Improvement of Navigation Conditions
on the Romanian - Bulgarian Common Sector of the Danube

FAST DANUBE 2

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2nd Steering Committee Meeting,
10.12.2025, Bucharest, România

General information

Project name:
Improvement of Navigation Conditions on the Romanian Bulgarian Common Sector of the Danube
Acronym: **FAST Danube 2**

Project partners:

Romania:



- River Administration of the Lower Danube Galati – AFDJ Galati - Lead partner

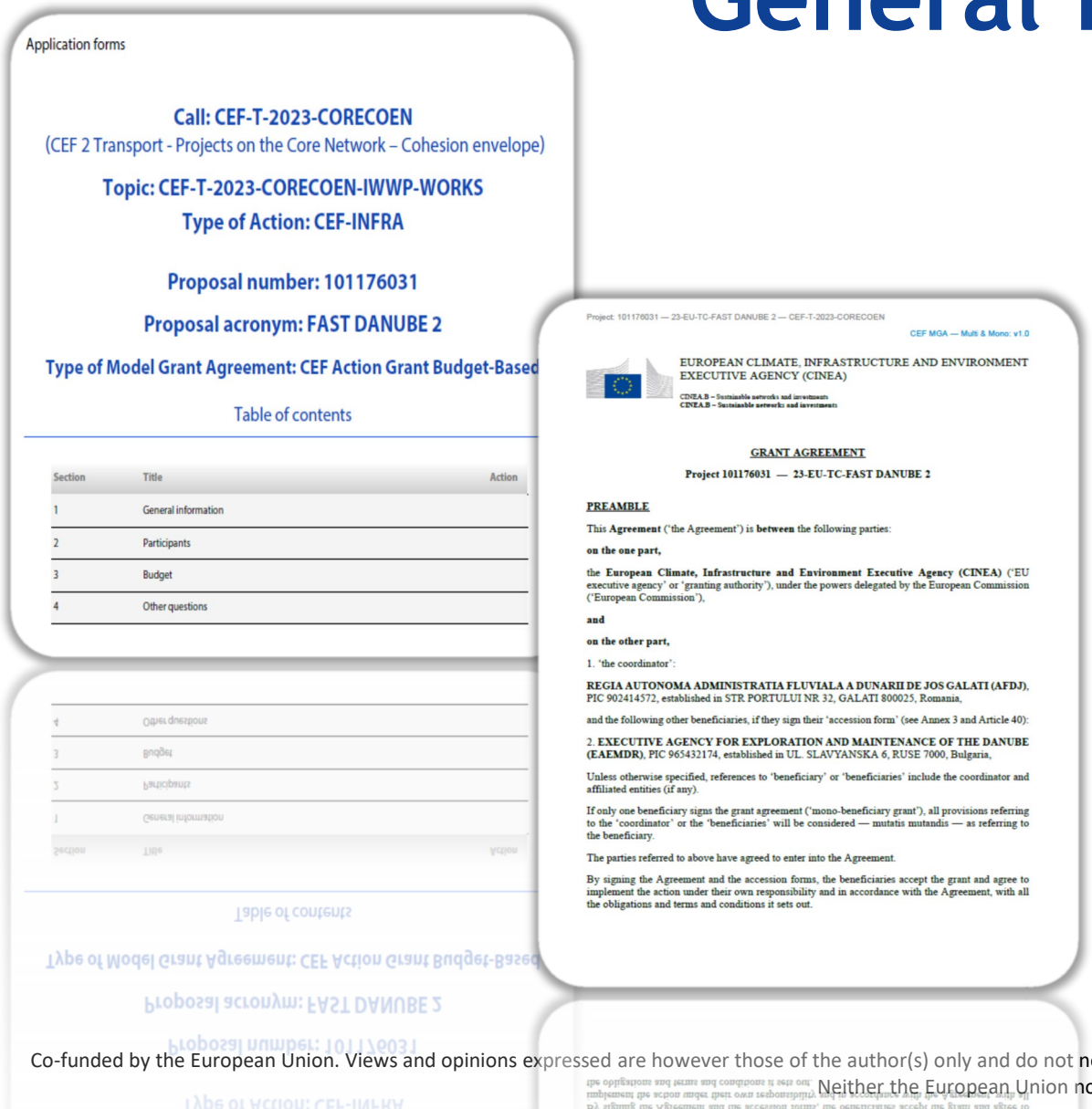
Bulgaria:



- Executive Agency for exploration and maintenance of the Danube river - EAEMDR Ruse - Partner;
- Ministry of Transport and Communications - Affiliated partner.

