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The fourteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of Operational Programme “Environment 2007 -2013” (OPE) was opened by the deputy minister of Environment and Water and Chairperson of the Committee – Mrs. Malina Kroumova. She gave the floor to **Mr. Dimitar Nikolov, Mayor of Bourgas** for a welcome speech. He bid welcome to the members of the Committee. Mr. Nikolov defined the holding of the conference in Bourgas as a recognition of the work being done in Bourgas and the other municipalities in the region. He expressed his gratitude to the Municipality, the Ministry of the Environment and Water and to the members of the European Commission for their efforts in making Bourgas cleaner and the sea much nicer than before. As a representative of the local authoritative bodies, Mr. Nikolov was pleased to extend his thanks to the opportunity provided by financing under OPE which enabled the construction of the basic infrastructure of municipalities which lack the necessary background for financing such an enterprise themselves. Highly appreciating the former priorities, i.e. construction of sewerage and treatment of waste water system, he advised that the future goal should be the reconstruction of the drinking water supply system since the percentage of loss of drinkable water is quite high. Finally the Mayor wished success to the programme in the next period expressing his hope that the Municipality of Bourgas will further benefit from its response to the needs of the people and the expertise of the team working for it.

Deputy minister Kroumova thanked Mr. Nikolov for his kind words and gave a short account of the considerable work that has been done since the last meeting of the committee which contributed to the completion of negotiating all funds. Mrs. Kroumova expressed her joy to be the chairperson of the meeting since this fact proves the stability of the programme and the work being done on it. She underscored the difficulties and pointed out that the success of the programme in the future would depend on the work of the beneficiaries who would implement the projects. Mrs. Kroumova paid attention to the existence of some serious notices of breach of projects within the frames of OPE that have been received in the past few months and have been defined as fraud. This fact calls for handing over the signals to competent authorities. The signals were received from two NGOs dealing with environmental issues: Harmony and Environmental Movement DEN.

These signals provide evidence for serious irregularities, corruption practices and fraud. Having in mind the nature of the signals, MoEW cannot take a position. The Ministry will state their position only after the verdict of the Prosecutor's office as a competent state body. She also informed that in front of the hotel a group of protesting people is gathering and they can be invited to share their proposals if they are related to the operational programme.

The floor was given to **Mr. Mandmets, representative of EC**. Following the tradition, he started his speech presenting the good and bad news. He pointed out that a lot has been done but there is still much to do by the team of OPE. Mr. Mandmets accentuated on the existence of a good cooperation between the Ministry and EC on the one hand, and the Ministry and the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the JASPERS initiative on the other. He pointed out that the exceptional measures approved by the former meeting have proved useful and the development of the projects now would depend to a great extent on the will of the beneficiaries and the procedures of assigning public procurement.

Mr. Mandmets reported for a considerable delay in the execution of state commitments referring to the Water and Waste Sector. He informed the attendees that EC has already received a working variant of the Operational Programme which has been discussed and the considerable improvement will be taken into account. He expects that the negotiations will start up after receiving the new variant of the Programme since the OPE team is working hard. A lot has been done on the contract for partnership including the work done by the caretaker government.

Mrs. Kroumova thanked Mr. Mandmets and promised that a much greater attention will be given to the wishes of the beneficiaries and all mistakes from previous programming periods will be avoided in the future. With these words the chairperson of the Monitoring Committee announced the end of the open part the meeting and invited the attendants who are not members or observes to be so kind to leave the hall.

After a checkup of the of the number of attendees, **the chairperson** started to present the items on the draft of the agenda and suggested that in case of no other proposals the acceptance of the draft be voted. The floor for comments was given to **Mr. Dimiter Dimitrov, authorized representative of the Coalition for Sustainable Development** who suggested that the wishes of protesting people be heard during the meeting. He asked when and how that can possibly happen. Mrs. Kroumova gave the attendees the opportunity to comment the proposal Mr. Dimitrov made. Mr. Mandmets suggested meeting the protesting people during the coffee - breaking. The suggestion was accepted and the agenda was approved unanimously.

On item 2 of the agenda the Minutes of the thirteenth Meeting of the MC of OPE was put to vote and approved.

