

# PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

## AGRICULTURE AND DANUBE WATER POLLUTION

### PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### THE DRP, AGRICULTURE AND WATER POLLUTION

Reducing nutrient and toxic (e.g. pesticide) pollution from agriculture to Danube water bodies is a key objective of the UNDP-GEF Danube Regional Project (DRP). In response, the DRP has developed a number of products and activities of use and value for various stakeholders in the Danube River Basin (DRB). DRP agriculture-related activities are also geared to assist the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) in their efforts to implement the Danube River Protection Convention and EU Water Framework Directive.

#### WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE DRP PRODUCTS?

Does your work in the agricultural sector contribute to nutrient and pesticide pollution in the DRB? Or is your work committed to reducing agricultural nutrient and pesticide pollution in the DRB? Then we can help, especially:

- > Farmers
- > Farmer advisory or extension services
- > National government employees involved in:
  - Agricultural policy development and implementation
  - Meeting EU legislation related to water quality
- > Environmental NGOs

#### WHAT ARE THE PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES?

##### 1. REPORTS

The DRP has developed a number of reports aimed at assessing agricultural activities and products that contribute to nutrient and toxic pollution in the DRB. The reports also provide recommendations for pollution reduction. Nutrient fertilizer and pesticide products and manure are the main sources of agricultural pollution that have been assessed in the reports. Future reports are also currently under preparation.

A report now exists for each of the following themes:

- > Nutrient Fertilizer and Manure Use
- > Pesticide Use
- > Total Nutrient Emissions from Agriculture
- > National Policies for Reducing Agricultural Pollution
- > Introducing BAP through Policy Reforms and Pilot Projects
- > Guidelines for Manure Management

## **2. GRANTS FOR DANUBE NGOS**

Awarding financial grants to Danube country NGOs (See 'Project Information Sheet: NGO Grants')

## **3. DISSEMINATION AND TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

activity under preparation

## **4. BACKGROUND STORY**

'Danube farmers are friends, not foes' provides a background and context to agriculture and environment in the DRB.

## **5. WEBSITE**

'Agriculture' section on DRP website with full downloadable reports: [http://www.undp-drp.org/drp/activities\\_1-2\\_-3\\_agriculture.html](http://www.undp-drp.org/drp/activities_1-2_-3_agriculture.html)

## **6. DEMONSTRATION SITES**

Testing best agricultural practices at specific geographical locations in the DRB.

## **7. MEDIA OUTREACH**

Includes press releases, press trips and story submissions to media.

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