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MIS-ETC-CODE171 PROJECT – Common Strategy for Sustainable Territorial Development of the cross-border area Romania-Bulgaria (MIS-ETC code 171)



PROJECT PARTNER 9 – ASDE-ECOREGIONS

Work package WP4/WP5	Analysis and diagnosis of the current situation in the cross-border region
WP 4.2	Elaboration of specialized thematic studies
WP 4.4	Identifying needs and potential in the relevant areas of the CBA
WP 5.2 and 5.6	Support to -Building partnership for the TDS and Drafting an Action Plan
In support of WP2	Development of a common methodology and monitoring system for territorial development Preparing complementary instruments for territorial monitoring and development

Strategy analysis of the Municipality of Ruse and diagnosis-action plan /proposal for a package of investment projects/

INTERIM REPORT

May - October 2013

Preliminary remarks :

1. The present interim report is based on independent studies, and on the results of an integrated plan for urban regeneration and development of Ruse " (IPGVR) - BG161PO001/1.4-07/2010/001, developed under the Operational Programme "Regional Development 2007- 2013 . "
2. Attention is paid to the special strategic location Euroregion Ruse / Ruse-Giurgiu and available operational capacity in the region. Accompanying proposals are oriented primarily in strategically selected areas of the city, which are also reflected in the Romanian city of Giurgiu. This approach – selecting main areas of impact and a package of investment projects is proposed for all twinning cities along the Danube river.
3. Taking applications (attachment A1, A2), included a proposal for a mechanism for continuous monitoring of changes in the cross- implementation a common strategy for sustainable development and evaluation of effective absorption of EU funds. Suggested it is linked to the European network of regional centers , one for integrated risk management and territory , the second for culture and innovation. This is related to the strategic investment project in TEN-T program to convert Euroregion Ruse-Giurgiu in intermodal / logistics complex for Southeast Europe
4. This sample report does not include attachment A1 and attachment A2, presented in a separate report



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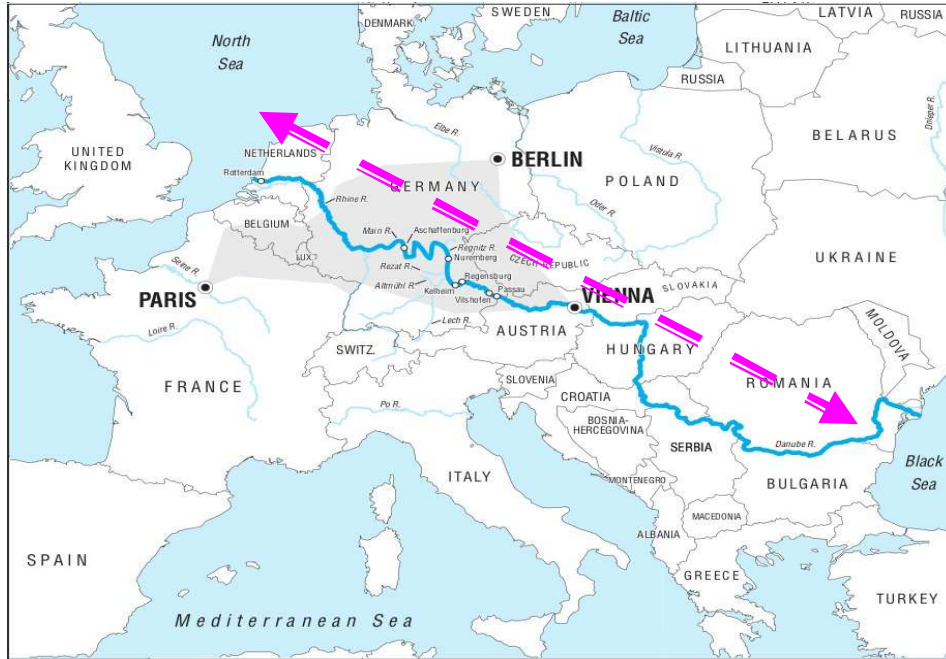
5. The Interim Report is part of the framework study, done for WP 4 (with integrated links to WP's 1, 2 and 5) produced currently by the following scheme:



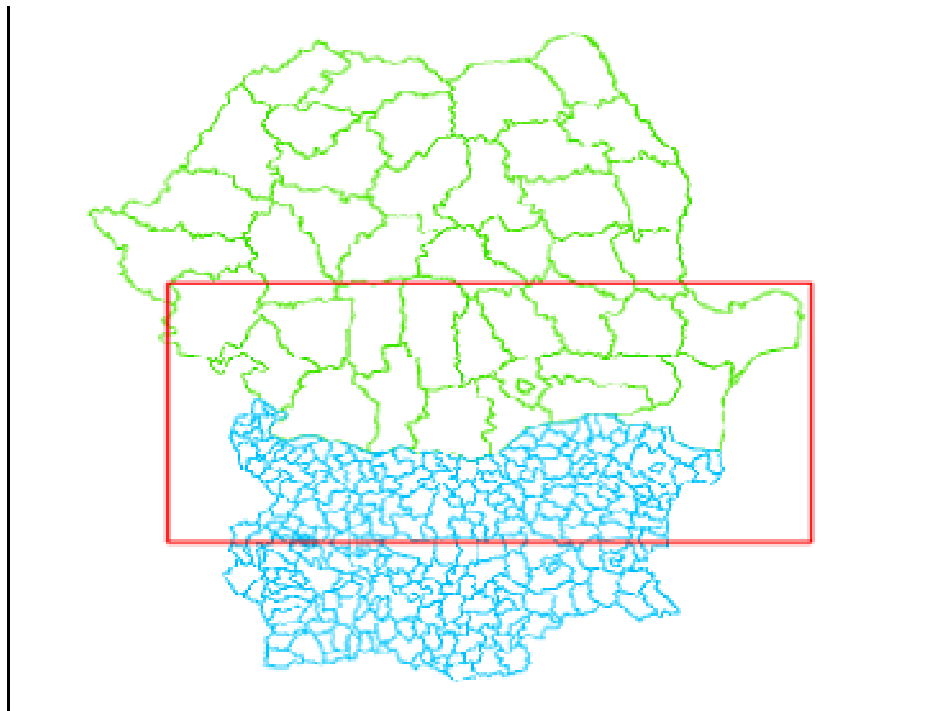
The frame context of the RUSE study especially in support of the capacity of development and maintenance of integrated and harmonized databases, supported by Smart Cover Open Geo-portal architecture is based on:

1. The cross-border areas and cooperation possibilities for integrated special planning and monitoring, based on the Directive INSPIRE, UN/FAO LCCS methodology, ISO19 144-2 (LCML). and the CBC BG-RO experience:

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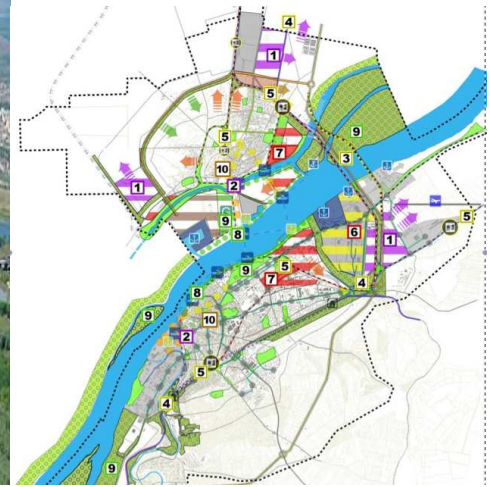


2. The CBC common strategy for sustainable management of the trans-border territory BG-RO and for the region of Lower Danube:



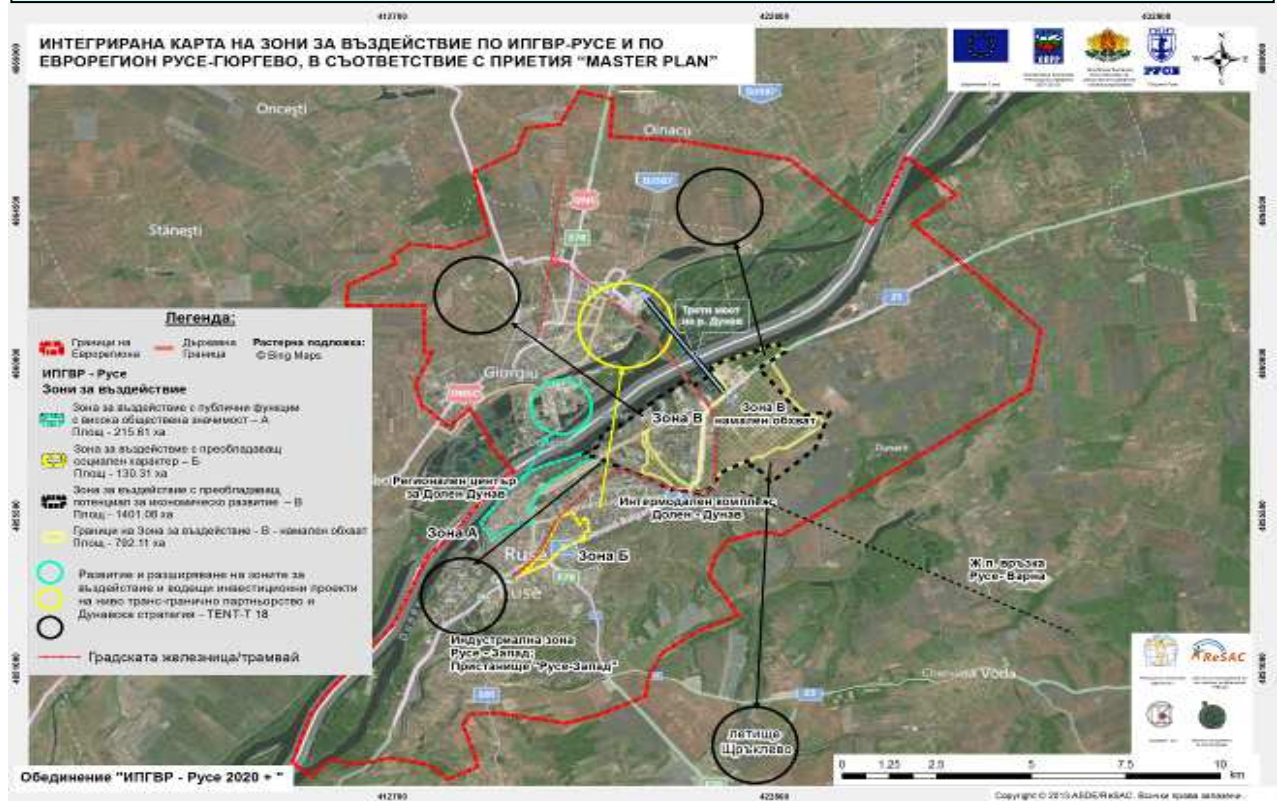
3. The Euroregion Russe/Giurgiu (Twin-cities areas) – as example the ERGO Master plan Russe – Giurgiu:

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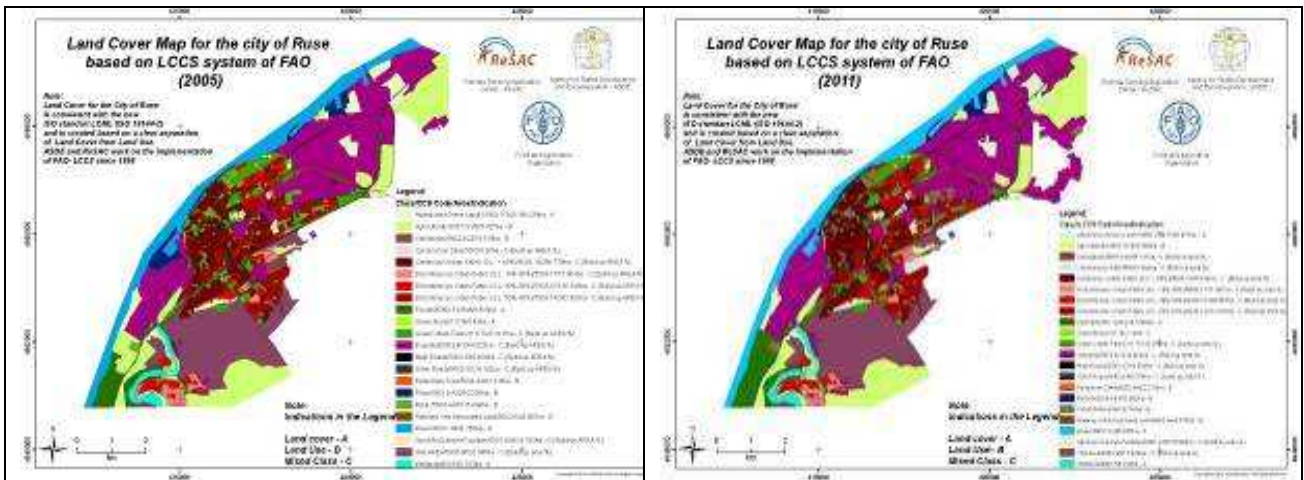
4. The Integrated Plan for City Rehabilitation and Development area of Ruse – presentet below in this interim report

2. PILOT PROJECTS / KEY STUDY areas –
Detailed studies from - the CBC – MIS – ETC code 171, the Integrated development plan of Ruse with zones for urgent interventions, the Master Plan Ruse/Giurgiu, The Resolution of the BG government- prot 28, from June, 2013; Coordination with DG JRC

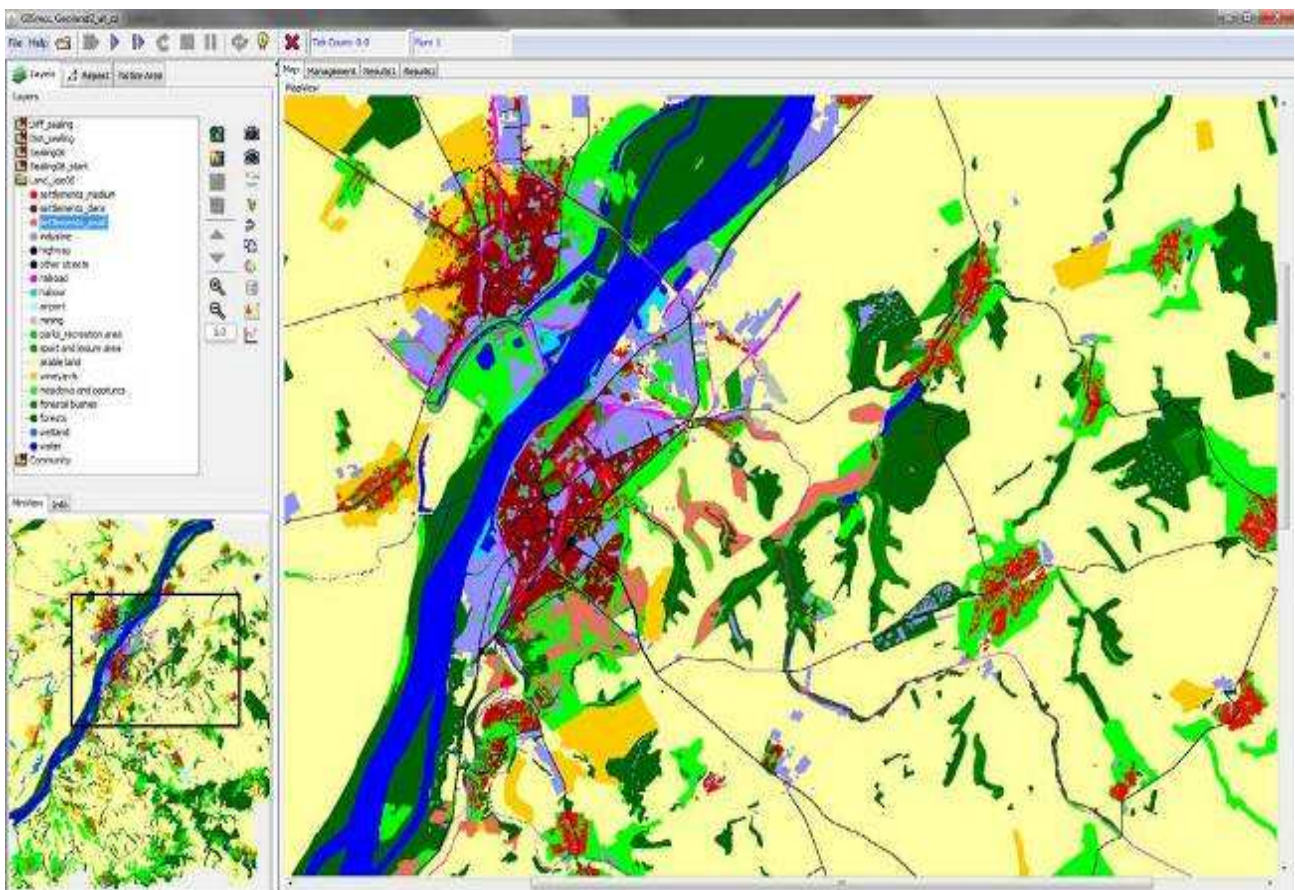


5, Digital maps of land cover and land use of Ruse for 2005 and 2011, based on satellite imagery, interpreted under the UN/FAO methodology LCCS

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6, Developed operational capacity and application of simulation models for forecasting of the potential risks and the expected effect of the implementation of action plans and investment projects - Quote from a simulation of the potential impact on the urban and natural environment for the Ruse-Giurgiu Euroregion



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7. Developed capacity under the EU Directive 60/2007 - on flood prevention, as well as on critical infrastructure assets mapping



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Синтез от въстпителния и междинния доклад:

1. ЕТАП 1. – ВСТЪПИТЕЛЕН ДОКЛАД от 28.08.2012 г.

- ЧАСТ I.: ПРЕЦИЗИРАНЕ НА ПОДХОДА КЪМ ЗАДАЧАТА И ОРГАНИЗАЦИЯ НА РАБОТАТА
- ЧАСТ II. : ЗАКЛЮЧЕНИЕ, ПРИНЦИПИ И ИНДИКАТОРИ

2. ЕТАП 1. - ЦЕЛЕВИ И ПРОБЛЕМЕН АНАЛИЗ

- Изпълнение на проучванията

3. МЕЖДИНЕН ДОКЛАД от 08.11.2012 г.

- **Б. ЧАСТ I: ОБОБЩЕНИ РЕЗУЛТАТИ ОТ ЕТАП I** – Целеви и проблемен анализ, визия и предложение за обхват на зони за въздействие с резюме от целеви и проблемен анализ;
- **В. ЧАСТ II: ПРЕЦИЗИРАНЕ НА ГРАФИКА ЗА ИЗПЪЛНЕНИЕ НА ЗАДАЧАТА** – следващи етапи в изработването на ИПГВР (Начало на ЕТАП 2)

ЕТАП 2.

4. СТРАТЕГИЯ И ЦЕЛИ НА ИПГВР – ОКОНЧАТЕЛЕН ДОКЛАД в изпълнение на договор BG161PO001/1.4-07/2010/001/-U-09; (№ ЗОП-50/15.08.2012г.) за "Изработване на Интегриран план за градско възстановяване и развитие на гр. Русе" (ИПГВР)

- Общи положения, хронология
- 4.1. Идентифициране на заинтересованите страни
- 4.2. Общи и специфични цели
- 4.3. Приоритети за реализация на ИПГВР
- 4.4. Идентифициране на мерки, проекти и действия по зони за въздействие, вкл. обектите за ПУП и инвестиционни проекти (допълнително предложение за публичност):
 - 4.4.1. Зони А, Б и В – предварително обсъждане със дружеството на САБ на 05.12.2012
 - 4.4.2. Зона А и Б - предварително обществено обсъждане в петък, 14.12.2012
 - 4.4.3. Зона В - предварително обществено обсъждане в събота, 15.12.2012
 - 4.4.4. Трето обществено обсъждане на проекта ИПГВР на гр. Русе, 21.05.2013 г.
- 4.5. ЕКСПЕРТЕН ФОРУМ - 01.03.2013 г. и 22.05.2013 г., резултати
- 4.6. Финализиране на индикативния списък по т. 4.4.