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Application forms

Call: CEF-T-2023-CORECOEN
(CEF 2 Transport - Projects on the Core Network – Cohesion envelope)

Topic: CEF-T-2023-CORECOEN-IWWP-WORKS
Type of Action: CEF-INFRA

Proposal number: 101176031

Proposal acronym: FAST DANUBE 2

Type of Model Grant Agreement: CEF Action Grant Budget-Based

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CEF MGA — Multi & Mono: v1.0

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GRANT AGREEMENT

Project 101176031 — 23-EU-TC-FAST DANUBE 2

PREAMBLE

This **Agreement** ('the Agreement') is **between** the following parties:

on the one part,

the **European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)** ('EU executive agency' or 'granting authority'), under the powers delegated by the European Commission ('European Commission'),

and

on the other part,

1. 'the coordinator':

REGIA AUTONOMA ADMINISTRATIA FLUVIALA A DUNARII DE JOS GALATI (AFDJ), PIC 902414572, established in STR. PORTULUI NR 32, GALATI 800025, Romania,

and the following other beneficiaries, if they sign their 'accession form' (see Annex 3 and Article 40):

2. **EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR EXPLORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DANUBE (EAEMDR)**, PIC 965432174, established in UL. SLAVYANSKA 6, RUSE 7000, Bulgaria,

Unless otherwise specified, references to 'beneficiary' or 'beneficiaries' include the coordinator and affiliated entities (if any).

If only one beneficiary signs the grant agreement ('mono-beneficiary grant'), all provisions referring to the 'coordinator' or the 'beneficiaries' will be considered — mutatis mutandis — as referring to the beneficiary.

The parties referred to above have agreed to enter into the Agreement.

By signing the Agreement and the accession forms, the beneficiaries accept the grant and agree to implement the action under their own responsibility and in accordance with the Agreement, with all the obligations and terms and conditions it sets out.

Application Form (submitted): 30.01.2024

Grant agreement (signed): 10.10.2024

Budget: approximately 230 mil. EURO

CEF funding 85 %.

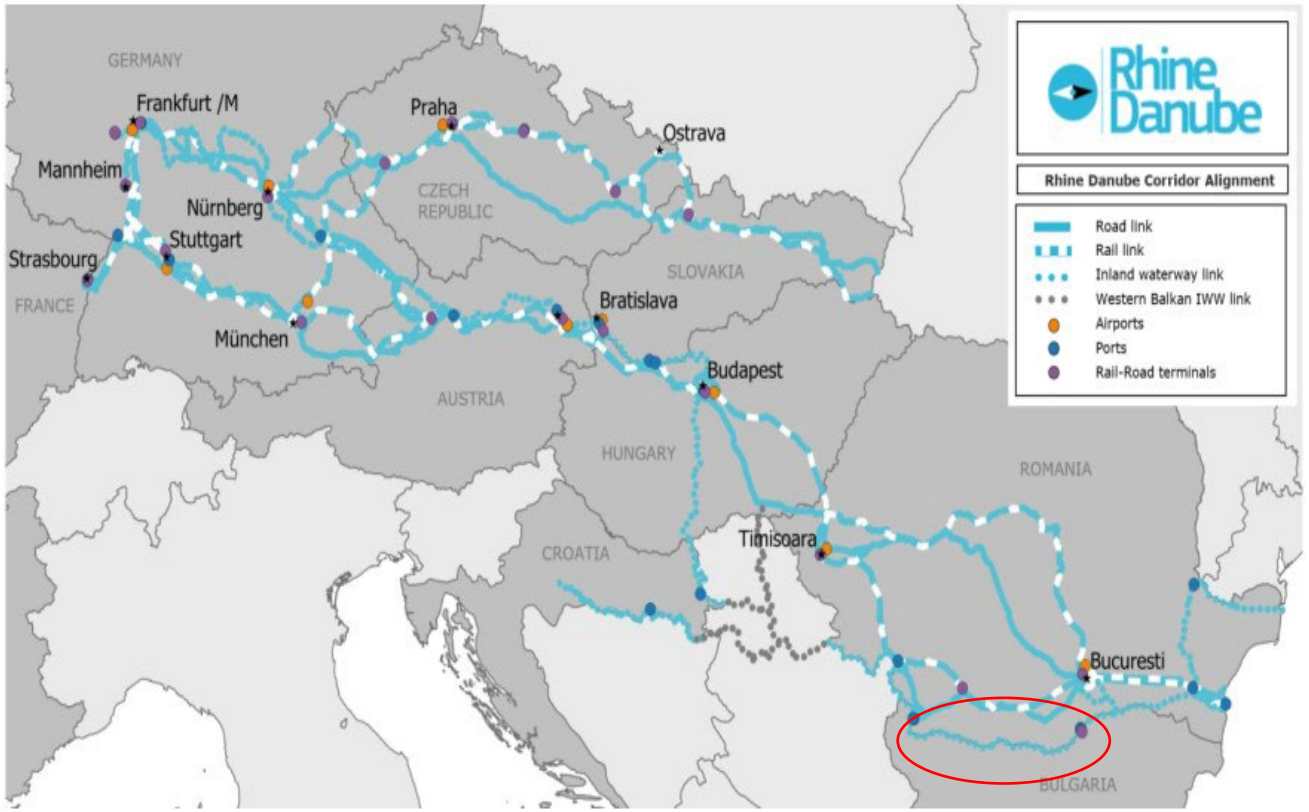
Project duration: 01.04.2024 – 31.12.2028