The chairperson of the MC went on to item 3 on the agenda and gave the floor to **Chief Expert Azhda Yusein** to present the Annual Report for Development in 2012 of "OPE 2007-2013". After the presentation Mrs. Kroumova summarized that the will of the team of OPE and MoEW goes far beyond the construction of infrastructural projects and extends to the change in the attitude of the population to environmental issues. She added that the amendment of OPE accepted by the Monitoring Committee in 2012 and approved by EC as of February 14th, 2013 shall be subject to assessment of environmental evaluation. The evaluation has been appealed to and as of the date of the meeting there is a verdict of the court referring to the legal conformity of its procedure and the evaluation itself.

The chairperson of MC gave the floor to the attendees for comments. **Mr. Valentin Simov, deputy chairman of the Civil Movement Green Alliance** was the first to speak. He extended on the Water sector noting that three audits have been done by different institutions but no one has mentioned the eligibility of expenditures. Mr. Simov gave an example with the project for Water Cycle Pleven – Dolna Mitropolia where a greater number of population equivalent was added to

the existing one. The project has been granted around BGN 120 mln. which is quite a large amount in his opinion. The representative of the Green Alliance Movement commented the project for reconstruction and enlargement of the sewerage system in the Kyustendil area agglomeration. His remarks are in the form of a letter signed by the experts of NGO Harmony, too. Mr. Simov recommended the members of MC to bear in mind the fact that they will bear the responsibility for acceptance of the Annual Report for 2012, not the managing authority. The Green Alliance Movement supported the idea that a detailed financial audit of all projects is mandatory since the expenditure is much higher.

Referring to Priority Axis 3 “ Biodiversity” **Mr. Simov** pointed out that he has observed a strange fact in the past 15 years; the fact is that the same organizations are given the chance to receive financing under Programmes controlled by the managing authorities and those organizations are represented in the MC. He considers this fact to be a conflict of interests and should be avoided. The representative of the Green Alliance Movement presented two letters with comments on the above issues.

The chairperson of the MC explained that there is no ground for including the project Pleven – Dolna Mitropolia in the report since it is not ready yet. As refers to the project of the Municipality of Kyustendil, it is financed in accordance with the so called combined procedure. It means that first an analysis of the project necessity is being done and if there is evident proof of startup of construction, then the procedure continues. At this stage there are no pre-investment surveys, no green field projects, no construction budgeting, hence no need for worries. Mrs. Kroumova welcomed the idea for a detailed financial audit. She explained that she will not comment the other remarks Mr. Simov has made.

Mrs. Katerina Rakovska, a representative of WWF Bulgaria took the floor. She expressed her wish to be given detailed information on the savings under axis 3. She demanded explanations on the financial corrections and on the measures taken to be avoided. Mrs. Rakovska added that there is a problem since the financing of all NGOs depends entirely on projects. Her second question referred to the procedures approved in 2011 –114 MBGN for national parks and reserves and 45 MBGN for natural parks which comes to more than half the grant under axis 3. Mrs. Rakovska reminded the attendees that she has put the issue to their attention during the previous meeting and now it has become evident to her that the budget has even been increased. All areas are protected and comprise 5% of the country’s territory, while the network NATURA 2000 comprises almost 35%. This fact shows a grave misbalance and the question is whether there are any plans to solve it within the next two years.

Mrs. Kroumova went on to explain that as refers to financial corrections for NGOs, she is unable to provide any statistical data at present but her observation was that as concerns axis 3, the amount of financial corrections is considerably lower compared to other priority axes, i.e. less than 5% of the amount under project proposals. She confirmed that the question for financing of axis 3 has been raised before. She explained that the idea of the procedures is to help creating plans for management of protected areas with the highest degree of protection and the implementation of the plans. Mrs. Kroumova added that NATURA 2000 has not been neglected within the frames of OPE or ousted from the work of the team preparing the programme for the next period and the negotiations with EC since NATURA 2000 is the basic accent for the 2014-2020 period. The problem with NATURA 2000 has not been solved since there is no clear vision as to what has to be done. As concerns the activities within the next two years and taking into consideration the amount of funds allocated, there should be no expectations of possibilities to finance new projects. The chairman pointed out that the bodies responsible for protection of areas within NATURA 2000 and the nature of Bulgaria as a whole together with NGOs shall work in such a way as to further expose its significance in the next programming period and re-direct the funds to it at the beginning of next year.