- 5. Финансова оценка на проекти в индикативния списък (по зони)
- 6. Инвестиционна програма
- 7. Система за управление реализацията на ИПГВР
- 8. Индикатори за наблюдение, включително иновативни методики за мониторинг на промените, както и на ефективното усвояване на средства по Европейски фондове и по националния и общински бюджет
- 9. Обобщен доклад за стратегическата част
 - 9.1. Общ доклад за обществено обсъждане (резюме за медии и общественост)
- 10. Трето обществено обсъждане - 21.05.2013 г.
- 10.1. Корекции, допълнения по стратегията след втория експертния форум, 22.05.2013 г.
- 11. Изготвяне на задания за ПУП, разрешения за изработването им от ОС / гл.арх. и приемане от общински експертен съвет по устройство на територията /ОЕСУТ/
- 12. Изготвяне на техническите задания за инвестиционни проекти и приемане от ОЕСУТ
- 13. Финален доклад по договора

ЗАКЛЮЧЕНИЕ и приложения

SYNTHESIS OF DIFFERENT ANALYSIS AND THEMATIC REPORTS ON RUSE MUNICIPALITY



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This report is based on various reports and analysis for Ruse Municipality, but with priority given to provide the basis for a more detailed part of the Common strategy for sustainable management of the territory of the cross-border area between Bulgaria and Romania and putting the Euroregion Rouse / Giurgeu as a flagship example for management and monitoring of changes detection of the urban areas in the trans-border area on the Danube.

According selected and approved by the Ministry of Regional Development methodological approach and the organization of work in the whole report, it covers four main subtasks - analytical part , choosing the areas of impact, determining a vision for urban development and preliminary public dialogue.

An approach was adopted for some flexibility in the application of the methodology, due to dynamic changes on national, regional and EU level , and the opportunities for the implementation of major investment projects in the framework of cross-border cooperation between Bulgaria and Romania; as well as for leading European programs such as the Danube Strategy , GMES , Copernicus and others.

STAGE 1 - TARGETED AND PROBLEM ANALYSIS - APPROVAL OF THE STUDIES

- The analysis is based on various statistical data sets , as well as from the Integrated Plan for City Rehabilitation and Development (IPGVR) adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Ruse and the Ministry of Regional Development (MRR) at the end of 2012. The Managing Authority - MRR approved parameters of the three proposed priority areas of impact of the IPGVR-Ruse, as from the 21.01.2013.
- IPGVR so adopted, together with the package of investment projects is the municipal framework for acquisition of EU regional funds for the period 2014 - 2020.
- Similar integrated plans, defining zones of priority impact and packages of investment projects must be developed for all twinning cities along the Danube river (trans-border area – BR-RO; It is expected that such approach will help the better acquisition of EU regional funds for the period 2014 - 2020.
- For both cities –Ruse/Giurgiu as well as for the other cities a target and problem analysis, regularly updated, is needed. Summary of target and problem analysis ; A vision for the development of Ruse and Giurgiu -Horizon 2020; Proposed areas for focused actions , incl. survey of public discussion and decision of the session of the city councils;
- Consultations with experts from responsible governmental structures (ministries of regional development, as example) and primarily with national contact bodies for the Danube strategy;;
- The necessary studies for regional cooperation and management mechanism, have been initiated and procedures for European networks of regional centers initiatives at national and regional levels in the frame of the Danube strategy have been started - two regional center for the Lower Danube and intermodal / logistics complex;

STAGE 2 – STRATEGY AND TARGETS/AIMS

For all cities/urbanized areas along with the general aims and objectives of their local plans and priorities, there are common targets (as is the case of Ruse) as following :

- synergies between different projects, developed under European programs, joint approach to develop proposals under HORIZON 2020 program, as well as in the South East Europe Program(to be changed), INTERREG and others.



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- An important feature of all integrated plans is that they are open for coordination and harmonization between each other – example the city of Ruse and the city of Giurgiu, within the Euroregion Rousse - Giurgiu . This position is in line with the priorities of the strategy "Europe 2020 " of the European Union - primarily " competitiveness and cohesion " and the 4 pillars and the 11 functional priority areas of the Danube strategy , mainly in priority area " connectivity "and" environmental protection " .
 - Identification of stakeholders – the IPGVR as a tool for integrated process management in the urban environment required a broad consensus in decision-making for sustainable development of the city of Ruse and defining adequate for Ruse Strategic Framework. Next step is to coordinate this documents with the city of Giurgiu. On a next stage tthis procedure must be developed for all trans-border cities , along the Danube river.
 - After public hearings , including meetings with individual departments in the municipalities, business representatives and citizens.
 - Identifying and structuring stakeholders as follows (example – the city of Ruse) :
 - Target groups – Municipal administrations - Municipality of Ruse and municipality of Giurgiu; Beneficiaries - Rousse municipality and businesses of Euroregion Rousse – Giurgiu; Additional list of stakeholders outside Rousse district, including the Managing Authorities of the CBC Bulgaria - Romania (project SPATIAL, in coordination with the European Commission - JRC-IES); Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and others ,.
 - This list remains open for further interested in the project IPGVR countries and outside the city of Ruse, but of direct relevance to the region and the city , such as:
 - EU structures (eg JRC- prior consultation , DG Regio, etc.)
 - The governments of Bulgaria and Romania ;
 - administration of the municipality and Giurgiu County ;
 - Others - Managing Authorities and the Secretariat of the European programs and initiatives such as the Danube strategy , CBC Bulgaria - Romania etc.
 - regional branches of national agencies and administrations by DP National Company "Railway Infrastructure" (DP - NRIC) , a division "Managing the movement of trains and capacity " (UDVK) DP "Port Infrastructure" (BPIC) and others.

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY IPGVR RUSE, TO BE USED FOR OTHER DANUBE URBANISED AREAS

Some main prerequisites european conditions and documents as Europa 2020 , Danube Strategy , EU Directives (eg - Directive 02/2007/EO- harmonization of spatial data for Directive 60/2007/EO management of flood risks , Regulation 911 , etc.) , bilateral agreements and implementation mechanisms between Bulgaria and Romania, the roadmap and action plan for the project " Development of the European Corridor 7 - Danube River to improve navigation , the modernization of the port and incoming infrastructure and construction of intermodal terminals and information system in the common Bulgarian - Romanian section of the river " ; Work program of the Intergovernmental Committee Bulgaria -Baden -Wuerttemberg , ERGO Masterplan " Ruse-Giurgiu " and cross-border projects on a common strategy for sustainable territorial development of cross-border area between Bulgaria and Romania - CBC-MIS 171 , etc., leading for the preparation and implementation of IPGVR Ruse were also national , regional and local strategic documents , plans and legal norms and regulations.

For the City of Ruse are proposed and approved 3 priority zones of impact:

- Zone A zone with high public importance and functions),



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- Zone B (zone with high social importance)
- Zone C (zone with high investment and industrial priority)

Similar approach is proposed for the city of Giurgiu as well as for other urbanized areas along trans-border Danube area.

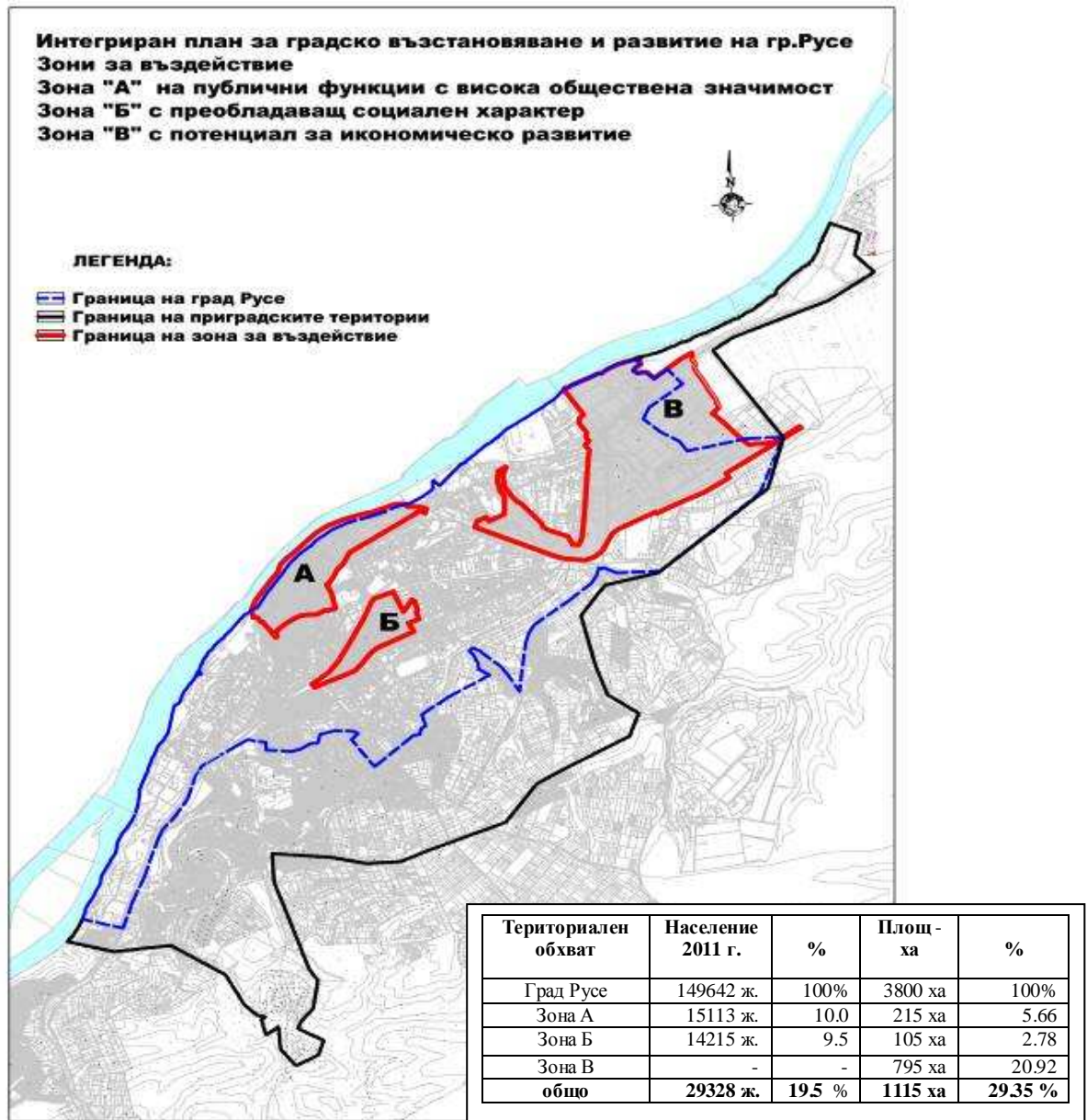
For the realization of a vision - " Euroregion Ruse/Giurgiu - leader of the region " Lower Danube " - a model of integrated sustainable urban management and development - a model for competitive ability and convergence of European regions ", incl. through the tools of IPGVR grouping « IPGVR Ruse 2020 + " and Ruse pursue conversion of areas targeted impact in model units for successful implementation of investment projects and construction of specific capacity of Ruse as a regional center for European thematic networks Lower Danube and implementation of competition policy and cohesion , namely:

