and the implementation of the different activities within the project.

Especially all STEs missions were prepared very carefully from both sides, from the Romanian as well as from the German partners to meet the main problems and find realistic solutions. Different visits in main companies and institutions took place with aim to train REPA/LEPA staff involved in permitting, monitoring and inspection.

Furthermore all working meetings and seminars were characterised by a combination of Romanian and German presentations, experiences and recommendations in the different fields. Only with this methodology synergies were possible.

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In the reporting period the project activities regarding the assistance for REPA Galați to act as Focal Point for the technically focused activities related to Industrial Waste Management sector were improved. STE E. Fliege elaborated documents according the plan elaborated together with STE R. Drewes with long-term experiences in the field of waste management in Germany and Romania. In November the first documents DRAFTs will be discussed at the regional level together with STE R. Drewes and representatives from REPA Galati and from the 6 LEPAs and NEGs with focus on the practical use. This is an important step before early 2009 during a common workshop together with MESD, NEPA, Twinning Projects in REPA Craiova and REPA Bacau all the documents to be elaborated under the Focal Point Activities of the different Twinning Projects will be discussed with the aim to overcome any overlapping of the guidelines.

3. EXPENDITURES

4. ANNEXES