Mr. Mandmets again took the floor returning to the first comment on conflict of interests as an important issue. He underlined the fact that in this particular case there should be a check –up of the necessity of an additional regulation on horizontal level. In Estonia there is a clear rule with minor exceptions that members of MC should not be final beneficiaries. The exception is Operational Programme Education and Science. The question has to be solved on national level and measures should be taken since regulation is a necessity.

Mr. Mandmets added a comment on the work of the Auditing and Certifying authority in Bulgaria defining it as very good, the indicator being the fact that Bulgaria has become one of the few countries with no cessation of funds.

The floor was given to **Mr. Ivan Ivanov, Chairman of the Bulgarian Association of Waters and a representative of the Association of the Industrial Capital of Bulgaria** in MC. He discussed item “Grand Projects Waiting for Approval by EC” of the yearly report which stated that the projects for Dobrich and Plovdiv had been waiting for approval since January, 2012. Mr. Ivanov asked whether these long terms for approval are a practice in EC since the long delay puts the implementation of the projects in jeopardy. He also asked what the procedure will be in this case and how the projects will be financed since they will start in the current year and will be completed after the programme deadlines.

Mr. Mandmets rose to answer the question. He explained that grand projects are put for discussion and approval in different Directorates General of EC and there is a long process of replying to comments which naturally slows down the process of evaluation.

Mrs. Kroumova added that it is no common practice to keep the projects in EC but it comes to a number of objective and subjective reasons in this particular case. The OPE team has concluded preliminary agreements with these beneficiaries so they can start holding public procurement services and the implementation of the projects will not be delayed.

As concerns the question of projects that will go beyond the deadlines of the programming period, Mrs. Kroumova explained that all projects have due co-financing which is reported and certified at the end of the project but the funds are not repaid hence the project can be completed after the deadline of the programme period. The projects are being strictly scrutinized to allow no expenditures to be covered by the national budget.

The floor was given to **Mrs. Iliyana Pavlova, a representative of the Bulgarian Industrial Association (BIA)**, who asked for more information on the stage of implementation of the project for the procedure of the reform of the Water and Sewage sector.

Deputy minister Kroumova reminded the attendees that an amendment to the Law on Waters has been sent to Parliament but it cannot pass before the formation of a new Parliament. Referring to the OPE project, the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works (MR.D) together with the help of the World Bank (WB) and outer consultants work on new legal documents and formation of a legislative base which will be necessary for the implementation of the reform. Mrs. Kroumova invited **Mr. Ivan Ivanov from the Association of the Industrial Capital in Bulgaria (AICB)** to explain the details. He added that the strategy which has been developed together with the experts from the WB will be published for open discussion in a short time. A great deal of the legal documents are ready as drafts and have to be discussed in the Council of Ministers and the National Assembly. Mr. Ivanov expressed his hopes that the political changes in the country will not stop the process as has often happened in practice.

The floor was given to **Mr. Dimitrov of the Coalition for Sustainable Development** to ask a question. He stressed on the amount of free financial resources from savings from public procurement services, financial corrections, non-verified contracts and paid attention to the fact that there is no analysis of the reasons for such occurrences. Mr. Dimitrov gave an example with

the Project for Technical Aid for construction of a Regional System of Waste Management (RSWM) Yambol, which was paid back only 30% in spite of the fact that all necessary due diligence surveys have been carried out. He gave a number of examples of such practices and insisted on a thorough analysis of the reasons for financial corrections and savings. Mr. Dimitrov elaborated on an extract from the report which states that evaluation of the impact on environment has been done prior to the approval of the projects without taking into consideration the best techniques. Mr. Dimitrov pointed out that protection of the environment means protection of public health. He pointed out that the problems of civil structures and NGOs with administrative bodies like MoEW, Regional Inspectorates on Environment, basin directorates, municipalities, regional inspectorates for protection and control on public health have always been the same, i.e. lack of communication between civil organizations and administrative bodies. Mr. Dimitrov made a note of some faults in the Waste Management Act but the chairperson of MC intervened to recommend that all attendees have to consider the scope of the forum.

The representative of the Committee for Stable Development suggested that the report on improvement be approved after adding the necessary information required by the organization and after MC demands a thorough audit of all contracts.

Deputy Minister Kroumova noted that the reports on improvement are prepared in accordance with EC model. As concerns savings, these funds have not been lost but rather redirected to other projects. There are projects which have been ceased due to lack of necessity, inability to execute the construction or an already existent construction site.