- In Zone A - combines the specific nature of the three "sub- areas" : 1) The story of " Cosmopolitan Ruse " with "green alley of time" , 2) Openness to the river " Blue ribbon of Europe" and 3) European identity ' Green euro- networking " with regional networks Lower Danube" Culture and Innovation "and" risk Management and the territory "
- In Zone B - improving quality of life through the integration of transport and communications solutions , rehabilitation of the residential environment and leisure , new institutions of health and social infrastructure and environmental protection against the adverse effects of transport infrastructure
- In Zone C - building a modern and active business area and exchange point for the transport of people and goods with high competitiveness of the local economy

THE VISION / MISSION OF THE IPGVR INCLUDES -PRIORITIES , SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE STRATEGY OF IPGVR

Formulation of adequate strategic objectives, priorities and measures and their subsequent execution exits from the results of the preliminary analysis and conclusions about the state of the city, presented in stage I of IPGVR - Target and problem analysis where infer the existence of urban areas and / or subsystems in unsatisfactory condition, negative trends in the development and / or unrealized potential , solving problems which require an integrated approach. Important features of the strategic vision for IPGVR Ruse are presented in annexes.

Schematic map of IPGVR - Ruse and zones of influence



Specific and adequate elements of urban planning and requirements for the selected zones of impact have been developed

ZONE A – AREA PUBLIC FUNCTIONS WITH HIGH SOCIETAL VALUE

It is natural that this is the central area of the city or at least part of it. The example below is from the city of Ruse, similar cases may be developed for other urbanized areas from the trans-border Danube territory

The area was chosen for the area, the city as part of public service, business and cultural center in relation to the need for its renewal and further development in accordance with the development strategy of the city in 2020 as a district and regional center and its functions set the Danube strategy to stabilize the economic and cultural development of the Euroregion " Lower Danube" .

Territory - the West - Street " February 19 " in the section of the Danube River Blvd " Skobelev "

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north - the river to the east - the area of the junction of the Boulevard " Republic " , in the south - Street " paths Revival " Bull "Unification " , "Tsar Liberator " to the area of the roundabout Blvd " Skobelev " .

Total area - 215 ha , including topics - 37.04 ha - "Youth Park " 15.20 ha - "European Networks" , 40.64 ha - " central part " and 9.51 ha - " Demonstration complex" Health. "

Inhabitants - 15,113 inhabitants. (Note: before the active part of the day, residents were significantly more)



This area combines the modern and the historic core of the city center . The town was founded during the Roman Empire, particularly in the western end of the zone (the bank of the river) . Area traditionally occupied a central part of the city 's central pedestrian zone focus of buildings and ensembles as well as with public functions and architectural artistic merits. About 80% of the cultural monuments are concentrated in the specified area . The central urban core is filled with administrative functions and concentration of architectural and historical monuments and undoubtedly needs investment for storage, recovery development.

Critical analysis of the weaknesses as well as considering the potential strengths within the area led to the identification of steps to improve the situation and outline prospects/projects in spatial planning policy for sustainable development of the area illustrated as presented on the thematic map below:



Note: The full range of projects and activities in the area "A" is represented in the broad indicative list and the short list of PUP and the CA and thematic "sub- zones" are developed in separate cards for " Cosmopolitan Ruse - Green alley of time", " Blue Danube " and "Green Euro- networks " considering the symbiosis between them.

Continuity and consistency in strategic zoning of area A formed sub- areas as:

- I. Cosmopolitan Ruse (including " Green Alley Time ")
- II. The city and the Danube - " Blue ribbon of Europe »
- III. Green « Euro- networks »

The formation of these three sub- zones was conditional and based on the existing condition of much of the central area with its advantages and disadvantages , and some imbalances (" rusty old town center ") looming problem (transport and parking) , reduced attention to the natural wealth of the city (the Danube and the adjacent park area) and other factors.

Three sub-areas are " pulsed / transient ' borders , they pass naturally into each other , intertwine , but were generally separate to facilitate choice in targeting one or another initiative , activity or project in the right place in zone A and with a view to their entry into the specific nature of the sub- areas such as:

" The Cosmopolitan Ruse " - an area centered around the territory with rich cultural and political heritage, ethnic and religious diversity. In this sense the area with the creation centuries living together in harmony and communication between the city's population.

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" **The Blue band of Europe**" - an area highlighting the openness of the city to the river, with :
specific appearance of the city on the high bank of the river ,→ alternating natural and anthropogenic
landscape , and for the central part - exhibit past and current urban developments , perspectives and
panoramic dominants .

Skillful combination of inherited objects and facilities of human→ interference with the character of
the park - coastal area and the needs of river transport and tourism

Modern Approach and amenities of the area for the needs of citizens, including transport and
service→

A map of the thematic area of the “Blue band of Europe” is shown below:



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"The Green&Smart Euro-networks" - zone pursuing exposure of the integration of Ruse in the flagship European priorities and policies, with:

- rightly and deservedly household and for European regional centers networks - "Integrated Risk and Territory Management" and "Culture and Innovation";
- performance of the high standard and achievements of the landscape gardening art of Ruse;
- Exposure of unique and characteristic buildings, an art area - "Innovation 101" and the local contribution of Ruse in European civilization values

A map of The Green&Smart Euro-networks" is shown below:



On this basis are formulated the measures to address priority issues – suggestions and proposals for investment projects, consistent with the legal basis and the current plans of Ruse in zone A.

ZONE B WITH PREVAILING SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS – in the case of Ruse these are the Rodina 1 and 2 districts

It is shown on the map below:



The area is predominantly residential and with the following characteristics:

Area: - northwest - railway line Central Station Blvd " Rodina" , including part of the "Shipka " the intersection of the cooperative market , "Lipnik " street " Escapes " and the sequel to "Bulgaria " / including the field of Sports complex " River" , "Bulgaria " (Shell gas station) .

Total area - 105 ha , including 40.37 ha - "Zone Energy Efficiency , quality of education, public services (pedestrian zone) Zone B1 " 7.1 ha - " Sports Complex " River " and linear object Blvd " Rodina " .

Inhabitants - 14 215 inhabitants (jk "Rodina 1" jk "Rodina 2" x " 3 Rodina " jk "Rodina 4") .

Continuity and consistency of strategic planning and development for Zone B formed to resolve priority issues :

- transport and communication service area as a whole and meet strengths dividers to both the city center and to the southeast neighborhoods " Charmed " and " Druzhba »
- development and improvement of pedestrian traffic as the main axes - the streets " Shipka " and " Chiprovtsi » and the spaces between
- Improving the quality of life in the complex, incl. public services , education , social and health infrastructure



On this basis are formulated various measures to address priority issues - suggestions for investment projects, consistent with the legal basis and the current plans of Ruse in zone B.

ZONE C - AREA WITH HIGH POTENTIAL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Territorial limits of the area: The East part of Ruse – part of the existing “East Industrial Zone”, including sites included in the Master Plan of the area " Slatina " area south of the railway Station " East " and the first line property , southeast of the railway line ; west to "Bulgaria " - from junction with "Lipnik " the Danube Bridge and north to the Danube, as well as land in " Puhlev dere" and the area of cargo railway station.

Total area - 795 ha; including 30.10 + 24.19 ha ha - " Intermodal Terminal Option I" , 101.77 ha - " Option Intermodal Terminal II " ; linear objects for complex infrastructure networks (including free zone port of Rousse East).

Residents / number of employees - no permanent residents , and the number of employees is developing dynamically



Continuity and consistency in the strategic development of ZONE C led to the structuring of the following priority directions:

- Restore and enhance the vitality and competitiveness of one of the largest industrial areas of the country, in support of the smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;;
- Positioning and construction of an intermodal complex with regional significance for East Europe and the Lower Danube Euroregion;
- Secure the area with adequate technical infrastructure , incl. improved and new road links with regional significance (interaction with water , air and railway transport);

A map with the main proposed investment project is shown below:

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On this basis are formulated the measures to address priority issues - suggestions for investment projects, consistent with the legal basis and the current plans of Ruse in ZONE C.

Here , in the active area of ZONE C prominently the development of regional transport center Axis "Connectivity " on Danube program - part of the project "Development of the European Corridor 7 (Danube) to improve navigation , the modernization of the port and incoming infrastructure and construction of intermodal terminals and information system in the common Bulgarian - Romanian section of the river . "

Intermodal complex national task with regional dimensions to already established Bulgarian-Romanian inter-ministerial committee, IPGVR offers its territorial targeting in the western part of Area B, but retains the ability to second place - in the southeastern part of the zone , near station East. Thus left free range research and design of complex portfolio of leading central authority . State Company National Company Railway Infrastructure of 06.03.2013 has opened procedures for a public procurement " Preparation of feasibility studies, conceptual design , detailed plan and preparation of land acquisition procedures for the project" Construction of intermodal terminal in North-Central Planning Region of Bulgaria - Ruse " near station " Distribution "which Agreement between the Governments of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania is set for common border freight station of the two railway networks.



