

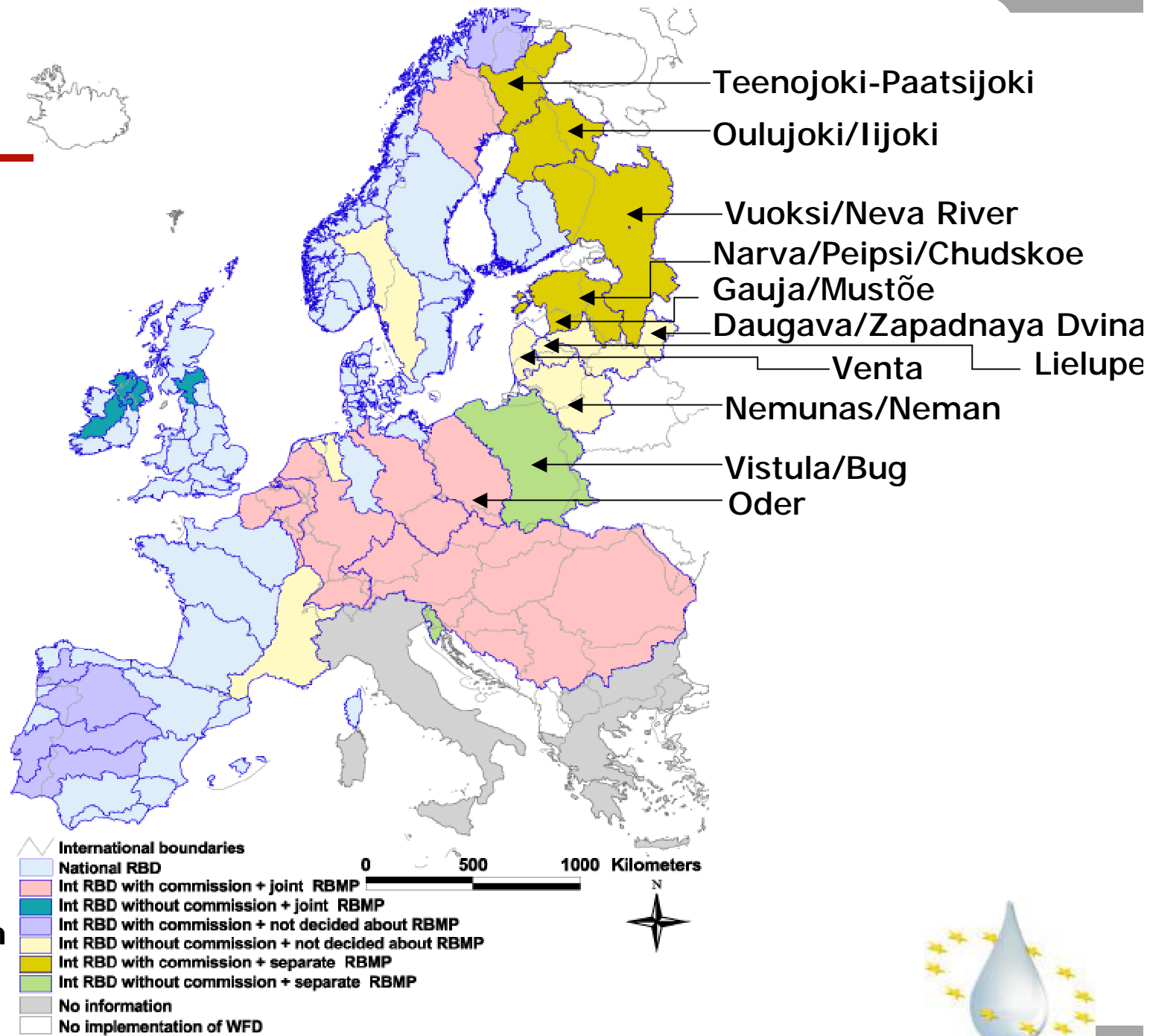
# Interreg IIIB Project Proposal: the **TR**Ansnational-river-basin- districts-on-the-eastern- side-of- the-**BA**ltic-sea **NeT**work



- International boundary
- International RBD
- National RBD
- No information
- No implementation of WFD



# Int'l RBDs – East Baltic



Decreasing co-operation



# Aim and objectives

## Aim

- To support the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive in the transnational river basin districts within the Eastern part of the Baltic Sea region, e.g. Narva, Daugava, Nemunas, Vistula, and Oder River basins.



## Objectives

- The project will establish an institutional transnational partnership network and initiate and carry out a number of activities with focus upon the development of Joint River Basin Management Plans. Some activities will be horizontal (for “all” int’l RBDs – ‘networking’ type), some will be vertical concerning only for Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina & Nemunas/Neman River Basins (demonstration type – in more direct support of developing a Joint RBMP).

# Beneficiaries = target group

- Transboundary water commissions & equivalent bodies
- Countries (Ministries, Agencies, NGOs and other WFD implementers) in concerned int'l River Basin Districts



# proposed project structure



- **WP1**  
Management Structures and Governance  
To be identified
- **WP2**  
River Basin Management Planning  
To be identified
- **WP3**  
Cross-sectorial and Public Participation and Outreach  
Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation
- **WP4**  
Monitoring, Pressure and Impact Analysis  
SYKE Finnish Environment Institute
- **WP5**  
GIS & River Basin Information Infrastructures and Systems  
KTH - Royal Institute of Technology

# Preliminary list of Partners

(=Beneficiaries & Centres of Excellence)



- Lead partner Royal Institute of Technology
- Partner 2 Center for Transboundary Cooperation, Estonia
- Partner 3 Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- Partner 4 UNEP/GRID-Arendal, Norway
- Partner 5 Estonian Ministry of the Environment
- Partner 6 Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Latvia
- Partner 7 Environmental Protection Agency of the Republic of Lithuania
- Partner 8 Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation
- Partner 9 Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental
- Partner 10 Neva Ladoga River Basin Administration
- Partner 11 Daugavas Projekts
- Partner 12 Finnish Environment Institute
- Others....???

# Initial set of proposed activities

(to be discussed/changed/amended)



- **A series of workshops addressing WFD implementation in transnational basin districts.**
- **Capacity building and support in development and use of GIS including WebGIS for map-making, reporting, analysis and public consultation (in accordance with the requirements of the directive).  
the use of spatial models for Pressure and Impact Analysis**
- **Distance course covering the role and use of information for transnational RB management**
- **Joint web site for relevant information resources and a joint bi-annual multi-lingual newsletter.**
- **Some of the activities will have a pilot project perspective, with replicability for other river basin districts.**

# Expected outcomes



- **Improved institutions (transnational river commissions & transnational river basin district authorities) with regard to WFD related spatial development activities**
- **Improved methods & tools for transnational river basin planning and management;**
- **A co-operative and strategic network for creating synergies regarding implementation of EU WFD for transnational river basins in the Baltic Sea Region.**



# Project duration & funding

(if accepted and funded by Interreg IIIB...)



- 3 years, starting late 2004, with the idea that the network continues (without Interreg funds..).
- Funding from Interreg IIIB: Ambition = Indicatively 1.5 mill EUR + complimentary national funds (25% for Objective 1 countries, 50% for other countries) + TACIS funds for RU & BY (complemented with national funds) => Total » 1.4 –2.5 mill EUR



# project development process (i)

Nov 7-Dec 23, 2003

Ø First draft project proposal

Early Feb, 2004

- Project consortium meeting (Vilnius/Riga?) – final discussions and agreement.

Early Feb – end Feb 2004

- Finalisation of project proposal

May - June, 2004

- Decision on acceptance/rejections known

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