***Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process for the Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020***

**Report on fulfilment of regulatory requirements laid down in Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council**

***Decision of the Screening Committee on Romanian eligible area - 15 December 2015***

***English translation for the relevant paragraphs of the final decision:***

A screening process has been undertaken for the Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020 (Programme), according with the provisions of the Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (SEA Directive).

In this respect, the start of the screening procedure was published in mass-media, and the Programme’s strategy was published for public consultation on the websites of the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests and of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration.

No comments or proposals have been received from the public regarding the mentioned strategy of the Programme.

Consultation of the public health authority, of other authorities likely to be concerned by the environmental effects of implementing the Programme and of the Managing Authority was carried on during the meeting held on 15th of December 2014, according with the provisions of art.3, par.(6) of the SEA Directive.

The priorities and indicative activities of the programme have been analysed based on the provisions of art.3 par.(5) of the SEA Directive, and no projects related to the indicative activities have been identified as likely to have significant effects on the environment and found in annexes I and II of the Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment.

As a consequence, according with the provisions of art. 3 par.(7) of the SEA Directive, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests **decides that environmental assessment is not required** pursuant to art.5 of the SEA Directive **for the Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020**.

The public had the possibility to send comments regarding the draft decision until 15 of January 2015. There were no comments received from the public on the draft decision.

The final decision was issued by the MoE on 27 January 2015 and is published on the MoE and MDRAP websites together with the *Note on the screening conclusions in the participating countries and the reasons for not requiring an environmental assessment for the Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020*.