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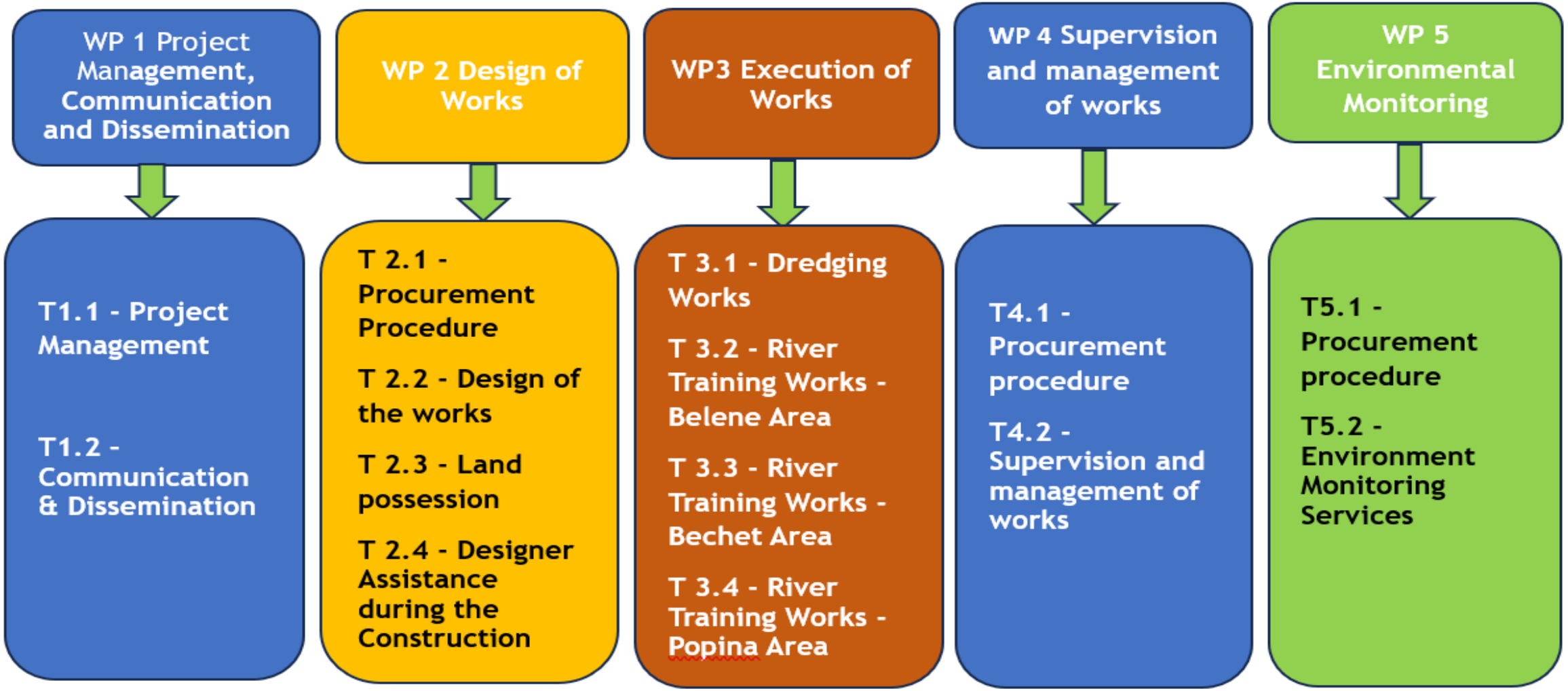
The Romanian-Bulgarian common sector is the longest cross border sector of the Danube, around 470 km, where the minimum fairway parameters according to Danube Commission recommendations are not met all year around, even if an important effort is done for the fairway maintenance and, therefore, the works for ensuring a 'Good Navigation Status' are necessary.