Mrs. Irina Vanghele, a representative of EC, Directorate General “Regional Development” took the floor. She confirmed that the project for Pleven has been submitted to to EC in 2013, there are comments on it which will be taken into consideration by the managing authority and the evaluation will continue.

Mr. Renaldo Mandmets took the floor to note that it is impossible to audit all projects nor it is necessary to do so.

Due to lack of further comments on the report it was unanimously accepted by the members of the Committee and the chairperson announced the coffee-break.

During the coffee-break the citizens protesting in front of the hotel put their demands both orally and in writing to deputy minister Kroumova. The demands referred to the system of waste management in the municipality of Yambol. Mrs. Kroumova took the responsibility to inform the minister of the environment and water about the demands of the citizens to hold a meeting on the territory of the municipality and solve the existing controversies and problems.

After the coffee-break the chairperson of MC went on with the next item on the agenda – **presentation of the improvement in the operational programme in the first half of 2013**. The floor was given to Chief Expert Rositsa Bodurova. After her presentation the opportunity for questions and comments was given.

Mrs. Katerina Rakovska demanded more information about the implementation of the project in line with procedure 33 “Increase of Capacity of Territorial Structures of Directorate General Fire Safety and Protection of Population” which refers to reactions during forest fires in national and natural parks and reserves, the question being whether a purchase of helicopter will be made for the current seasonal heat. Mrs. Kroumova responded that due to discrepancies between the technical specifications and the amount of the public procurement, it became necessary to stop the procedure for the helicopter; hence it will be impossible to use the helicopter in the fight with forest fires during the current season. There will be a revision of all existing documents and a new call for proposals will be announced. The other part of the project is being successfully

implemented, the public procurement procedures are at the end and most of them will be contracted.

Mrs. Manuela Milosheva of the Ministry of Finance added a comment to slide 8 of the presentation concerning expenditure: 86% of the certified expenditure comprises the verified 66% of expenditure.

The floor was given to **Mr. Valentin Simov** from the Green Alliance Movement who asked for more information on the direct award procedure 35 “Measures for Improving the Quality of the Air by Providing Ecological Vehicles for Public Transport in Towns”. He asked why these funds are used for the purchase of vehicles for Sofia which boasts of considerable financial income as an independent municipality while other municipalities with limited possibilities to co-finance the project are left without any support.

In reply, Mrs. Kroumova commented that the implementation of the three projects of this procedure is a result of the amendment of the operational programme approved by MC in 2012 which include measures for protection against air pollution. Sofia is one of the dirtiest towns in the country, the main reason being the busy traffic. The goal of the three projects is to minimize the pollution of the air in Sofia municipality by the purchase of rail motorcars for the subway, motor streetcars and low floor LPG coaches. These projects have been implemented within the shortest possible terms including delivery. The aim is to help the implementation of the OP, to contribute to the absorption of the funds in the current year and to reach the desired ecological effect.

The chairperson of the Committee proceeded to the next item on the agenda and gave the floor to **Mrs. Svetla Ivanova** who presented the last information on the preparation for the next programming period – 2014 -2020.

After the presentation **Mrs. Antoaneta Salfidzh, chairperson of the movement “I Love the Water”** and a representative of the Alliance of NGOs Vitosha 2002 took the floor for questions. She asked for more details on the subject of ecological innovations and whether they will refer to the water sector only or will extend to the other sectors of OPE. Mr. Salfidzh gave a recommendation on the increase of potential of representatives of the non-government sector by providing access to educational seminars and information related to the absorption of European funds.

The floor for comment was given to **Mrs. Beata Papazova, a representative of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry** who recommended that the teams working on the preparation of the next programming period take into consideration all problems and achievements; she continued to say that it is impossible to complete the task now due to lack of time. The representatives of the business community think that it will be more appropriate to finance the activities connected with water and waste treatment from OPE, not the funds from Operational Programme “Innovations and Competitiveness 2014-2020”. Industrial enterprises, being a generator of much waste and the reason for air and water pollution and users of ecological innovations, would like to be beneficiaries under OPE in the next programming period.

