



## **EU WATER INITIATIVE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUES: IDENTIFYING GOOD PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED, SHAPING IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE**

### **Side event at the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention**

**Timing and:** Thursday, 29 November 2012, 13.30-14.50

**Location:** Sala del Mappamondo

**Organizers:** EU, UNECE, OECD, Ministry of Environment and Forests of Romania

**Languages:** English-Russian with simultaneous interpretation

Light lunch will be provided.

This side event aims to identify best practices in conducting NPDs to be shared between countries, improve the NPD process for the future, showcase NPDs as a potential approach for other regions, and identify opportunities for regional dialogues and cross-fertilization.

### **Programme**

Welcome by *Ms. Ana Drapa, Ministry of Environment and Forests of Romania as Chair of EUWI EECCA*

Moderator: *Mr. Bo Libert, UNECE Regional Adviser on Environment*

- Introduction to NPDs, *Mr. Nicola Di Pietrantonio, European Commission*

### **Organizing the NPDs – identifying good practices and lessons learnt, shaping the opportunities for improvement in the future - Interactive discussion**

- Making the NPD goals realistic and, at the same time, ensuring profound water policy reforms – how to balance these two objectives?
- How to ensure that relevant stakeholders are actively engaged in the NPD process? How can a sustained inter-sectoral interaction be achieved?
- How should the NPD process be set up to make it possible to be effective in case of political changes? How to ensure strong input and ownership by national partners?
- How to ensure effective participation of NGOs? What are the efficient means to achieve meaningful participation of all actors?
- The practice of using NPDs as coordinating platforms for international projects seems to be welcomed in all NPDs. How could this practice be strengthened to improve the dialogue and coordination between countries and international organizations/donors?
- How could national and regional dialogues, as well as EUWI EECCA Working Group meetings best contribute to the transfer of lessons learned by country dialogues and good international practices?
- Can NPDs be of interest to other regions – if yes, what are the challenges? What can EECCA NPDs learn from other regions?

### **Panelists**

- *Mr. Volodya Narimanyan, Head, Water Resources Management Agency, Armenia*
- *Mr. Abdybai Dzhailoobaev, First Deputy of General Director, Department of Melioration and Water Resources, Kyrgyzstan*
- *Mr. Gurbangeldi Ballyyev, Representative of Turkmenistan in the Executive Committee of IFAS*
- *Mr. Volker Frobarth, Director, Transboundary Water Management Programme in Central Asia, German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)*
- *Ms. Anna Tsvietkova, MAMA-86, Ukraine*
- *Mr. Michael Scoullios, Chairman, Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean*

**Closing remarks by Mr. Xavier Leflaive, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**