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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES , PRIORITIES , PROJECTS AND OPERATION OF IPGVR of Ruse in the medium-term vision

« Ruse - the city - the leader of the Euroregion - Lower Danube - a model of integrated sustainable urban management and development - a model for competitive ability and convergence of European regions ", namely:

THE STRATEGIC GOAL of " Ruse - European City " is a complex of :→

- o sustainable economic growth based on knowledge ;
- o ensure a high quality of life for the population;
- o protection and development of environment and urban environment.

MAIN PRIORITIES:→

- o Improving the urban environment, incl. business conditions and security;
- o Modern transport infrastructure and competitiveness;
- o modern, adequate and effective integrated management .

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES and

MEANS OF ACHIEVING - measures , projects, action strategy IPGVR Ruse were presented in detail in tabular form→

IDENTIFY PROJECT IDEAS, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITHIN THE APPROVED ZONES OF INFLUENCE OF IPGVR RUSE

For this purpose was realized and a further proposal for publicity carried out as follows : (protocols in separate applications) -Zones A, B and C - Meetings – public discussion – information in the city web-portal;

Selected groups of projects and activities are summarized :

- o Suggestions of citywide importance; - Priority outlines : "Open the city to the river , " " Integrated urban transport ", " Improved access for zone B ", " Intermodal Terminal and improved infrastructure in IPD ", " Regional Centers of the Euro- region networks Lower Danube" other .
- o Proposals for Zone A - three thematic sub- areas ranged priority projects (multispectral) .
- o Proposals for Zone B - List sorted by priority projects (mainly transport and social) .
- o Suggestions for Zone C - List sorted by priority projects (mainly infrastructure).
- o Offers with common interest for the Euroregion and the Danube area - thematic networks and centers, additional external initiatives with other prescriptive character.

A total inventory was realised to guarantee the design and plans availability for all selected areas (species PUP and CA for individual projects) required as preparation for the timely start of feasibility studies , design and detailed development plan.

There are two lists containing 99 projects and activities; 60 of them create an investment program and indicative budgets; for the remaining 39 design intent is made to have an open list be complete .



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ORGANIZING AND CONDUCTING OF EXPERT FORUM WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

Together with the team and internal working group of the Employer of the broad list of stakeholders (municipal administration , municipal councils, NGOs , unions , professional organizations , active citizens, etc. .) And then held until public hearings and discussions has been formed and held on 01.03.2013 , the Expert Forum to IPGVR Ruse with a representative panel of experts at local level:

Expert Forum on 01.03.2013 , the embraced the vision of strategic IPGVR Ruse and his constructive comments and recommendations are reflected in the total consolidated document of the Strategic report indicative list of priority projects - meanwhile supplemented with extra presented by the Mayor of project intentions. This led to the successful implementation of the set point and the overall report was adopted by the final third public hearing and second expert forum (21-22.05.2013 y).

FINALIZE THE INDICATIVE LIST OF PROJECTS

A. Common list of identified projects , measures and actions

The list is tabulated in full volume , noting that after the termination of the development of this IPGVR Ruse this list can be reasoned covered by general .. currently formulated general list contains 99 projects and activities for 60 of them made an investment program and indicative budgets for the remaining 39 design intent is made open list be completed and parameterization .

B. List of priority projects developed within IPGVR - Ruse, in support of his plans security

Based conducted additional meetings with experts of UAB and CAB Ruse, public discussions on areas of impact and overall survey , meetings with municipal administration , following the two expert forum recommendations of the internal working group and further proposals to the Mayor of April was compiled following consolidated list of prioritized projects and activities in which part of the projects and subprojects of the broad list and grouped together thematically :

PROJECTS DETAILED PLANS IN THE ZONES OF IMPACT (the list is in Bulgarian as it is very specific for the city of Ruse; similar lists may be developed for the other cities along the Danube trans-border territory)

№	ПРОЕКТИ ЗА ПУП - ЗОНА А на публични функции с висока обществена значимост	ПУП
1	Крайречна паркова традиционна зона за обществен отдих (СО _{3Т}) на град Русе и «Придунавски булевард» в обхват от «Речна гара» до «Гребна база» вкл. кръстовище с ул. «Мостова»	ПУП – ПРЗ, ИПУР свързано с ОУП на град Русе, визията и концепциите по ИПГВР
2	Крайбрежна парково-рекреационна зона за обществен отдих (СО _{3Р}) на град Русе и «Придунавски булевард» в района от кръстовище с ул. «Мостова» до източния край на зона А, вкл. територията северно от Парка на младежта.; Включва и регионални центрове по Европейски мрежи.	ПУП – свързано с ОУП на гр. Русе, визията и концепциите по ИПГВР - ПРЗ, ИПУР
3	Благоустрояване на градината на площад „Дунав” (I ₆₀₅) и изграждане на паркинг (II ₆₁₁) – кв. 874	ПУП – ПЗ за кв. 874
4	Детска градина “Радост” (УПИ I ₄₃₆) и Регионална библиотека „Любен Каравелов” – вкл. Рег. център «Култура и иновации» (ПИ 2.5588 и 2.426)	ПУП – ИПРЗ за УПИ I ₄₃₆ и ПРЗ за ПИ 2.5588 и 2.426, кв.103
	ПРОЕКТИ ЗА ПУП - ЗОНА Б с преобладаващ социален характер	ПУП



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5	Реконструкция на ул. "Шипка" – от бул. "Цар Освободител" (кооперативен пазар) до бул. "България" (вкл. пешеходен надлез при бул. «Родина»/жп-линия)	ПУП- ИПУР
6	Пешеходна връзка (надлез) между кв. "Родина 3" и кв. "Чародейка" в района между ул. "Кадин мост" - ул. "Опълченска"	ПУП - ПРЗ
7	Изграждане на нова детска ясла в кв. 767, (ПИ 5. 928, 5.929, 5.920, 5.921, 5.922, 5.927, 5.926), жк "Родина" 3	ПУП – ИПРЗ за УПИ V ₂₃₂₀ , VI ₃₁₇₂ , XI ₃₁₇₅ , XII ₃₁₇₅ и ПРЗ за ПИ 5.922, 5.926, 5.927
8	Изграждане на социално жилище в жк „Родина” 3 за настаняване на лица от малцинствени групи от населението	ПУП - ИПРЗ в кв. 767 (УПИ III ₄₃₃₂ , УПИ VIII _{2288,2292}), жк „Родина” 3 (ПИ 931)
8 ^A	Изграждане на социални жилища в жк "Родина" 3 за настаняване на социално слаби лица, които не могат да се ползват от условията на жилищно настаняване на Общината и наблюдавани жилища за младежи и девойки	
9	Благоустройство на главната улична мрежа - бул. „Чипровци” (Изменение на план за улична регулация (ИПУР) от ул. „Шипка” до ул. „Тича”; Изменение на плана за регулация (ИПР) и План за застрояване (ПЗ) на УПИ-за обществено-обслужваща сграда в кв.752; ИПР на УПИ II-за детско заведение и ПРЗ за ново УПИ - за обществено обслужване в кв.753 по плана на гр. Русе)	ИПУР от о.т.8587 до о.т.8668
ПРОЕКТИ ЗА ПУП - ЗОНА В с потенциал за икономическо развитие		<u>ПУП</u>
10	Линеен проект за пътна връзка по "Канлъ дере" (ул Кариерна- подлез при ЖП гара Изток-път за с.Николово) главна артерия по директивен устройствен план за ИПЗ – разширение (предвидена в ГКТП към ОУП) като трети клас артерия	ПУП-ПУР според ГКТП и инж системи

ToRs OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN THE ZONES OF IMPACT

№	Технически задания за инвестиционни проекти (ТЗ)	ИПГВР гр. Русе
ЗОНА – А - зона на публични функции с висока обществена значимост		
1	1.1. Оперативен план за проект "Концепция за Регионален център - Долен Дунав към Европейска мрежа за интегрирано управление на риска и територията" от група проекти "Европейски мрежи Интегрирано управление на риска и територията" 1.2. Регионален център за интегрирано управление на риска и територията за региона на Долен Дунав - в сградата на ПГ по ж.п. транспорт – елемент от ПУП за крайбрежната зона - Програма за изграждане на референтен слой земно покритие за община Русе, на основата на ISO19144-2, методика за поддържане и проверка данни и наблюдение на промените в околната среда, иновативна технология за симулиране на градското развитие, система «Риск-наблюдател» (data mining)	ТЗ - Програма за концепция- Европейска мрежа ТЗ за реконструкция и промяна предназначение на обществена сграда (ПГ по ж.п. транспорт) в РЦ за управление на риска в УПИ XV5034
2	1.1. Референтна база данни и съпътстваща инфра-структура за услуги за региона на Долен Дунав и за община Русе, на основата на LCCS/ISO19144-2 1.2. Иновативна информационна система за симулиране на градското развитие 1.3. Регионална система за управление на територията, за наблюдение и превенция на риска от природни бедствия	ТЗ ТЗ ТЗ
3	3.1. Оперативен план за проект "Обща концепция, структура и план за действие за Регионален център за култура и иновации за Долен Дунав – част от Европейска мрежа - Синята лента на Европа Дунав-Майн-Рейн" и група проекти "Европейска мрежа "Култура и иновации" по Долен Дунав" 3.2. Регионален център за култура и иновации за региона на Долен Дунав – в югозападната сграда на регионалната библиотека «Л.Каравелов» – с информационна система и база данни за паметници на културата на община Русе, програма за мрежа съвместно с Методиев Център в гр. Елванген – Баден Вюртемберг, програма «Култура и иновации» с Русенския Университет	ТЗ-Програма за концепция- Европейска мрежа ТЗ за сграда на регионална библиотека «Л.Каравелов»
4	Дигитален Атлас – Интерактивна карта на културно-историческото и архитектурно наследство с база данни и паспорти на културно-исторически и архитектурни паметници на гр. Русе.	ТЗ