Mrs. Kroumova noted that as refers to the proposal to include NGOs in the building of potential, they have not been excluded from the training programmes. Anyhow, the topic will be discussed again by the team which is working on the next programming period. She continued to add that she will be accepting proposals on making the information as open and clear to the general public as possible. As concerns ecological innovations, the team has come up with a clear vision that it will be much more appropriate to include ecological innovations in the water and waste sectors which is in line with European legislation. The idea to include ecological innovation in OPE is to create the conditions for a new way of thinking which will convince the business that ecological innovations can be the means to increase revenues, market shares and competitive power.

Mrs. Kroumova commented Mrs. Papazova's proposal for including big companies in the list of beneficiaries and pointed out that such improvements do not lead to increases in competitiveness. They are rather connected with the principle "He, who pollutes, pays". Big industrial enterprises are debtors to ecology. The focus of OPE is the sewage system which is a public obligation. **Mrs. Iliana Pavlova of the Bulgarian Industrial Chamber** shared the view of Mrs. Papazova stating her opinion that the definition of beneficiary enterprises under OPE should be changed. Mrs. Kroumova replied that the definition of enterprises working with wastes has long become void. The focus now is on the definition of activities in the sphere of innovations. The question has been discussed with representatives of EC and has to be put to further research.

Mrs. Pavlova demanded for more information on the distribution of funds in per cent under different priority axes for the following programming period. Mrs. Kroumova replied that the distribution of funds depends to a great extent on the whole package of funds for the next operational programme. The expectations are that the distribution will not differ much from the existing one, i.e. 70% for the water sector, 20 % for wastes and the remaining funds will be shared between Biodiversity and Technical Assistance. This is a prognosis only and the final distribution will depend on the package and the national distribution through structural funds for operational programmes.

Mr. Simov took the floor for comments and appraised Mrs. Ivanova's presentation. Mr. Simov went on to ask about biodiversity and the project "Field Inventories on Distribution of Species, Evaluation of their Status and Habitats on the Territory of Bulgaria", its first phase reaching the amount of 9,8 MBGN. Mr. Simov shared his observations that for defining NATURA 2000, 3 MBGN has been spent including budget financing. If there is a second phase of the project, the evaluation should be done beyond the zone of NATURA 2000 since the evaluation has been completed and the danger of extinction of other species and habitats is much more prominent in other parts of the country. The next comment Mr. Simov made was connected with the lack of knowledge about biodiversity among the population.

Mrs. Kroumova thanked Mr. Simov noting that proposals referring to such measures in the operational programme, including education, have already been made. Measures referring to national strategy NATURA 2000 will be included in the programme for the next programming period. A lot of informational and educational campaigns are to be carried out among different target groups. As refers to field inventories which are being done, they have proved necessary for the defining the actual conservation status of habitats and species on the sites which could be used as a basis for successive monitoring. A single definition of the sites is not adequate to define the status of protection of habitats and species on one particular site. Mrs. Kroumova pointed out that there are is no overlapping of funds used for determining the boundaries of the zones.

Mrs. Papazova made a short explanation to her previous comments. Her idea was that it is much more logical to business to receive funds under OPE and the financing for treatment of water and waste generated by big industrial entities should be under OPE, using the means of financial engineering to build the necessary installations. In that case expensive activities will not be financed by European funds.

The floor was given to **Mrs. Aneta Ivanova of the Water Management Directorate at MoEW** to comment the statement. Mrs. Ivanova replied that it is important to start applying the combined approach to decrease pollution which corresponds to legislature. This means that our attention should be drawn to pollution during the technological process and then we can proceed with the efforts to construct treatment and cleaning stations which is a prerogative of the Ministry of Economy. Directorate Water Management supports the idea of water treatment during the technological process itself.

Mrs. Kroumova suggested that this discussion be continued in the workshop with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Economy in order to clarify the position of all sides. She went on to the next item on the agenda.

The floor was given to **Mrs. Marta Petrova, Team Leader for the Implementation of the Project** who had to make a presentation of the progress of the project in the Municipality of Gabrovo. The next item included a report of the progress in the implementation of another big project in the Water sector in the Municipality of Vratsa. The presentation was made by the deputy mayor of Vratsa, Mrs. Georgieva. After the two presentations Mrs. Kroumova shared her view of the importance of acquiring experience by learning from the difficulties in the implementation of the two projects.

