

# TEMPLATE

## Output factsheet: Strategies and action plans

Version 1

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### Summary description of the strategy/action plan (developed and/or implemented)

O.T1.2 is a “crown” document of WPT1 - Capitalization: Capacity Building and Stakeholder Engagement. As the first written output, information about Interreg programme is provided, as well as project information (facts, figures, objectives and how to achieve them).

In order to develop new, efficient and improved management routines in land-use, drinking water protection & flood management, it was necessary to define current status and issues in CE. This was done by carrying out two priority activities:

1. Determination of major land use, flood and drought impacts on drinking water quality and quantity
  - Status quo in CE is analysed and comprehensive knowledge base is formed
2. Identification of best management practices to mitigate those impacts
  - Vision and mechanism for further action is defined: basis for implementation of best management practices through action plan in CE and beyond

The O.T1.2. presents the main results, findings and data from WP T1, such as a country-based overview of drinking water protection zones, conflicts in land-use and water protection, land use impacts (DPSIR analytic approach) and national SWOT framework. An important feature is the stakeholder input obtained through seven national workshops, which is crucial for achieving the project objectives and dissemination of PROLINE-CE results. On the basis of previously defined gaps by PPs and stakeholders, a set of 38 best management practices to be integrated into existing policy guidelines is provided. Proposed best management practices are structural and non-structural, and cover a wide variety of topics, such as mitigation of climate change impacts, effective sludge and wastewater management, wetland restoration, sustainable agriculture etc.

Concerning future outlook, the aim of this document is to facilitate development of further PROLINE-CE outputs, namely GOWARE and DriFLU Charta.

### NUTS region(s) concerned by the strategy/action plan (relevant NUTS level)

The following NUTS 3 levels are concerned:

Vienna, AT126  
München, DE212  
Budapest, HU101  
Katowice, PL22A  
Zagreb, HR041  
Taglio di Po, ITH37  
Ljubljana, SI021

### Expected impact and benefits of the strategy/action plan for the concerned territories and target groups

O.T1.2 is expected to reach and have impact on several target groups. An important postulate of PROLINE-CE is stakeholder engagement and involvement, so all project partners are extensively involved in the dissemination of project results and findings in order to reach key stakeholders and decision makers (local, regional and national decision makers, infrastructure & public service providers).

As a knowledge base, this output provides a comprehensive overview for public authorities on different levels (local, regional, national), water suppliers and experts. It contains useful results and information for all above-mentioned target groups, hence, it can be used for improved spatial planning, resolution of conflicts in land use and water protection, decision making (e.g. proclamation of Drinking Water Protection Zones), further awareness raising (e.g. advocacy of good practices). Furthermore, parts of this output can contribute to large or small scale strategies or action plans.

### Sustainability of the developed or implemented strategy/action plan and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

Many issues regarded in PROLINE-CE are transboundary and transnational (e.g. catchment management, climate change impact mitigation), therefore, recognized solutions could be applicable in other areas. As PROLINE-CE capitalizes upon knowledge from similar projects (e.g. CC Waters, CC-WARE, Drinkadria), there is no doubt that newly acquired knowledge and results in PROLINE-CE will be further capitalized upon in future projects. As PROLINE-CE is in direct synergy with Interreg DANUBE project CAMARO-D, sharing partially similar thematic fields and stakeholder groups, they bilaterally attribute and ennoble knowledge base of complex interdisciplinary fields of water and flood management. A joint project mid-term conference was held in Ljubljana in June 2018, where experts and partners from both projects approached shared problems in a cooperative manner. Four ASP reviews of O.T1.2 gave positive reviews concerning its relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability.

### Lessons learned from the development/implementation process of the strategy/action plan and added value of transnational cooperation

Since PROLINE-CE deals with the complex relationship between land use activities and drinking water quality and quantity, it is obvious that sustainable and efficient practices cannot be implemented “by force”, but rather require tactical approach, which includes multisector cooperation, awareness raising, stakeholder and decision maker involvement and education. Lessons learnt from development/implementation process are similar to those mentioned in O.T1.2:

- More effective implementation of existing measures and protection mechanisms (e.g. Drinking Water Protection Zoning) as well as more efficient financial stimulus for good practices (e.g. organic agriculture, prevention of negative land use change)
- Climate change adaptation, research and consideration in planning processes
- Sustainable and long term approach towards common problematic fields in water, flood and land use management (e.g. avoid reactionary measures)
- Target population consciousness through education, awareness raising and active participation of all social groups.

### References to relevant deliverables and web-links If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

PROLINE-CE website:

<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/PROLINE-CE-O.T1.2-Strategy-for-the-improvement-of-policy--1.pdf>

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