



## Cooperation in MAPO strengthened the company's potential

*You have been part of an INCO project in the scope of the last European Framework Program, FP6. What was the project about? Which countries or regions were part of the project?*

MAPO enhanced research and development projects, involving SMEs in order to set up technological partnerships and find solutions to struggle against various marine pollutions. The main regions the project focussed on were Europe and Eastern Europe, especially the Ukraine as third country.

*How did you connect with the EU consortium? What was your role in the project? How easy was your integration in the project?*

We inserted our profile on the CORDIS website. About half year before the launch of the MAPO consortium building, our company Ecotechnika JSC has had contacts with France Europe Innovation (France), which has been involved also in the project management team and the proposal preparation. Then we were contacted by this partner and invited to participate. Ecotechnika performed the role of a Work package Leader. Since it was not our first participation to a FP project, we entered quite easy into the consortium. We as well as the other partners have been partially involved in the proposal writing. Ecotechnika gave especially inputs to the technical contents. As regards our further integration process, we did not meet any administrative or financial problems during the proposal preparation and project execution.

*What were the main benefits/drawbacks of such cooperation for your project?*

The cooperation in MAPO brought a set of excellent benefits as inputs into our company's experience baggage, thus strengthening the company's potential and provided important European contacts.