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5	Реконструкция и рехабилитация на пешеходната среда по улици "Райко Даскалов", «Църковна независимост» и «Баба Тонка»	ТЗ
6	Реконструкция на градина на площад "Доктор Мустаков" и ул."Иван Вазов" в участъка от площада до ул. „Борисова“ – тротоари и достъпна среда	ТЗ
7	Реконструкция и рехабилитация на пешеходната среда по бул. "Славянски" - от ул."Александровска" до ул."Пристанищна", вкл. пл. „Св. Никола"и пл. "Елиас Канети"	ТЗ
8	Благоустройство на пешеходна зона по ул."Александровска" (от ул."Мостова" до паметник "Альоша")	ТЗ
ЗОНА – Б - градска зона за въздействие с преобладаващ социален характер		
9	Ремонт и обновяване на Целодневна детска градина "Пинокто" в жк "Родина"1, ул. "Вискяр планина" № 2, в т.ч. прилежащото дворно пространство	ТЗ
10	Ремонт и обновяване на Целодневна детска градина "Русалка» в жк "Родина"1, ул. "Шумнатица" № 6, в т.ч. прилежащото дворно пространство.	ТЗ
11	Ремонт и обновяване на ОУ "Олимпи Панов" в жк "Родина" 1, в т.ч. прилежащото дворно пространство"	ТЗ
12	Спортен комплекс „Дунав” - реконструкция , енергийна ефективност	ТЗ
ЗОНА – В - зона за въздействие с потенциал за икономическо развитие		
13	Интермодален терминал в Северен централен район на планиране в Русе, вкл. линеен проект за ж.п. и пътна връзка по «Пухлево дере»	ТЗ по предварителна визия
14	Научен високо-технологичен парк Русе – Дунав 2020	ТЗ по предварителна визия
15	Внедряване на системи за енергийна ефективност в обекта на АРР на областна дирекция на МВР и втора Районна служба "Пожарна безопасност и защита на населението" (ОД и РС ПБЗН) Русе, бул. "България" № 300	ТЗ

STAGE II - STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES OF IPGVR RUSE IN CONDENSED FORM :

Synergistic effects - a set of specific objectives, measures, projects and actions ;→

Opportunities for financial support implementation of the plan , incl.→ integration plan developed with other planning documents and management of the territory

Program realization IPGVR zones of influence - annotation indicative→ list of programs, operational plan , budget, schedule for project implementation , management and control

Realization of IPGVR be realized through a set of projects that are key and essential element of the approved IPGVR , regardless of the source of funding .

According to the methodological guidelines projects can be investitionni and non-investment .

The indicative list of program realization IPGVR include three groups of activities and products:

1. Prepared detailed plans - 9 pieces

2 . Prepared terms of reference for investment proktirane - 15 (+2) number , as is provided minimalniya number of 3 jobs in an area of influence .

3 . Prioritized list of projects and activities in areas represented as indicative list under IPGVR and open for further configurable list of activities provided , project readiness , investment and funding sources. A full budget allocated to each year .

The number and scope of the detailed plans are made for the three sections of the approved areas of impact, where the missing ones are determined after discussion and consultation with the chief architect of the municipality.

Made PUP urban provide a basis for realization of IPGVR .



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Parallel prepared documentation to assess the need for EC and OC are received from the RIOS .
Choice of plans satisfies the specific goals to achieve visible and sustainable improvement of the urban environment:

To open the city to the river and revive the riverside park area are prepared two plans

To solve the social , public and transport problems in servicing residential complexes Rodina 1 , 2, 3, 4 plans are for Urban Street Chiprovtsi as the backbone of the urban territory designated objects for the elderly , nursery and play areas and recreation, outdoor sports .

For the reconstruction of the street Shipka draw up a new transport solution that will serve and connects directly to downtown and other neighborhoods in the city , it is proposed to bridge underpass of the railway line on the street homeland.

PUP are subject to kindergarten "Joy" in the central zone , two social housing in the district Rodina 3 observed housing and new nursery set is terrain club for elderly people, converted to a regional library L.Karavelov .

Subject of a detailed plan are two important objects from the central part of the city - Urban garden Danube and near - building parking on three levels.

In the Eastern Industrial Zone is prepared masterplan for linear object - new road link Kanli gully as the main artery in Directive Plan of IPD , third grade artery to serve and guide investment interest in the adjacent free areas.

All projects are completed with the necessary engineering systems, combining the largest possible set of actions and measures in order to achieve synergies and developing the urban environment.

Assignments for the 9 PUP adopted by the General Assembly of Ruse and prepared projects are presented for public discussion and submitted for expert advice..

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THE MOST IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN A CONDENSED FORM:

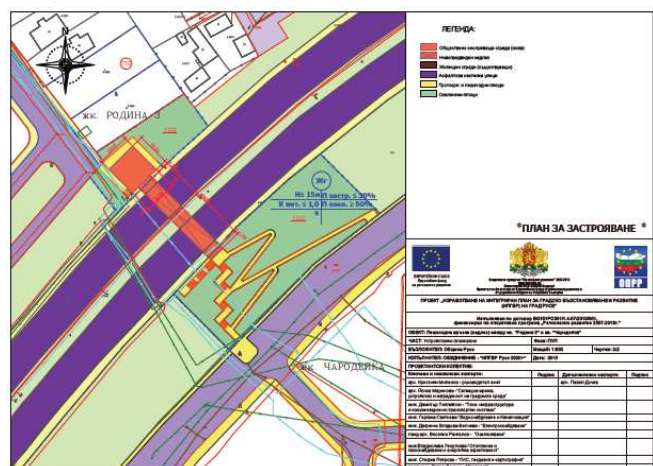
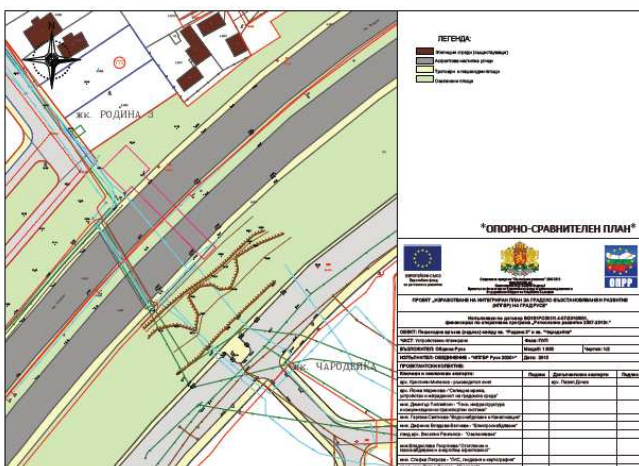
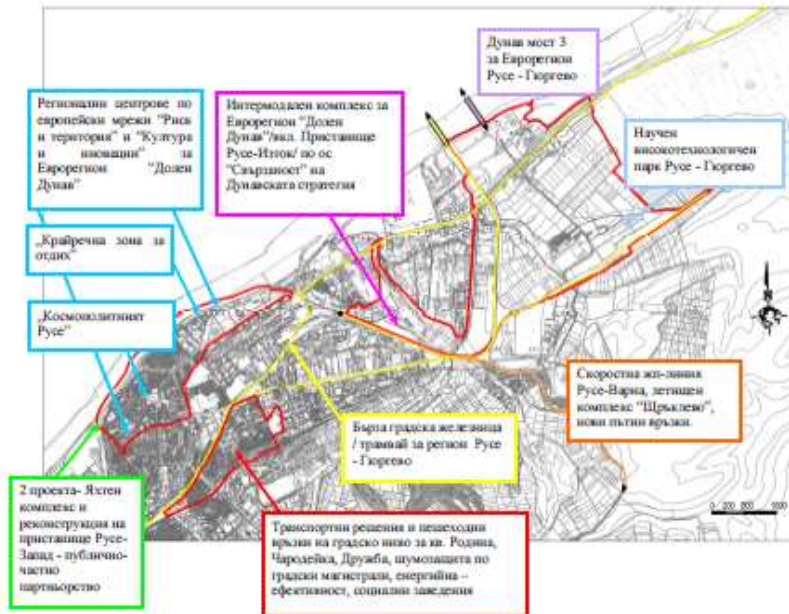
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Национален Обществени "ИПГВР Русе 2020"



ВОДЕЩИ ПРОЕКТИ СЪС ЗНАЧЕНИЕ ЗА ЦЕЛНИЯ ГРАД, ЗА ЕВРОРЕГИОН РУСЕ-ГОРГЕВО И ЗА ДУНАВСКИЯ РЕГИОН (РЕГИОНА НА ДОЛЕН ДУНАВ)

