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## FRAMWAT PROMOTES THE USE OF LANDSCAPE FEATURES TO IMPROVE STATE OF WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY.

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### NEWS



#### Presenting FramWat During Goljevšček Memorial Day

Project partners from Slovenia, used the opportunity to present the FramWat project during the 37th Goljevšček Memorial Day which is an annual event dedicated to the memory of Mr. Milovan Goljevšček. More can be read [here](#)



#### National Consultations

National consultations were held in [Austria](#), [Croatia](#), Hungary, [Slovenia](#), [Slovakia](#) and [Poland](#) during April and May 2018. The stakeholders from different water authorities, NGOs and state institutions participated during these events. The participants were presented with the main objectives of the project, and provided their opinions and inputs on the benefits of NWSRM for water bodies.



#### GIS Tool Training

FramWat partners involved in pilot catchments, were trained on the newly designed GIS Tool in Warsaw. The general functions of the tool were explained to the participants, and they had the opportunity to use the data from their own catchments to test the functionality of the tool. Feedback was provided in order to improve future versions of this tool. The training day ended with a field visit to the Vistula river banks. More [here](#).

### PUBLICATIONS

#### First FramWat leaflet

The FramWat leaflet has been designed and is available in English and 6 other languages from partner countries'. This leaflet presents the

main information about our project, its outputs and goals. It can be downloaded [here](#).

## Small retention – Big deal!



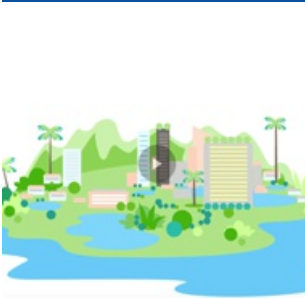
### INTERVIEW



#### Interview with Mr. Adam Kovacs (ICPDR) on FramWat and benefits of NWSRMs

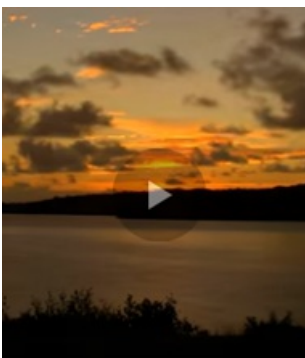
Adam Kovacs is a civil engineer with specialization in water quality management. He graduated from the Budapest University of Technology and Economics. He received a PhD in water resources management from the Vienna University of Technology. He worked in the academic sector as professor and research assistant for 12 years focusing on water quality modelling and management. [Read More](#)

### BEYOND FRAMWAT



#### World Wetlands Day this Year Focused on Urban Wetlands

February 2nd is the World Wetlands Day. This date marks the adoption of the Convention of Wetlands which was signed on 1971. This day serves to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands for ecosystems and livelihoods. Due to the expansion of cities and the impact this has on wetlands, this year the focus was on urban wetlands. As urban areas are expanding, the demand for land increases and in some cases, this results on the conversion of wetlands for construction of buildings and other infrastructural purposes. FramWat is closely connected to the goals of the World Wetlands Day. The aim of our project is to increase the potentials of soils and landscapes to store water by using small water retention measures. [See the video](#)



#### Small Water Retention Measures

The video is to provide information about the purpose and benefits of the small water retention measures. Small retention is an adaptive measure within the Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) as it serves to adjust to extreme climate variability; specifically, it helps retain water in the land during wet periods and slows down flood waves during flood periods. GWP Central and Eastern Europe is exploring the Small Water retention measures in a demonstration project within the Integrated Drought Management Programme in CEE (IDMP CEE), a joint programme of Global Water Partnership (GWP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). [See the video](#)

#### FramWat partners

Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW) is the oldest agricultural academic school in Poland. The research activity of the Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering covers a wide spectrum of environmental processes investigation and modelling along with environmental engineering and development. Significant fields of research are: integrated water resources management, application of GIS and remote sensing for determination of watershed parameters. As Lead partner, WULS will be responsible for organizational and operational aspects of FramWat project and will be in charge of Work Package 1 where Landscape Valorisation Method



(VM) and GIS Tool for identifying locations for N(S)WRM will be produced. WULS will have important role with preparation of the Manual (tool under WP2) as well. They will manage the overall data management and in some cases will process the data for all pilot. WULS will test FramWat tools on localization and effectiveness in Kamienna catchment and will design and develop Web Based Decision Support System and manage it on DEMO server for N(S)WRM planning tools.

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