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TEACHER-CE - a new INTERREG project has been launched

The current Central Europe Programme (CE), co-financed by the European Union, started an experiment during the last period: combining results of previously funded INTERREG, Horizon2020 and Life projects and developing new ideas, tools or strategies. Thus, the new project TEACHER-CE (Joint efforts to increase water management adaptation to climate changes in Central Europe) was created with partners coming from four different CE-projects (RAINMAN, FRAMWAT, PROLINE-CE, SUSTREE). The University of Ljubljana provides coordination and serves as Lead Partner.

In the upcoming two years 12 Project partners coming from 8 countries (Slovenia, Germany, Austria, Poland, Italy, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Hungary) and different fields of action - like water management, environment, forestry, agriculture, meteorology, spatial planning - will focus on the development of an integrated TEACHER-CE Toolbox for a climate-proof management of water related issues such as floods, heavy rain and drought risk prevention, small water retention measures and protection of water resources through sustainable land-use management. This innovative Toolbox for climate change adaptation and risk prevention will be directly tested in 9 Pilot actions in different countries. Through these experiences and direct feed-back by involved operators, who are also so-called Associated partners in this project (water suppliers, municipalities, cities, ministries, enterprises, NGOs, environment agencies, national parks) the creation of an optimized and tailored instrument can be guaranteed.

At the end of the project an integrated and joint strategy will be released for promoting and stimulating adoption of this innovative TEACHER-CE Toolbox for efficient use by decision makers in the field of water management planning. Due to uncertainties in future climate, the final goal will be to maximize the use of the Toolbox to effectively and robustly mainstream climate change adaption in sectoral plans like Flood-, River Basin-, Drought Management Plans and regional or local spatial plans.