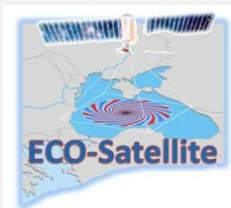




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ECO-SATELLITE

Development of a common intraregional monitoring system for the environmental protection and preservation of the Black Sea

The European Project «ECO–SATELLITE» organized a training seminar on the use of the environmental monitoring system that has been developed through the «ECO –SATELLITE» project. The training seminars took place on the 5th and 6th of June 2013 in Varna, Bulgaria.

The training seminars were attended by representatives from stakeholders from Greece, Romania, Ukraine and Bulgaria. In total 36 trainees were trained on the use of the monitoring system by 9 trainers/representatives of the partners.

The aim of the seminars was to inform stakeholders from the participant countries and bodies on the use and the functions of the ECO-SATELLITE system. With this monitoring system, stakeholders will be able to receive important environmental information about major environmental aspects of the Black Sea, and especially on the two test areas of the project, in order to design their environmental policies.

The training seminars were organized by the **Regional Administration of Varna, Bulgaria**, and both trainers and trainees agreed that they were very successful.



Image 1: Print screen view of the WEB –GIS system

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Image 1: Photograph of the participants in the training seminars

In the **1st day** of the training seminars, there was a brief presentation of the current status of the ECO-SATELLITE project, its future activities as well as the main scientific achievements until now. Then a general presentation of GIS systems followed. After that, there was an overview of the environmental monitoring systems and especially the ECO-SATELLITE system and members of the scientific group of the project presented the methodology that was used for the development of the system and the individual characteristics of the system and the geo-database. Last but not least, a presentation on the Danube Delta area took place by Prof. Borys Aleksandrov.

In the **2nd day** of the seminars, trainees had the opportunity to become familiar with the use and the functions of the ECO-SATELLITE monitoring system interact with the aid of the trainers. The main tools of the system were thoroughly explained to the trainees.

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