

## Instead of a foreword

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“This study could not have been produced without...” – a frequent and compulsory set of words in project documents, followed usually by the name of an institute, sponsor or research program which provided funding for the work. However, the person behind is rarely acknowledged. The person who delivers the project idea, who adheres the partnership through never-ending negotiations, who motivates successfully numerous colleagues to work together in an international environment and to utilise scientific results for solving real life problems. The person who coordinates project implementation from the start till the end, participates on each meeting and event, if needed leads the discussion or gives a presentation, but if needed stays in the background and gives space for younger colleagues, and through the joint work lays down the fundamentals of a new project by the way. The person without whom not only this project and its closing document but many others could not have been realised at all.

Gábor Mezősi, Professor of the Department of Physical Geography and Geoinformatics, University of Szeged is a Person of that kind. Over his more than 40 year long career in education, research and science management he has also undertaken a key role in the organisation and implementation of countless national and international projects. Such way he successfully developed project based collaboration among others with several departments of the University of Novi Sad and Voda Vojvodina, and meanwhile also deepened cooperation with the Lower Tisza Water Directorate by bringing new scientific contents to the joint work. This book, opening again new opportunities for further cooperation, is a clear manifestation of his constant and devoted efforts, for which we would like to express our deepest gratitude.

Thank you!

The Project Team