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Work Packages



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PROJECT STATUS

WP 1 Project Management, Communication and Dissemination

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T.1.1	Task	Project management	RO AFDJ		
M 1	Milestone	1st Steering Committee Meeting	RO AFDJ	30.06.2025	24.04.2025
M 2	Milestone	2nd Steering Committee Meeting	RO AFDJ	31.12.2025	31.12.2025
M 3	Milestone	3rd Steering Committee Meeting	RO AFDJ	31.12.2026	30.06.2026
M 4	Milestone	4th Steering Committee Meeting	RO AFDJ	31.01.2028	31.12.2026
M 5	Milestone	5th Steering Committee Meeting	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	30.06.2027
M48	Milestone	6th Steering Committee Meeting	RO AFDJ	31.03.2027	31.12.2027
M49	Milestone	7th Steering Committee Meeting	RO AFDJ	31.01.2028	29.09.2028
M50	Milestone	8th Steering Committee Meeting	RO AFDJ	31.05.2028	30.03.2029
M51	Milestone	9th Steering Committee Meeting	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	28.12.2029
D1	Deliverable	1st Progress Report	RO AFDJ	31.05.2025	31.12.2025
D2	Deliverable	2nd Progress Report	RO AFDJ	31.05.2027	31.05.2027

The first SCOM meeting was organized in Sofia, in 24.04.2025. During the meeting, were discussed and adopted:

- ✓ SCOM Rules of procedure;
- ✓ Action communication plan;
- ✓ The strategy for implementing the procurement within the project.

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WP 1 Project Management, Communication and Dissemination

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T.1.2	Task	Project communication and dissemination	BG EAEMDR		
M 6	Milestone	Kick-off meeting	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2024	24.04.2025
M 7	Milestone	1st Stakeholder Meeting	BG EAEMDR	30.06.2025	31.12.2025
M 8	Milestone	2nd Stakeholder Meeting	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2025	30.06.2026
M 9	Milestone	3rd Stakeholder Meeting	BG EAEMDR	30.06.2026	31.12.2027
M 10	Milestone	4th Stakeholder Meeting	BG EAEMDR	30.11.2026	30.06.2027
M 11	Milestone	5th Stakeholder Meeting	BG EAEMDR	31.07.2027	31.12.2027
M 12	Milestone	6th Stakeholder Meeting	BG EAEMDR	31.01.2028	31.07.2028
M 13	Milestone	7th Stakeholder Meeting	BG EAEMDR	31.07.2028	29.12.2028
M 14	Milestone	8th Stakeholder Meeting	BG EAEMDR	30.11.2028	28.09.2029
M 15	Milestone	Final event	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	28.12.2029
D3	Deliverable	Action Communication plan	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2024	31.01.2025

The kick off meeting was organized in Sofia, in 24.04.2025.