The word was given to **Mrs. Irina Vanghele, a representative of EC** who addressed the Managing Authority and the Intermediate Body of OPE and advised them to continue their close cooperation with the municipalities and other bodies of government in order to act as advisors in solving difficulties that may arise in the process of implementation of the projects and to pass the experience on to other municipalities. She stated that these are good examples of cooperation with the public sector. Mrs. Vanghele congratulated the team working on the next programming period. She confirmed that our country is making great efforts to reach the target and stated the support to all representatives of EC.

Deputy Minister Kroumova thanked for the comment made and added that the cooperation and advice from EC are extremely important to the work of the team for the next programming period. She also thanked for the support to implement grand projects and guaranteed that the teams of the Managing Authority and the Intermediate Body will continue to speak about all good practices and even mistakes since sometimes they are quite a useful experience to all.

There were no comments on the last item of the agenda – “Others” and the chairperson of MC proceeded to close the meeting. She thanked all the attendees for their useful work and activity and declared the meeting closed.

List of Attendees:

Members and alternates of the Monitoring Committee:

Mrs. Malina Kroumova – Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water;

1. Mrs. Maria Lazarova - acting Director of the Cohesion Policy for Environment Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Water
2. Mrs. Joana Hristova – Director of the EU Funds for Environment Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Water
3. Mrs. Aneta Ivanova - Ministry of Environment and Water, the Water Management Directorate, alternate of Georgi Ivanov
4. Mrs. Penka Stoichkova - Ministry of Environment and Water, the National Service for Protection of Nature Directorate
5. Mrs. Maria Nedelcheva - Ministry of Environment and Water, the Environmental Policies Directorate
6. Mrs. Vesselina Roshleva – Environment Executive Agency, Monitoring and Evaluation of the Environment Directorate
7. Mrs. Tsvetelina Naidenova – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Programming of Regional Development Directorate, alternate of Denitsa Nikolova
8. Mrs. Lora Kapelovska – Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism, EU Funds for Competitiveness Directorate, alternate of Mustafa Chaushov
9. Mrs. Iva Jakimova - Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism, Torist Policy Directorate
10. Mr. Martin Georgiev –Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, Coordination of Programmes and Projects Directorate
11. Mr. Ivan Nikolov – Council of Ministers, Strategic Development and Coordination Directorate
12. Mrs. Lina Stoeva – Council of Ministers, Secretariat of the Administrative reform Council
13. Mrs. Denitsa Nedeva - Council of Ministers , Coordination of EU Directorate
14. Mrs. Stefka Porova – Council of Ministers, Operational Programme Technical Support Directorate
15. Mrs. Iliana Lazarova – Ministry of Finance, Economic and Financial Policy Directorate
16. Mrs. Teodora Iossifova – Ministry of Finance, Operational Programme Administrative Capacity Directorate
17. Mrs. Nikoilina Simeonova, Forestry Executive Agency
18. Mrs. Luisa Gorcheva – Fisheries and Aquacultures Executive Agency, European Fisheries Fund Directorate
19. Mr. Tsvetan Tsankov – Ministry of Interior, Criminal Police Directorate General
20. Mr. Peter Petrov – National Statistical Institute, Environmental Statistics Department

21. Mr. Atanas Atanassov – Mayor of the Municipality of Tvarditsa and a representative of the Regional Council for Development of South-Eastern regions for Planning
22. Mrs. Reneta Vassileva – Confederation of Independent Trade Unions in Bulgaria
23. Mrs. Iliana Pavlova – Bulgarian Industrial Chamber
24. Mrs. Beata Papazova – Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
25. Mrs. Juliana Jankova – The Confederation of Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria
26. Mr. Ivan Ivanov – Bulgarian Industrial Capital Association
27. Mr. Angel Sirakov - Programming of EU Funds Directorate, Council of Ministers

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28. Mr. Renaldo Mandmets – European Commission, Regional Policy GD;
29. Mrs. Irina Vangele - European Commission, Regional Policy GD;
30. Mr. Radoslav Nedyalkov – Ministry of Finance, Audit of EU funds Executive Agency;
31. Mrs. Manuela Milosheva – Ministry of Finance, The National Fund Directorate
32. Mrs. Miglena Pavlova – Public Procurement Agency;
33. Mr. Dimiter Dimitrov – Coalition for Stable Development;
34. Mrs. Antoaneta Salfidge – I Love Water Association, Alliance of NGOs Vitosha-2002;
35. Mrs. Katerina Rakovska –Blulink Foundation;
36. Mr. Valentin Simov – “Green Alliance” Movement“.

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