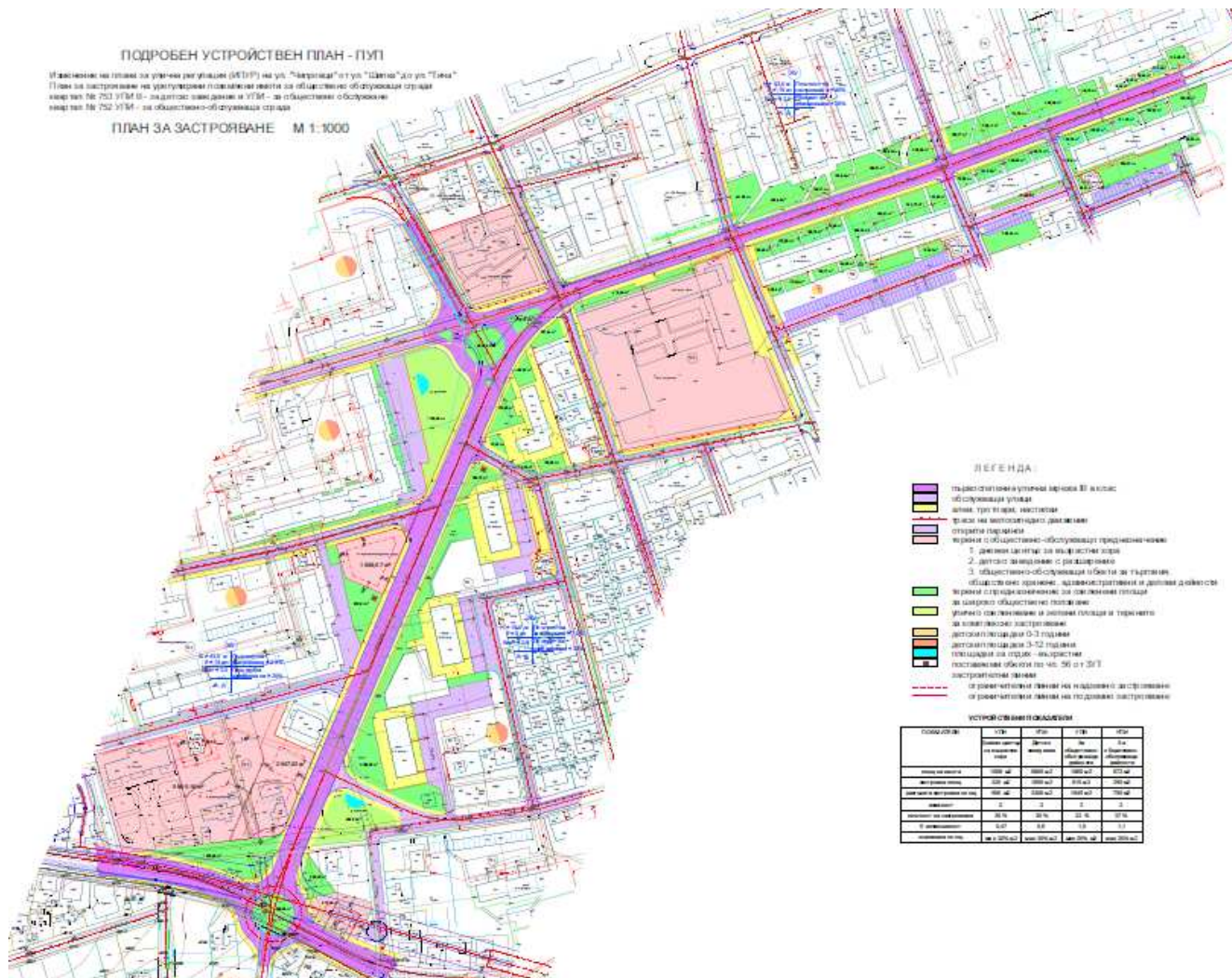


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ПОДРОБЕН УСТРОЙСТВЕН ПЛАН - ПУП

Известен на плана за урбана регулация (ЗУП) на ул. "Миротна" от ул. "Данчо" до ул. "Бина"
План за застрояване на урбанизираните площи на земли за обществено обслужващи сгради
квартал № 752 УТБ II - издатията на данъци и УТБ II - за обществено обслужващи сгради
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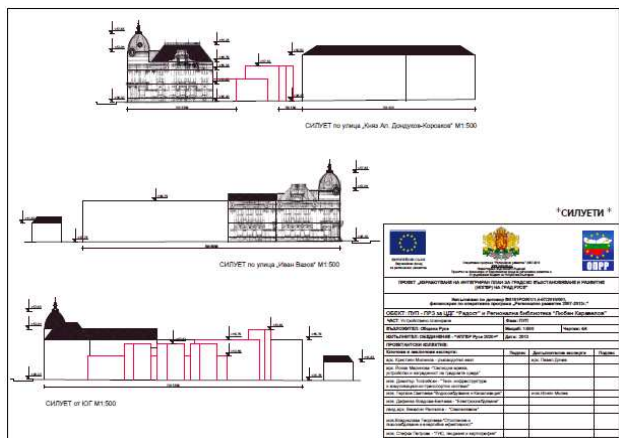
ЛЕГЕНДА

- градостроителни и урбани зони III класа
- обслужващи улици
- зони, три в мрежа, неактивни
- зони на индустриално развитие
- отворени пространства
- зони за обществено-обслужващи предмети:
 1. дечишки центри за играелни зони
 2. детски заведения с релаксация
 3. обществено-обслужващи обекти за физически обществени практики, административни и делови дейности
- зони за спортни цели, за рекреативни цели
- зони за контрол, обществено поставяне
- улично озеленение и зелени площи и терени за колективни застроявания
- детски площадки 0-3 години
- детски площадки 3-12 години
- площадки за спорт - обществени
- поставяне обекти по чл. 56 от ЗПЗ
- застроявателни зони
- зони за рекреативни цели на издвоени застроявания
- зони за рекреативни цели на издвоени застроявания

УСЛОВИЯ ЗА ОБСЛУЖИВАНЕ

Свойства	УТБ		УТБ II		УТБ I
	площ на земята (кв. м)	брой на обектите	площ на земята (кв. м)	брой на обектите	
земни площи	1000 кв. м	1000 кв. м	1000 кв. м	1000 кв. м	1000 кв. м
брой на обектите	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м
площ на земята по кв.	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м
брой на обектите	10	10	10	10	10
площ на земята	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м
брой на обектите	10	10	10	10	10
площ на земята	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м	100 кв. м
брой на обектите	10	10	10	10	10
общо	1000 кв. м	1000 кв. м	1000 кв. м	1000 кв. м	1000 кв. м

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FINANCIAL EVALUATION OF PROJECTS OF THE INDICATIVE LIST (FOR THE 3 ZONES)

Projects included in the indicative list of each zone has been pre-financial evaluation presented by applications of methodological guidelines.

- Zone A - number of projects - 36
- Zone B - number of projects - 18
- Zone C - number of projects - 6

The overall budget of the projects from the IPGVR-Ruse , includes:

ГРУПИ ПРОЕКТИ	ЗОНА А с публични функции с висока обществена значимост брой проекти / общо лева	ЗОНА Б с преобладаващ социален характер брой проекти / общо лева	ЗОНА В с потенциал за икономическо развитие брой проекти / общо лева	ОБЩО В лева	%
<i>Европейска мрежа "Интегрирано управление на риска и територията"</i>	10 390 800			10 390 800	2,35 %
<i>Европейска мрежа "Култура и иновации" за региона на Долен Дунав</i>	7 491 000			7 491 000	1,75 %
<i>Дунавската стратегия - приоритетна област "Свързаност"</i>			138 040 000	138 040 000	29,75 %
<i>"Синята лента на Европа"</i>	66 610 000			66 610 000	14,65 %
<i>"Зелена алея на времето"</i>	61 652 000			61 652 000	13,55 %
<i>Русе- културна столица</i>	16 520 000	332 000		16 852 000	3,75 %
<i>Транспортната инфраструктура</i>	1 553 000	26 812 000	29 608 000	57 973 000	12,75 %
<i>Реконструкция на тротоари и пешеходни зони</i>	11 964 000	7 098 000		19 062 000	4,25 %
<i>Образование</i>	16 311 000	12 725 000		29 036 000	6,45 %
<i>Социална и здравна инфраструктура</i>	26 564 000	12 049 000		38 613 000	8,48 %
<i>Техническа инфраструктура</i>		6 917 000	1 723 000	8 640 000	1,92 %
<i>Енергийна ефективност при рехабилитация на спортни и държавни обекти</i>			1 160 000	1 160 000	0,25 %
Обща стойност:	36 проекта за 219 055 800	18 проекта за 65 933 000	6 проекта за 170 531 000	60 проекта за 455 519 800	100 %

Note: Each draft budget is laid according to the form of methodological guidelines and contains project-specific stages, timetable and budget items summarized in these steps: Development Plan - if required; Investment project (technical, business); Activities to apply for funding; Contractor selection; Realization (CMP project management).

INVESTMENT PROGRAM

The program has been prepared in accordance with Annex 2 of methodological guidelines for IPGVR whole , and for each area impacts are scheduling for the project under IPGVR as Annex 3 Methodological guidelines.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION OF IPGVR

Managing the development of IPGVR and its implementation are harmonically related . Working group (s) grow into a management structure (MB) for its implementation. Projects approved for funding from SF to create organizational units with their own manager , subject to the Board and



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funded "Technical Assistance" OPRD . Board may have a different format, you can build as a municipal enterprise , and as an association of public- private partnership as a trading company or mixed with municipal participation . The mayor of the municipality determines personal charge of the corresponding units of the municipal administration and allocates the necessary steps for securing projects with legal procedures according to program implementation (business plan). Board defines the practice of cooperation with public organizations and the public at large , developing procedures for public relations, and establishes mechanisms to communicate with departments , sector departments , other municipalities , etc. Board prepares and approves the Mayor operating controls and accountability in the implementation of projects and monitoring authority to realization. There are innovative mechanisms for monitoring changes and effective utilization of resources

INDICATORS FOR MONITORING :

Indicators for the implementation of IPGVR are specified to program implementation (business plan) for the following types specified in the final strategic report :

- **indicators arising from the expected results** that measure the positive changes in the urban environment with a direct contribution to improving the quality of life (improved infrastructure elements , renovated multifamily buildings , increased quality of public work and physical environment, improved accessibility , increased green space and others. measures that improve ecological conditions , increase employment , etc.) as a result of the implementation of the plan (presented in the strategic report) ;
- **indicators related to the resources used** , that takes account of the synergistic effect (as saving labor, equipment and finances resulting from the simultaneous implementation of various operations);
- **indicators related to the impact on the area** , local and regional development (increased attendance , increased investment and start-up (dilated) economic activity , job creation , increased productivity increased quality of healthcare , social care, education , culture , integration of groups disadvantaged , etc.) .

SUMMARY FINAL REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC PART

Final Report " strategy and objectives IPGVR Ruse » involving the coordination of the additional public hearings and expert forum aims , projects and action, based on the minutes of the third public hearing report was finalized and presented to the Experts' Forum.

GENERAL REPORT on the public consultation was presented as a short summary of the needs of the media and the public about prior publication .

LAST PUBLIC HEARING

This forum consolidate public about important development of the city by 2020 strategic goals and ways to achieve them through the realization of projects IPGVR . Comments and recommendations were reflected in the Strategic Report and adopted by the Expert Forum (05/22/2013) The . In parallel, followed the completion of the processes t.t.11 , 12 and 13.

PREPARATION AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT FOR PARTS OF THE AREAS WHERE REQUIRED (as per Art. 124 and 135 of the SPA)

According adopted by the municipal council of reference for design of DSP (with covers more than one quarter) and orders of Rousse municipality to develop a detailed plan within a neighborhood made 9 pc . detailed plans were presented and accepted by the third public hearing and the Experts' Forum on 21 and 22/05/2013 , and are submitted for consideration and adoption by the CEAS. Made PUP urban provide a basis for realization of IPGVR . Parallel prepared documentation to assess the



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need for EC and OC are received from the RIOS . Available PUP related to the coastal zone to be developed at a later stage and joint projects within the Euroregion Rouse - Giurgiu . This initiative should be supported within the framework of the CBC Programme between Romania and Bulgaria , as well as the upcoming new program Danube / existing programs in Southeast Europe / .

