



Flagship report

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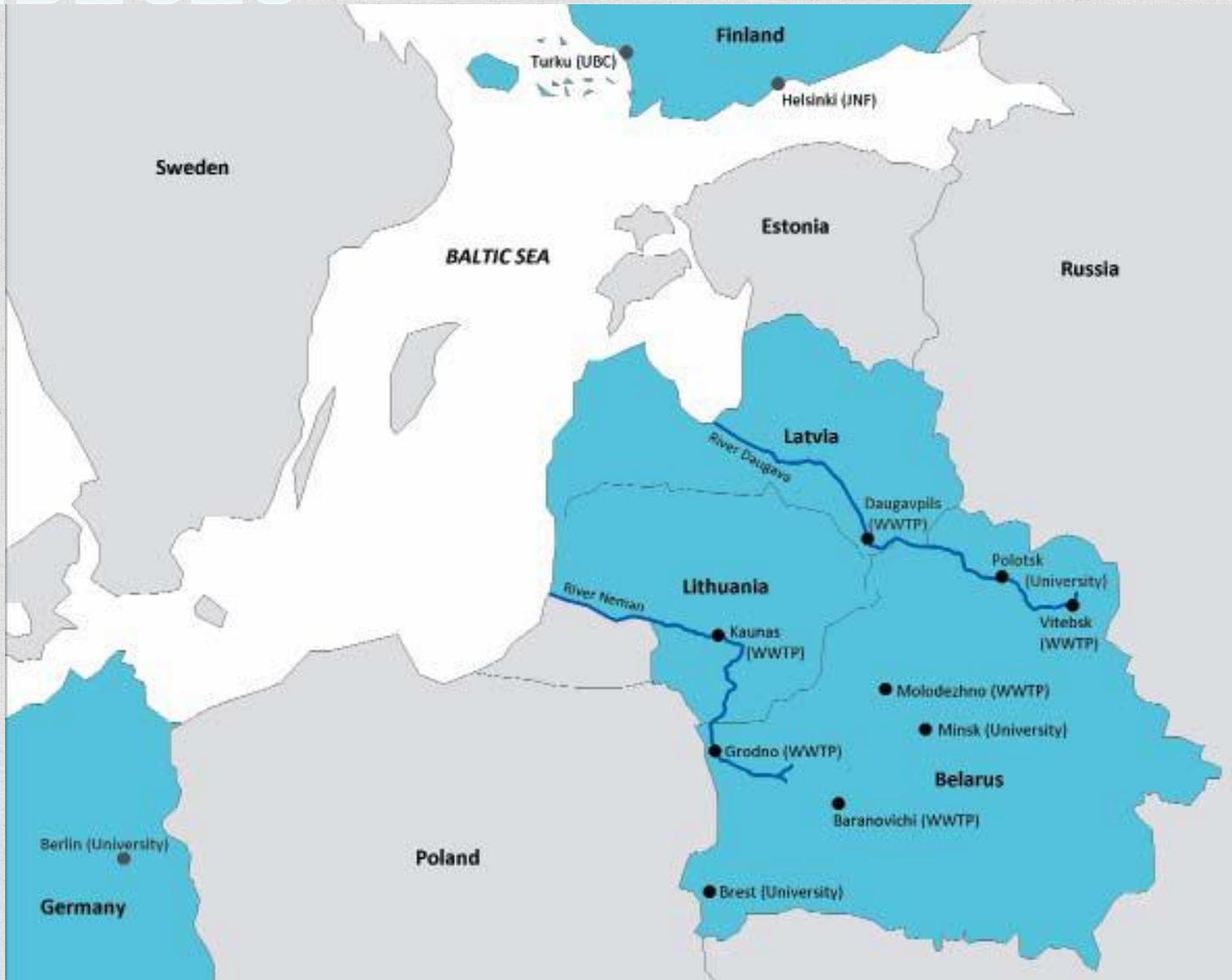
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Partners of the project



1. To **improve water quality** along River Daugava and River Neman and the Baltic Sea by direct investments – reduction of nutrient load at least **500 tons** per year
2. To **increase the competence** of operating staff of the WWTPs, plant designers and trainers of future wastewater engineers.
3. To **increase awareness** in the BSR about the harmful effects of nutrients in watercourses and how to tackle the problem.

- **Four technical audits and investment plans ready** (Vitebsk, Grodno, Molodechno and Baranovich Vodokanals), **one additional under preparation** for the associated partner Lida
- **Three local designs for the investment plans completed** (Grodno, Molodechno and Vitebsk)
- Tender documents for the three Vodokanals ready and **tenders launched**

- **Small scale investments implemented** in Daugavpils and Kaunas.
- **Awareness raised significantly** on reasoning for and needs (technological and political) of modern waste water treatment (nutrient removal) through **three thematic public forums**.
- **Partners and associated partners trained on modern wastewater treatment** (nutrient removal) through a series of five capacity building workshops.
 - Results introduced into academic education in Belarus

- **Cooperation with AquaBel to disseminate results in BY and to develop and establish lifelong learning concept in BY**
- **Official cooperation network** between the Belarusian partner universities plus University of Gomel and a **joint professorship** have been established as result of PRESTO
- Cooperation between the Belarusian universities and operators as well as between the EU and Belarusian operators themselves has been established on a long sustaining basis.

- **Draft framework** paper of development of the education on waste water treatment has been prepared.
- **Concept for common academic course** and a draft **study material package** on modern waste water treatment have been developed.
The course is planned to take place in December 2013 in Minsk.
- Joint project **funding application** to the German Ministry of Research is under preparation by Belarusian National Technical University and the Technical University of Berlin

- Agreement between Dutch Water Association and the PRESTO project has been established to have relevant **DWA standards** for the use of project on condition of translation and distribution in Belarus and Russia. Belarusian water management standards have and will be developed on basis of the DWA standards.
- Contents of a **booklet** on modern waste water treatment have been written (environmental aspects, technology and policy).

- In general, the financial situation in Belarus.
- Implementing public procurements in Belarus so that both EU and Belarusian regulations would be followed (origin, nationality).
- Differences in interpretation of the financial agreement between EC and Belarus.
- EU funding instruments are often not flexible enough to adjust into changing reality of the investment projects.