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Summary

This document reports the Study Visit and analysis best practices in EU countries-Bulgaria of the Erasmus+ Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education project "Soil Erosion and Torrential Flood Prevention: Curriculum Development at the Universities of Western Balkan Countries" (SETOF) held in Sofia, Bulgaria on the 12th of May 2022

The Study Visit commenced at 8:00 on 13th May when the participants visited the torrential catchment in Rila mountain – Saparevski dol. The torrent is part of the catchment area of the Struma River and is a tributary of the Dzhubrena River. The complex erosion control activities carried out in the catchment reduced the amount of eroded soil and the strength of the stream. Hydrotechnical facilities have retained a significant amount of sediment and have strengthened the banks of the river. There are still visible erosion processes in the bed of the torrent and the stream still has the power to carry out sediments with different sizes. Part of the facilities are damaged and disturbed.

The participants arrived at Saparevo Village where Eli Pavlova-Traykova present the story of Erosion control activities in Bulgaria and show the first manual of erosion control. After some words for the swellings of the torrent the participants went along the river to examine the erosion control activities in the watershed. The Study Visit was closed at 18:00

Conclusions

Conclusion is that the Study Visit and analysis best practices in EU countries – Bulgaria on the SETOF project was successfuly realized.

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