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INVESTMENT PROJECTS (15 pcs.)

Prepared 15 (+ 2) sts . terms of reference were also duly represented , considered and adopted the public hearings and expert forums are presented in the main document and a separate application is brought to the attention of the CEA

FINAL REPORT ON CONTRACT

This position is a technical proposal this report.

EXAMPLE OF RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Note: are underway and procedures in Item 2 - Assessment of the need for environmental assessment and evaluation of the compatibility of IPGVR Ruse, which in the illustration are attached:



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РНОСВ - Русе

И С К А Н Е

за издаване на решение за преценяване необходимостта от извършване на екологична оценка, съгласно чл. 8 от Наредбата за условията и реда за извършване на екологична оценка на планове и програми

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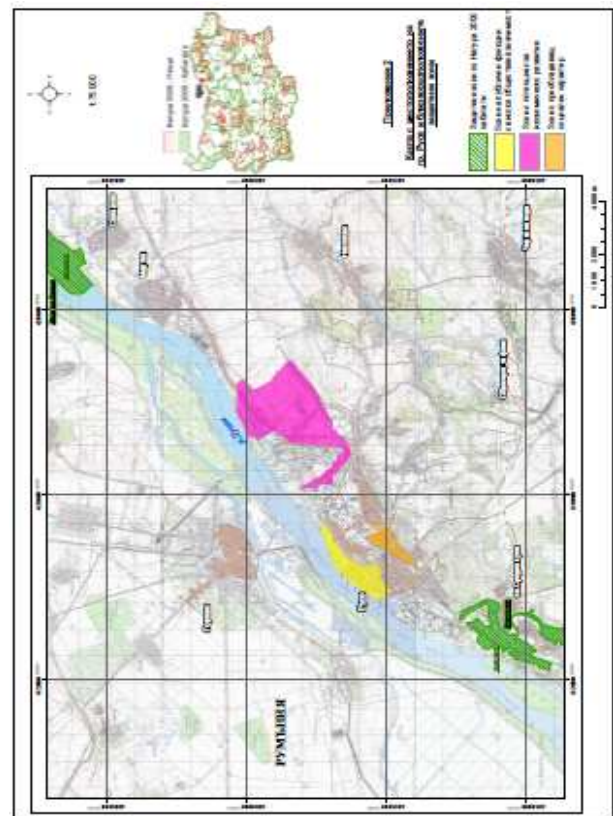
по чл. 10, ал. 1 и ал.2 от Наредбата за условията и реда за извършване на оценка за съвместимостта на планове, програми, проекти и инвестиционни предложения с предмета и целите на опазване на защитените зони
ЗА ИНТЕГРИРАН ПЛАН ЗА ГРАДСКО ВЪЗСТАНОВЯВАНЕ И РАЗВИТИЕ НА ГР. РУСЕ

От ОБЩИНА РУСЕ

Уважаем г-н/г-жо Директор,

Моля да бъде издадено Решение за преценяване необходимостта от екологична оценка на Интегриран план за градско възстановяване и развитие на гр. Русе и да ни информирате за необходимите действия, които трябва да предприемем, по

Този документ е създаден в рамките на проект "Подготовка на интегриран план за градско възстановяване и развитие на гр. Русе", който се изпълнява с финансовата поддръжка на Оперативна програма "Регионално развитие" 2007-2013 г., съфинансирана от Европейския съюз чрез Европейския фонд за регионално развитие. Целта на настоящия документ е сътрудничеството на институциите от областта: Областна администрация "ИИТГВ Русе 2020+" (в България) и Община Русе за съвместното действие и документация и при изготвяне на необходимостта от оценка за съвместимостта на интегрирания план за градско възстановяване и развитие на гр. Русе с териториалните документи на Европейския съюз и Управлението на регион.

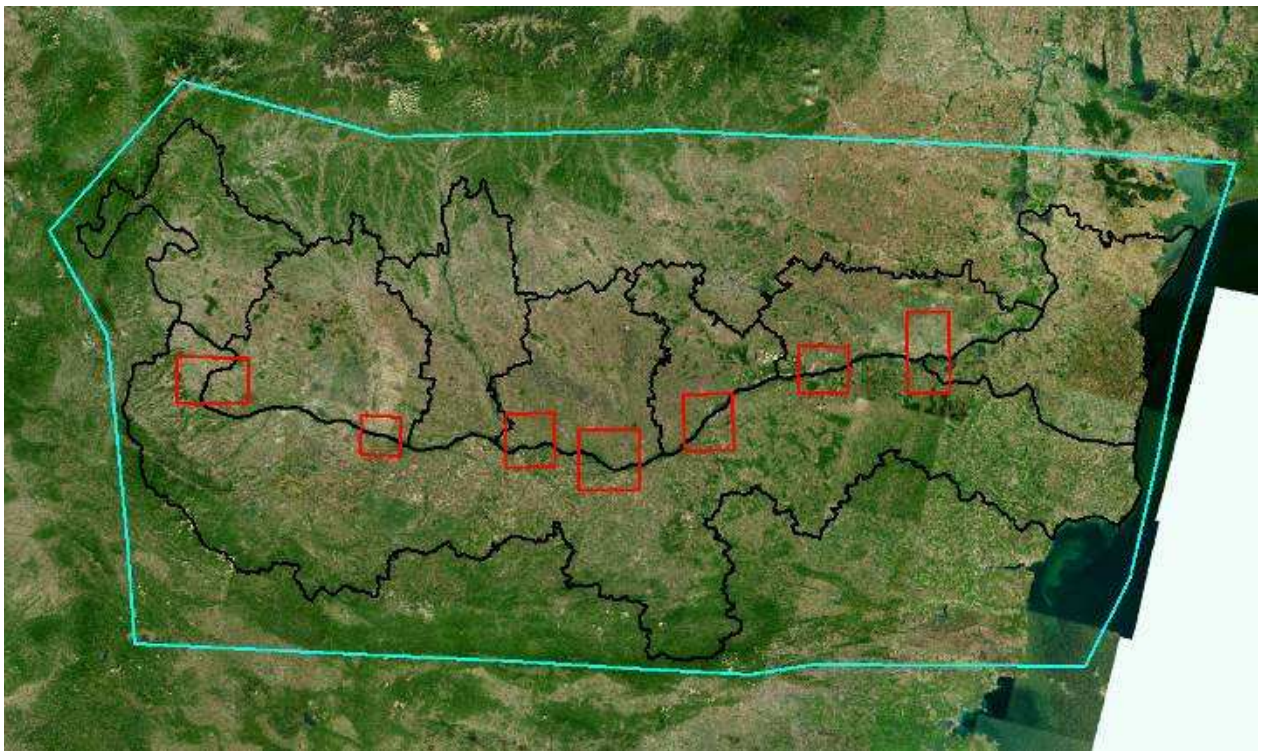


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CONCLUSION

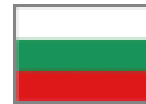
1. Methodological and executional guidelines from project - " Development of IPGVR Ruse » with additional selection of priority areas (zones A,B,C) and packages of investment projects are proposed first to be implemented for the city of Giurgiu (Euroregion Ruse/Giurgiu) and on next stage for the 7 cross-border urbanized areas, along the Danube river, between Bulgaria and Romania. – see map below;

Map of the main urbanized areas-twinning cities, from the cross-border territory under the flagship project SPATIAL – for these areas there is a started request for support with satellite spatial data (HR and VHR imagery) from DG JRC; The provided information will be used for a follow-up project (probably SPATIAL-II), as well as for upgrading of the realized Smart Cover database



2. As presented in the IPGVR –Ruse, there is a need of an inventory action for existing or recently developed projects and/or networks under EU Programs, as and networks (such as in the Ruse case - URBAN - NEXUS , UrbanAPI, Work program for cooperation with Baden-Württemberg, the initiatives of the Danube cities and regions, etc).Based on the inventory we may prepare a synergy action plan in the frame of the Common Strategy, which will provide much more efficient value-added results from the developed capacity, avoiding the traditional practice to start always from zero. Such an inventory was realized even now but it was not for all potential project, only for thematic areas – as example PP9(ASDE) has been using the results from another project, collecting trans-border statistical data bases for the BG-RO area.

3. The dynamics of the processes at national, regional and European level require flexible policy and updating of the action plans and investment project packages, as we



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have to take into account the process of negotiating the PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT OF BULGARIA and ROMANIA, outlining the aid from the European structural and investment funds for 2014-2020. As a flagship task – the project SPATIAL must be involved in full capacity and also as future enlargement and upgrading in the documents, negotiated between both countries and the European Commission.

We, recommend that as one of the priorities is included the upgrading and strengthening the unique operational capacity, realized under the SPATIAL project, for the reference land cover layer, the harmonized trans-border spatial data base and the Smart Cover architecture of the geo-portal; The responsible structures (LP and PP2) from both countries are invited to propose the good practice in this filed as a successful model for the whole territory of the Danube region, as proposed by the DG JRC.

4. Because of the importance of the proposal, the more detailed presentation of the initiative for European network of regional centers is presented in attachment A1 and A2 of this report(in a separate file); Especially the proposal for the establishment of a Regional Center for Integrated Risk and Territory Management for the region of Lower Danube in Euroregion Ruse/Giurgiu is of primary importance as it is foreseen as the coordination, management, prognostic and monitoring mechanism, necessary for the implementation of the Common Strategy for the trans-border area, as well as for the efficient acquisition of the EU regional funds; In the frame of the Danube Strategy, beside Bulgaria and Romania, support is expected from Baden-Wuerttemberg (RMS 29,24.06.2013; Protocol, from the BG-B-W Commission, 2012);

*(Note: Still to be developed in the final report – end of January-2014;
Attachment A1 and A2 are in a separate file)*

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Sofia, October 2013