

**RE-SOURCE PROJECT - PROVIDING SERVICES FOR  
MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**D 4.1.4:  
Delivery of Services (Pilot Operation)**



## **Summary**

This report summarizes all the actions that are taking by the LP (i-BEC) concerning the delivery of tools/services developed by the LP to all project partners that are involved in pilot applications. In particular, the three tools/services are: 1) Precision irrigation: a digital model for the application of precise irrigation in space and time which is further upgraded, customized and applied within the Greek and Albanian territories, 2) application of Codes of Good Agricultural Practices (CGAP): a digital tool for the evaluation of the implementation of CGAP in Cyprus and North Macedonia territories and 3) application of soil erosion risk assessment: a digital model for large-scale risk assessment of soil erosion is customized for use within the Bulgarian territory.

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## ACRONYMS

The following acronyms have been used in this document:

<b>BMP</b>	Best Management Practice
<b>CGAP</b>	Codes of Good Agricultural Practices
<b>GIS</b>	Geographical Information System
<b>i-BEC</b>	interBalkan Environment Center
<b>LP</b>	Leader Partner
<b>SDR</b>	Sediment Delivery Ratio

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The Re-Source project tackles the need for improved transnational governance capacity in relation to the following three fields:

1. Irrigational water management
2. Codes of good agricultural practices (CGAP) and
3. Soil erosion risk management.

The overall objective of the project refers to the enhancement of the capacity of the public administration in five Balkan-Med countries, in relation to soil and water resources management, environmental protection and related legal framework implementation.

In agreement with the directions of the BMP framework, the project aims to capitalize on results from past projects, namely digital tools/services produced within the “Digital Convergence” framework and the “AGRO-LESS” project (ETCP Greece-Bulgaria 2007-13) and expand/customize their use into the territories of five Balkan counties: Greece, Bulgaria, Albania, Republic of North Macedonia and Cyprus in order to promote governance capacity and legal framework delivery in the three aforementioned fields.

The project exhibits a high level of transnational cooperation. The main co-operational channel among them will be brought forward by the LP (i-BEC) which aims to act as a transnational hub for the delivery of services, tools and know-how towards the rest of the partners and in close collaboration with them during all implementation phases. The transnational partnership/consortium of the project has the potential to bring changes on a wider-than national level, through the specification and development of common/harmonized definitions, methodologies and targets in the currently highly unspecified – in regulatory terms – environmental fields tackled by the project.

## 2 DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND TOOLS TO PARTNERS

### 2.1 Main Objective

The main objective of the present material is to present all the actions that are taking by LP concerning the delivery of services towards to public bodies/end users and the application of the digital tools (pilot operation).

### 2.2 Partners-specific delivery of services and tools

The services and tools were provided to the specific project partners that are involved in pilot applications.

In particular, LP provided services and tools to P4 who is responsible for the large-scale soil erosion risk assessment model application in Bulgaria, to P5 and P6 who apply the precision irrigation model in Albania with the participation of local farmers, and to P7 and P8 who apply the Codes of Good Agricultural Practices (CGAP) in specific sites in North Macedonia and Cyprus, respectively.

In the framework of the kick-off meeting of the project that took place in the facilities of LP on July, 25<sup>th</sup> 2019, LP presented the procedure and the key points of the main activities of the project. In particular, the project's main activities include the application of precision irrigation in Greek and Albanian study areas, the application of Code of Good Agricultural Practices in Cypriot and North Macedonian territories, the application of soil erosion risk assessment in Bulgarian territory, the legal and institutional framework analysis, the present state & end user requirements analysis, the methodological guidelines & data collection protocols, the data collection procedure, the supply of the appropriate equipment, the services and digital tools development & customization, the establishment of upgraded central system and inter-related subsystems, the delivery of services (pilot operation) procedure, the operational evaluation of central system and inter-related subsystems, the techno-economic and environmental evaluation and the feasibility studies and strategic guidelines on agricultural resource management. Moments of the discussion and services delivery that were carried out during the kick-off meeting are presented in Figures 1 and 2.

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Figure 1 Partners discussion regarding the delivery of services during the kick-off meeting.



Figure 2 Partners discussion regarding the delivery of services during the kick-off meeting.

During the first project meeting that took place in the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry on February, 28<sup>th</sup> 2020, LP presented to all the project partners the progress that has been occurred regarding the digital tools development and customization as well as on the services delivery. LP had a very fruitful discussion with all the project partners in order the scientific and technical obstacles to be overcome and the successful delivery of services and tools to be ensured. In particular, LP discussed the progress in the execution of the project in the Thessaly Region with PP 2 (Region of Thessaly, Greece), the spatially distributed irrigation program implementation and the associated environmental benefits with PP 3 (Hellenic Agricultural Organization DEMETER – Soil and Water Resources Institute, Greece), the required equipment, the legal and institutional framework analysis procedure concerning soil erosion, the organization of seminars and workshops with the commitment of public administration personnel on soil and water resources management issues and related legal framework implementation with PP 4 (Executive Forest Agency, Bulgaria) and the on-going activities regarding the delivery of services and tools with PP 5 (Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania), PP 6 (National Agency of Natural Resources, Albania) and PP 7 (Center of Climate Change, North Macedonia).

Moreover, LP has completed the feedback collection from the project partners regarding the existing capacities and their needs regarding the training of services use. LP has completed the management and organization of the collected feedback and finalized the “Roadmap Making”.

Finally, it should be noted, that LP is continuously providing technical and scientific support to all project partners regarding the provided services including the customization of the existing parts of the system such as the portal, the system’s database, the data reception and the webGIS-webIMS application.

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