The 1st Stakeholder Meeting will be organized in 17.12.2025

The Action Communication Plan was submitted on F&T Platform in 31.01.2025 and was approved in 03.02.2025

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WP 2 Design of Works

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T2.1	Task	Procurement for the Design & Build Contract	RO AFDJ		
M 17	Milestone	Procurement for the Design & Build Contract - Oppening of Offers	RO AFDJ	31.10.2025	09.02.2026
M 18	Milestone	Signature of the Design & Build Contract	RO AFDJ	31.01.2026	30.10.2026
D4	Deliverable	Contract of the Design & Build	RO AFDJ	31.08.2025	30.10.2026

- Launching the tender procedure - October 24, 2025
- Offers opening was established on 9th of February, 2026
- Signing the contract - end of October 2026

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WP 2 Design of Works

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T2.2	Task	Developing the detailed design	RO AFDJ		
M 18	Milestone	Completion of the site investigations	RO AFDJ	31.01.2026	30.04.2027
M 19	Milestone	Completion of geological investigation	BG EAEMDR	31.03.2026	31.01.2028
M 20	Milestone	Completion of modelling activity	RO AFDJ	30.06.2026	30.09.2027
M 21	Milestone	Completion and approval of the Detailed Design	RO AFDJ	31.10.2026	31.12.2027
M 22	Milestone	Issuance of the building permit (Romania and Bulgaria)	RO AFDJ	31.12.2026	29.02.2028
D5	Deliverable	Report of the site investigations	RO AFDJ	31.03.2026	31.05.2027
D6	Deliverable	Report of the geological investigations	RO AFDJ	31.05.2026	31.01.2028
D7	Deliverable	Report of the technical solutions modelling	RO AFDJ	31.08.2026	30.09.2027
D8	Deliverable	Detailed Design of the works documentation	RO AFDJ	31.10.2026	31.12.2027
D9	Deliverable	Building Permit RO	RO AFDJ	31.12.2026	29.02.2028
D10	Deliverable	Building Permit BG	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2026	29.02.2028
D11	Deliverable	RO Government Decision for Transfer of Land Administration	RO AFDJ	31.12.2026	29.02.2028

The site investigations & the detailed design period:

November 2026 - February 2028

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T2.3	Task	Land possession	RO AFDJ		
M 23	Milestone	**Completion of the procedures related to the possession of site**	**RO AFDJ**	**31.12.2026**	**29.02.2028**

WP 2 Design of Works

Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T2.4	Task	Designer Assistance during Construction	BG EAEMDR		
M 24	Milestone	Completion of the Designer's Report at the Completion of Works and of the As-Build Drawings	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
D12	Deliverable	Designer's Report at the Completion of Works	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	31.12.2029

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WP3 Execution of Works

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T.3.1	Task	Dredging works	BG EAEMDR		
M 25	Milestone	Issuance of the Commencement Order	RO AFDJ	31.12.2026	29.02.2028
M 26	Milestone	Completion of dredging works in all RO critical areas	RO AFDJ	31.10.2027	29.06.2029
M 27	Milestone	Completion of dredging works in all BG critical areas	BG EAEMDR	31.10.2027	29.06.2029
D13	Deliverable	Works Commencement Order	RO AFDJ	31.12.2026	29.02.2028
D14	Deliverable	Contractor's Documentation (Work Program, Environmental Plan, Safety Plan etc.)	RO AFDJ	28.02.2027	30.06.2028
D15	Deliverable	1st Contractor's Periodic Report	RO AFDJ	29.02.2028	31.12.2028
D16	Deliverable	Preliminary Taking-over Certificate for the dredging works on the Romanian territory	RO AFDJ	01.10.2027	31.07.2029
D17	Deliverable	Preliminary Taking-over Certificate for the dredging works on the Bulgarian territory	BG EAEMDR	31.10.2027	31.07.2029

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WP3 Execution of Works

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T.3.2	**Task**	**Belene Area - River Training Works**	**RO AFDJ**		
T.3.3	**Task**	**Bechet Area - River Training Works**	**RO AFDJ**		
T.3.4	**Task**	**Popina Area - River Training Works**	**RO AFDJ**		
M 28	Milestone	Completion of river training structures in Bechet	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
M 29	Milestone	Completion of river training structures in Belene	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
M 30	Milestone	Completion of river training structures in Popina	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
M 31	Milestone	Completion and taking-over of all works on the Romania's territory	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
M 32	Milestone	Completion and taking-over of all works on the Bulgaria's territory	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
D18	Deliverable	2nd Contractor's Periodic Report	RO AFDJ	31.08.2028	30.11.2029
D19	Deliverable	Preliminary Taking-over Certificate for river training structures in Bechet	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
D20	Deliverable	Preliminary Taking-over Certificate for river training structures in Belene	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
D21	Deliverable	Preliminary Taking-over Certificate for river training structures in Popina	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
D22	Deliverable	Taking-over Certificate of all the works on Romania's territory	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
D23	Deliverable	Taking-over Certificate of all the works on Bulgaria's territory	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	31.12.2029

