



Coordination of regional activities under EUWI EECCA: main issues

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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 countries reflects the importance of this region for the EU.
- 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: an overarching initiative

- EUWI as an umbrella initiative at national level.
- Work at policy level needs link with projects in the field to support the policy reform agenda: coordination is essential to avoid duplication of activities and inefficient use of project resources.
- Main on-going initiatives in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus:
 - *Environmental Protection of International Rivers (EPIRB)*
 - *Trans-boundary River Management for the Kura River – Phase III*
 - *Sector Budget Support in Ukraine and Moldova*
 - *Towards a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS)*





EUWI EECCA: the need for coordination (I)

Coordination in targeting and designing interventions

- Division of labour, open communication channels, selection of pilot river basins
- Select and prioritize areas of intervention
- Focus on investments to ensure post-project sustainability

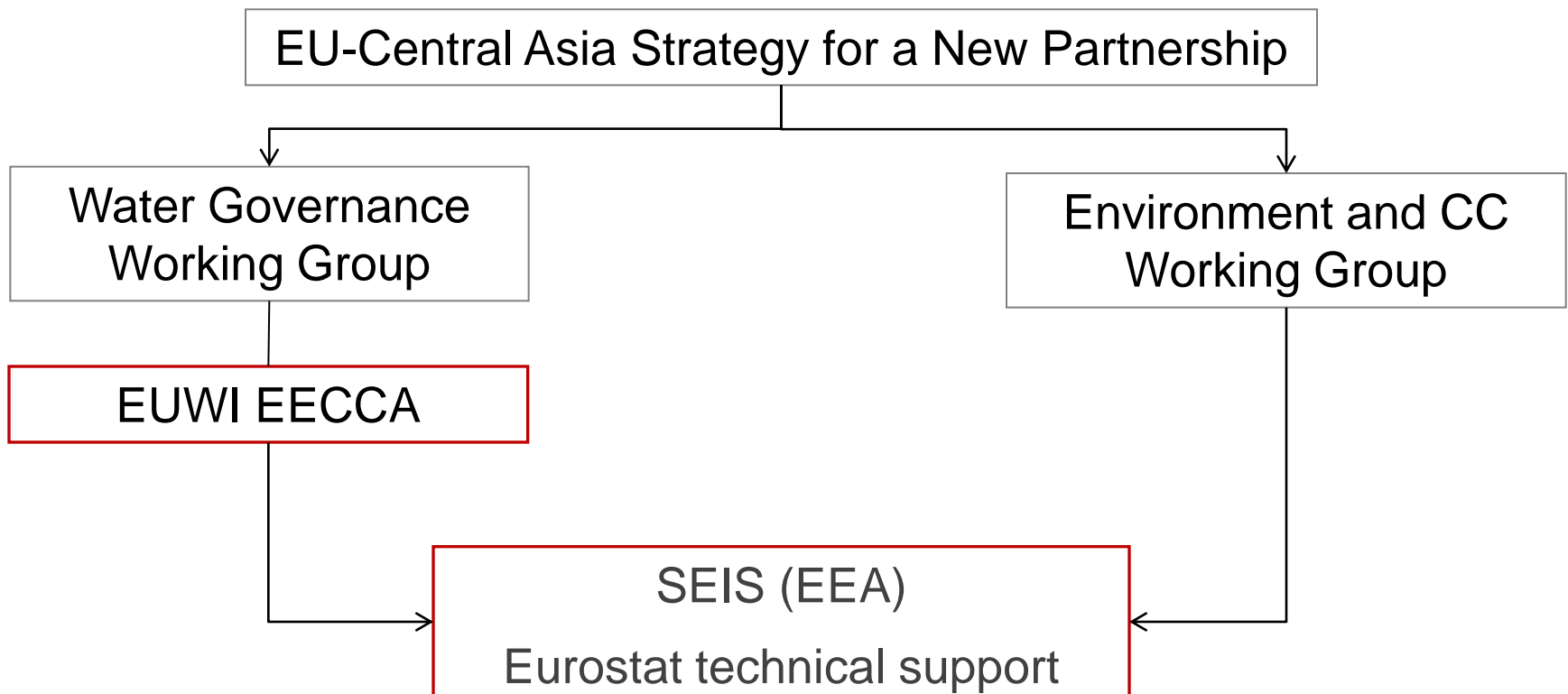
Coordination in data collection and sharing

- Data use for policy-making is unsatisfactory
- Fragmented data collection practices, different methodologies, limited compatibility of countries' data collection systems
- EU supports partner countries to overcome such constraints through TA projects at national level and in the field (sampling, processing, testing, methodology etc.)





EUWI EECCA: the need for coordination (II)





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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