



European Union Water Initiative in the EECCA countries: review of NPD implementation

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The EU Water Initiative

- Launched by the EU Member States and European Commission in 2002
- It is a partnership for achievement of the Millennium Development Goals on Water, Sanitation and Sustainable Development targets
- Targets for Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) are to be reached in the context of an Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)
- Has four regional components: Africa, Latin America, Mediterranean and **Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)**
- An **umbrella initiative** at national level
- Implementing partners are UNECE (IWRM and trans-boundary waters) and OECD (economic and financial dimensions of WSS and IWRM)
- **EU contribution** for the 2nd phase in EECCA = **EUR 3.2 million** ($\pm 80\%$)





EUWI EECCA: National Policy Dialogues (NPD)

- National Policy Dialogues on IWRM and WSS are the main operational instrument of the European Union Water Initiative in EECCA.
- NPD is a platform for policy discussions and preparation and implementation of national policy documents – “policy packages”
 - led by a senior official, usually the Deputy - Minister for Environment/Water Resources
 - High-level officials representing different sectors of economy (water, agriculture, industry, other) comprise NPD Steering Committee
 - Stakeholders include governmental entities, NGOs, science, private sector entities,
 - Donors and international organizations take part in the SCs meetings





National Policy Dialogues on IWRM

- Since 2006, NPD on IWRM carried out in: AR, KG, MD and UA
- In 2010, NPD started in AZ, GE, TJ and TM. In 2012, NPDs to start in KZ
- Key issues to face:
 - **Strengthening legal frameworks on water** (EU WFD and other directives, Water Convention): development of water strategies, laws, regulations based on IWRM principles (AM, AZ, GE, MD, UA, TJ, TM). Synergies with OECD on financing
 - **Drinking water quality** (UNECE – WHO Protocol on Water and Health) (MD, UA, AM, GE). Synergies on WSS with OECD
 - **National policies for management of trans-boundary waters** (UNECE Water Convention) (AZ, GE, MD, UA, TJ)
 - **Adaptation of the water sector to climate change** (MD, UA)
 - **Use of economic instruments** for WRM and **business management models** for water users associations or river basin management authorities





EUWI EECCA: selected achievements

- National water strategies based on IWRM under development in Tajikistan and Azerbaijan
- Analyses on target setting on water and health completed in two river basins in Kyrgyzstan
- National legislation analysed and subsequent accession to the Water Convention by Turkmenistan
- A reform of tariff policies in Armenia
- Draft agreement for transboundary river cooperation between AZ and GE
- Action and Investment plan for water supply and sanitation in Moldova + Governmental order on wastewater discharges from municipal sources
- A roadmap to set up regional water utilities in Ukraine





EUWI EECCA: state of play in Central Asia

Turkmenistan

- **Focus**
 - Introducing IWRM principles in the national legislation
 - Accession to Water Convention
 - Awareness on IWRM
- **Outcomes**
 - Inter-ministerial expert group (2011-2012) analysed national legislation and recommended accession to Water Convention
 - Parliament voted for accession to the Water Convention (2012)
 - Awareness raising activities carried out (2011)





EUWI and the EECCA region: trends & challenges

- Operations in the water sector in the EECCA region are growing in number and complexity.
- The increasing amount of financial and technical resources allocated to the ENP and CA countries reflects the importance of these regions.
- Better coordination among EU and non EU-funded initiatives in the region is necessary to rationalise interventions and avoid overlapping.
- This implies a better definition of the activities implemented in the framework of each EU-funded projects which will result in a more efficient use of the financial and technical resources of each project.
- The EUWI EECCA is no exception → EC to improve donor coordination in cooperation with Partner countries.





EUWI EECCA: the way ahead

- EUWI beyond 2014 currently under review by the European Commission services
- Continuation of the process depends on the results achieved and on countries' commitment
- Future support method to be elaborated based on project results assessment and on the orientations provided by Partner Countries





Thank you for your attention!

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