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Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia  
(EUWI EECCA) Working Group**

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**Indicative Workplan 2012-2013**  
*endorsed by the Working Group*

**EUWI EECCA National Policy Dialogues on IWRM and WSS**

<b>Horizontal and country activities</b>	<b>Areas of work IWRM (UNECE)</b>	<b>Areas of work on WSS and the financial and economic dimensions of WRM (OECD)</b>
<b>Coordination</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">EUWI EECCA Working Group meeting 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stockholm World Water Week 2012 (side event)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Provision of coordination platform for water-related projects and activities during Steering Committee/Coordination Council meetings</p>	
<b>Communication</b>	<p>Meeting of the Parties to UNECE Water Convention (side event)</p> <p>NPD Update</p> <p>Press releases on SC meetings</p>	<p>Annual OECD/EAP Task Force meeting</p> <p>OECD/EAP Task Force E-alerts</p> <p>New website</p>
<b>Stakeholder involvement</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Strengthening communication and stakeholder involvement through stakeholder meetings</p>	
<b>Benchmarking</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Benchmarking report on NPDs IWRM</p>	
<p><b>Armenia</b> <i>Lead</i> <i>ministry/agency:</i> <i>Ministry of Nature Protection, State Agency of Water Resources Management</i></p>	<p>Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health - preparation of an action plan and a governmental regulation</p>	<p>Strengthening economic and financial dimension of water resources management – study on adaption of the existing economic instruments and application of new ones to build stronger political support.</p>
<p><b>Azerbaijan</b> <i>Lead</i> <i>ministry/agency:</i> <i>Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Water Resources Agency</i></p>	<p>Finalization of the National Water Strategy</p> <p>Development of bilateral water agreement with Georgia</p> <p>Development of an implementation plan for the National Water Strategy (tentative)</p>	<p>Exploring potential costs and benefits from improved transboundary water management</p> <p>Organisation of a regional conference on implementation of economic principles of the EU Water Framework Directive and Integrated Water Resources Management in Azerbaijan</p>



<p><b>Georgia</b> Lead ministry/agency: Ministry of Environment Protection</p>	<p>Finalisation of the concept for new water legislation taking into account EU WFD National water IWRM strategy (tentative) Development of bilateral agreement with Azerbaijan Accession to the UNECE Water Convention Setting targets for the UNECE/WHO-Europe Protocol on Water and Health</p>	<p>Assistance in developing a sound tariff policy for the water supply and sanitation sector and streamlining the sector reform</p>
<p><b>Kazakhstan</b></p>	<p>Agreement on areas of work for the NPD reached, Steering group established and implementation starts</p>	
<p><b>Kyrgyzstan</b> Lead ministry/agency: Department of Water Management and Land Reclamation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation</p>	<p>Application of river basin management approach through development of the river basin management plan for the Chu River Application of the principles of the Protocol on Water and Health: setting targets Preparation of policy brief</p>	<p>Improving the Use of Economic Instruments for Water Resources Management: - Recommendations for Chu basin; - Action plan for Issyk-Kul basin.</p>
<p><b>Republic of Moldova</b> Lead ministry/agency: Ministry of Environment</p>	<p>Support to the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health through the work to achieve established targets Transboundary climate change adaptation strategy for the Dniester basin</p>	<p>Adaptation strategy for WSS National conference to present the adaptation strategy for WSS and viable business models for sanitation in small towns and rural settlements</p>
<p><b>Russian Federation</b></p>	<p>Support to water management sector reform - National Conference</p>	
<p><b>Tajikistan</b> Lead ministry/agency: Ministry of Land Reclamation and Water Resources</p>	<p>Water Sector Reform through the work on the legal and institutional frameworks based on IWRM principles Strengthening transboundary cooperation with Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan</p>	<p>Work on sustainable financing of the water sector in Tajikistan through development of a sound tariff policy (water for agriculture and/or water supply and sanitation)</p>
<p><b>Turkmenistan</b> Lead ministry/agency: Ministry of Water Economy</p>	<p>Support to the understanding and application of the principles of the UNECE Water Convention as part of the accession process Incorporation of IWRM principles in the national legislation and awareness on IWRM Analyses and development of transboundary water cooperation Support to accession to other environmental instruments (tentative)</p>	



<p><b>Ukraine</b> <i>Lead ministry/agency: Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing Municipal Economy</i></p>	<p>Transboundary climate change adaptation strategy for the Dniester basin</p> <p>Equitable access to water (tentative)</p>	<p>Economic and fiscal incentives to promote inter-municipal cooperation for WSS</p> <p>Development of a sustainable business model for one river basin council.</p>
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