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2nd Joint Steering Committee Meeting

of the HERAS Project (Submarine Archaeological Heritage on the Western Black Sea Shelf)

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The 2nd Meeting of the Joint Steering Committee of the project "Submarine Archaeological Heritage on the Western Black Sea Shelf - HERAS", financed under Romania - Bulgaria Cross-Border Cooperation Programme was held on 11.03.2014 in the Institute of Oceanology - BAS (Partner 3), Varna, Bulgaria. Representatives of all five partners of the HERAS Project attended the meeting with 17 participants: GeoEcoMar Project teams (Legal Representative and team from Bucharest and project team from Constanta); Partner 2 MINAC Project implementation team; Partner 3 Legal Representative IO-BAS and project implementation team; Partner 4 Project implementation team and Partner 5 RESPIRO Legal Representative.

Prof. Dr. Atanas Palazov (Project Coordinator for Partner 3) acted as the Chair of the Meeting and Dr. Margarita Stancheva (oceanographer at Partner 3) acted as the Secretary of the Meeting. After the registration of HERAS project team participants, the meeting was officially opened by Prof. Dr. Atanas Palazov.

Dr. Glicherie Caraivan (Project Manager Lead Partner, Constanta) presented a general overview of the project activities over the first six months of the project. Each activity and the progresses and delays of each partner and at project level in that activity were discussed. Inventory of existing tourist management plans (A.6) and inventory and identification of existing and potential tourist attractions between Constanta and Kaliakra (A.7) were discussed in details. This activity (A.7) is in progress and the partial report about nature reserves from Romania and Bulgaria Natura 2000 (Pontic region network) was prepared by Lead Partner with collaboration of all other project partners and the report was inserted to the 2nd Progress Report.

A discussion followed also on specific training for direct underwater observations (scuba courses for researches and specific techniques involved in marine archaeology) - A.8.