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WP 4 Supervision and management of works

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T.4.1	Task	Procurement procedure	RO AFDJ		
M 33	Milestone	Publication of the Procurement Notice for the Supervision Services Contract	RO AFDJ	31.12.2024	15.02.2026
M 34	Milestone	Signature of the Supervision Service Contract	RO AFDJ	30.06.2025	29.05.2026
D24	Deliverable	Contract for supervision and management of works	RO AFDJ	30.06.2025	29.05.2026

- Launching the tender procedure – December, 2025
- Offers opening February, 2026
- Signing the contract – end of May 2026

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T.4.2	**Task**	**Supervision and management of works**	**RO AFDJ**		
M 35	Milestone	Completion of the Design verification by the Supervisor	RO AFDJ	31.01.2027	31.01.2028
M 36	Milestone	1st Annual Report of the Supervisor	RO AFDJ	31.01.2026	29.01.2027
M 37	Milestone	2nd Annual Report of the Supervisor	RO AFDJ	28.02.2027	29.02.2028
M 47	Milestone	Completion of the 3rd Annual Synthesis Reports of the Supervisor	RO AFDJ	27.02.2028	28.02.2029
M 38	Milestone	Issuing the report at the completion of works	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
M 39	Milestone	Issuance of the Final Report of the Supervisor	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
D25	Deliverable	1st Annual Synthesis Report of the Supervisor/ FIDIC Engineer	RO AFDJ	31.01.2026	29.01.2027
D26	Deliverable	Supervisor's Report on Design Verification	RO AFDJ	31.12.2026	31.12.2027
D27	Deliverable	2nd Annual Synthesis Report of the Supervisor/ FIDIC Engineer	RO AFDJ	28.02.2027	28.02.2028
D28	Deliverable	Supervisor's Report at the completion of Dredging Works in RO and BG	RO AFDJ	31.12.2027	31.07.2029
D29	Deliverable	3rd Annual Synthesis Report of the Supervisor/ FIDIC Engineer	RO AFDJ	29.02.2028	28.02.2029
D30	Deliverable	Supervisor's Report at the completion of river training structures	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
D31	Deliverable	Final Report of the Supervisor/ FIDIC Engineer	RO AFDJ	31.12.2028	31.12.2029

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WP 5 Environmental Monitoring

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T.5.1	Task	Procurement procedure	RO AFDJ		
M 40	Milestone	Procurement procedure for the environmental monitoring services - Oppening the Offers	RO AFDJ	31.12.2024	28.10.2025
M 41	Milestone	Signature of the Environment Monitoring Contract	RO AFDJ	30.04.2025	27.02.2026
D32	Deliverable	Contract for Environment Monitoring	RO AFDJ	30.04.2025	27.02.2026

- Launching the tender procedure – September, 2025
- Offers opening October, 2025
- Signing the contract – end of February 2026

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Type/ Number	Type	Description	Leader	Due date	Actual date
T.5.2	Task	Environmental Monitoring Services	BG EAEMDR		
M 42	Milestone	Completion of the Detailed Environment Monitoring Plan	BG EAEMDR	30.06.2025	30.04.2026
M 43	Milestone	Completion the environment monitoring before the commencement of works	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2026	30.12.2027
M 44	Milestone	1st Annual Environmental Monitoring Report during the execution of works	BG EAEMDR	28.02.2028	28.02.2029
M 45	Milestone	2nd Annual Environmental Monitoring Report during the execution of works	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	31.12.2029
M 46	Milestone	Annual Environment Monitoring Report	BG EAEMDR	28.02.2026	26.02.2027
D33	Deliverable	Detailed Environment Monitoring Plan	BG EAEMDR	30.06.2025	30.06.2026
D34	Deliverable	Baseline Report for the Environmental Monitoring	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2026	31.12.2027
D35	Deliverable	1st Annual Environment Monitoring Report	BG EAEMDR	29.02.2028	28.02.2029
D36	Deliverable	2nd Annual Environment Monitoring Report	BG EAEMDR	31.12.2028	31.12.2029

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