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#### REGIOCLIMA PROJECT REGIONAL COOPERATION TOWARDS ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE







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# Air temperature in winter and summer during the current climate



Source: 5th National Communication on Climate Change (UNFCCC)



#### **BULGARIAN CLIMATIC ZONES:**

- Moderate continental,
- Intermediate,
- Continental Mediterranean,
- Maritime,
- Mountainous

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE: Annual - 10,5°C In summer – rarely exceed 30°C In winter – about 0°C ( the lowest measured - 38,3°C, Trun, in 1947)

AVERAGE of 2049 hours of sunlight AVERAGE 99 days with frost per year (in January - 26 days)





### **BULGARIAN GOOD PRACTICES**





Source: The National Plan for Development of River Basins in the Black Sea Region till 2015

COASTAL ZONE ≻High elevation - 70% of the coastline is characterised by low, middle and high mountains ≻About 45% of the coastline is currently subject to erosion

**POSSIBLE CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS:** • Coastal erosion and landslides – the greatest treat

• Increased risk of coastal floods in the lowlying coastal areas which leads to:

- Loss or increase of protecting and maintaining infrastructure

- Salinity increase
- Ecosystems loss
- Coastal habitats' loss
- Invasion of alien marine species
- Reduction of tourist flows in summer







### **BULGARIAN GOOD PRACTICES**



#### SOIL EROSION PROTECTION - SVEMAR Ltd., VARNA



PROBLEMS SOLVED: Consolidation of batters against superficial erosion through: • GEOWEB – a flexible web, which cells are filled with mould and sown with greenery; • GREENFIX - bio - degradable straw or coconut – mats with 2 layers of light net, and; • HYDROSEEDING

ADVANTAGES OF BIO - MATS Absorb and decrease the rate of surface water flow;

Protected surface ensures sustainable development of vegetation and prevents future erosion.



First Aid for Nature







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HYDROSEEDING composition of grass seeds, wood and thready mulch, compost and water, dispersed under pressure.



The Terminal 2 of Sofia Airport, 2008



ADVANTAGES OF HYDROSEEDING : Seeding of large surfaces for short period of time

Possible to sow different uneven surfaces and steep slopes

□ Fast results – growth after a week

□ Up to 5-6 acres can be covered per day by 3 trained people.







### **BULGARIAN GOOD PRACTICES**





RECENT FLOODS IN BULGARIA, 2010: 16th Feb – torrential rains, a steep rise in t°to15°C, snow melting – rivers Arda, Toundzha, Maritsa overflew.

The Municipality of Smolyan - also in a "severe state of alert,"

May – river Glazne, Bansko

**3rd June – Danube river levels rose to 770cm near Vidin** 

26th July – torrential rains, local rivers near Plovdiv, Pazardzhik went out of their beds AREAS WITH RISK OF FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES Basins of the rivers:

Danube, Kamchiya, Struma, Arda, Toundzha and Maritsa.

The increased risk of floods and landslides is expected to lead to:

- Damaged or lost infrastructure;
- Injures or loss of lives;
- Pollution and water-related diseases;
- Loss of crops and agricultural land;
- Loss or displacing of ecosystems and biodiversity;
- Damaged or lost cultural heritage







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#### SUBSTANTIATED DECISIONS FOR DECREASE OF RISK AND CONSEQUENCES OF FLOODS CORES Ltd., VARNA



Digital model of the catchment area of Varna



CORES DEVELOPS A DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM (DSS) for management of coastal flooding, providing information for:

- > water level forecast;
- Flood inundation mapping;
- > assessment of risk of flooding of coastal areas;

> assessment of the environmental impact of flooding

The DSS is based on: ≻ numerical simulation software for coastal hydrodynamics;

> sediment transport modeling





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### **BULGARIAN GOOD PRACTICES**



Annual precipitation (in mm) during the current climate



Source: 5th National Communication on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Average precipitation - 630mm/ year The driest weather – average 31mm in February across 11 days The wettest weather – average 90mm in June across 13 days

#### **ARID AREAS IN BULGARIA:**

- **Dobrudzha in the North East,**
- □ the Black Sea coastal area,
- parts of the Thracian Plain and the Danubian Plateau.
- **POSSIBLE CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS** related to warmer and dryer climate :
- □ conflict between sectors over water use
- soil degradation and suitable crop areas decrease
- **crop yields decrease**
- biodiversity loss
- unemployment and migration increase in rural areas
- natural northward shift of some agricultural crops and trees grown of neighboring countries.







#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS (WWTP)

Fixed Activated Sludge Treatment (FAST) Systems of Bio - Microbics, delivered and built by 3K JSC., VARNA



### MicroFAST. Weatment treatment

Advanced wastewater treatment systems for individual homes, clustered subdivisions and other domestic, small-flow applications.

#### HighStrengthFAST. treatment systems

Meeting the unique challenges of high-strength commercial applications with robust, lowmaintenance treatment modules.

#### **BMI fill** MEDIA<sup>®</sup>

Polypropylene fill media for cooling towers, wastewater and stormwater processes. Wider temperature range, improved UV-stability, chemical resistance and durability.







Low-maintenance, packaged,stormwater treatment systems for separation of trash,oils, suspended solids and other pollutants from stormwater.





### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS (WWTP) 3K JSC., VARNA PROBLEMS SOLVED:

- □ Water scarcity because of climate change.
- □ Storm water treatment after sudden heavy rains and floods. BENEFITS:
- □ The treated wastewater can be reused for irrigation
- The system should achieve Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) and suspended solids removal in excess of 90 %
- No control is necessary for this type of system
  PLANTS INSTALLED BY 3K JSC:
- RetroFast 9, MicroFast 13, HighStrengthFast 3, Biostorm –2 REPRODUCIBILITY:
- □ FAST Systems are installed in 52 countries all over the world







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