

EAP Task Force

**GROUP OF SENIOR OFFICIALS
ON THE REFORMS OF THE URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION
IN EASTERN EUROPE, CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA**

SECOND MEETING: EVALUATING THE PROGRESS OF REFORMS

AGENDA

VENUE

**OECD Headquarters
Room 1, New Building,
2 rue Andre-Pascal, 75016 Paris, France**

TIME

**30 November 2002, Saturday - arrival, 1 December 2002, Sunday - free day
2-3 December 2002, Monday and Tuesday - meeting
4 December 2002, Wednesday - departure**

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Background

The Group of Senior Officials on Urban Water Sector Reform in the EECCA¹ has been established according to the conclusions of the Ministerial Consultation on Water Management and Investments in Almaty, October 2000. The main objective of the Group is to promote policy reforms in the urban water sector and to elaborate practical approaches for the implementation of the Almaty Guiding Principles for the Reform of the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector in the EECCA.

At its first meeting in Kiev, September 2001, the Group of Senior Officials adopted its Work Programme for 2001-2003, focusing on three main issues: regulatory and institutional reform; economic and financial reform; social protection and consumer involvement in the sector reform. The implementation of the Work Programme is carried out through annual meetings of the Group, expert seminars and demonstration projects in selected countries. Ukraine and Denmark chair the Group, OECD/EAP Task Force is providing secretarial support to the Group.

During one year that has passed since the creation of the Group and the adoption of its Work Programme, a number of activities have been launched. The EU initiative on water, including its EECCA component, was announced at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, and may give additional support to the activities of the Group. The forthcoming "Environment for Europe" ministerial meeting, which will take place in Kiev in May 2003, will provide an opportunity to attract additional international attention to the reform of the urban water supply and sanitation sector in the EECCA.

Objectives

The main objective of the second meeting of the Group is to review the progress in the implementation of the Group's Work Programme and to agree on the future activities. In particular, the agenda of the meeting will include the following issues:

1. Exchange of experience between the officials and experts from the EECCA, OECD and Central and Eastern European countries;
2. Discussion and endorsement of the results of selected projects, including:
 - utility performance indicators;
 - models of utility reforms;
 - water tariff guide;
 - guidelines on social protection and consumer involvement in sector reform;
3. Future activities of the Group in the context of international co-operation, including:
 - EU water initiative and its EECCA component, in the framework of the EECCA Environment Strategy;
 - monitoring and evaluation of progress in water sector reforms, reporting to the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Kiev, May 2003.

Participants

The second meeting will bring together the members of the Group - officials responsible for water supply and sanitation from 12 transition economies of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Experts from OECD and Central and Eastern European countries, representatives of international financial institutions (IFIs), international organisations and donors, private sector and consumer/public organisations will also be invited. Simultaneous English-Russian interpretation will be provided.

¹ EECCA stands for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, and covers 12 transition economies of the former Soviet Union: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. In the past the countries of this region were often referred to as the NIS (New Independent States).

DRAFT AGENDA

<i>Saturday, 30 November</i>	
	<i>Arrival</i>
<i>Sunday, 1 December</i>	
	<i>Free day</i>

<i>Monday, 2 December</i>	
Opening	OPENING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
9.30	<p><i>Opening and introduction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hryhory Semchuk, Chairman of the State Committee of Ukraine for Housing and Communal Services, Co-chair of the Group, <i>Welcome</i> ◆ Palle Lindgaard-Jorgensen, the Danish Environment Protection Agency of the Ministry of Environment, Co-chair, <i>Welcome</i> ◆ Brendan Gillespie, EAP Task/OECD, <i>Welcome and Meeting Agenda</i>
Session 1	UTILITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
10.00	<p><i>Chair: Hrygory Semchuk</i></p> <p><i>Key note address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sergei Sivaev, Institute of Urban Economics, Russia, <i>Methodology for information gathering and analysis, performance indicators tool kit, outcomes of the demonstrations projects in Russia, Ukraine and Moldova</i> <p><i>Discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Iuriu Nistor, Association of water utilities Apa-Canal Moldova, <i>Application of performance indicators for decision making,</i> ◆ Ilia Abramovich, Ukrainian Research Institute “Progress”, <i>Experience of Ukraine</i> ◆ William Kingdom, IBRD, <i>IFI’s perspective on the usefulness of performance indicators</i>
11.00	COFFEE BREAK
11.30	<i>Discussion</i>
12.30	LUNCH BREAK
Session 2	PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS AND OTHER KEY INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS
14.00	<p><i>Chair: Palle Lindgaard-Jorgensen</i></p> <p>Part 1: Performance Contracts</p> <p><i>Key note address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Aki Yamaguchi, EAP Task Force/OECD in co-operation with Guillermo Yepes, Consultant, <i>Theory of the performance contracts</i> <p><i>Discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vyacheslav Mussatkin, Deputy chairman of the Committee for property relations of Syzran, Samara region, <i>Experience of the Municipal Utility Reform</i> ◆ Antoine Grand D’Esnon, President of the Service Public 2000, <i>French experience</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15.30	COFFEE BREAK
16.00	<p>Part 2: Private Sector Participation</p> <p><i>Presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ David Milnes, Consulting Company WRc, <i>Experience with utility reform in the CEE and lessons for EECCA</i> ◆ Brendan Gillespie, EAP Task Force/OECD, <i>Financing of urban water sector and private sector involvement, based on the World Bank/OECD seminar</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
17.30	<i>Closing of the day</i>
18.00	COCKTAIL (MARSHALL ROOM)
20.00	BUS TOUR AROUND PARIS

Tuesday, 3 December	
Session 3	WATER TARIFFS
9.00	<p><i>Chair: Palle Lindgaard-Jorgensen</i> <i>Key note address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Orest Lototskii, Deputy Chairman of the State Committee of Ukraine for Housing and Communal Services, <i>Guide to the Municipal Tariff Reform in the EECCA</i> <p><i>Discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vyacheslav Loktionov, Ministry of Economic Development of Russian Federation, <i>Feasibility of water tariff reform</i> ◆ Alexander Vysokinski, Economic Department of the city of Ekaterinburg, Russia (TBC), <i>Pricing in water municipal sector</i> ◆ Sergiei Tarasyuk, Deputy Mayor of Lutsk, Ukraine, <i>Tariff reform impact on municipal economy in Ukraine</i> ◆ Nurman Aldaberguenov, Almaty Department of the Agency for regulating natural monopolies and protecting competition, <i>Kazakh experience</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
10.30	COFFEE BREAK
Session 4	CONSUMER GUIDELINES
11.00	<p><i>Key note address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Alexander Kucherenko, PADCO Ukraine/EAP Task Force, <i>Guidelines for Consumer Protection and Public Participation in the Urban Water Sector Reform in the EECCA</i> <p><i>Discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Tamara Mischenko, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine, <i>Measuring affordability of water for consumer and implementing social protection measures to ensure access to water for the poor: experience in Ukraine</i> ◆ Sona Haroutunyan, Ministry of Social Security of Armenia, <i>Armenian approach</i> ◆ Polina Kruchkova, Russian Association for the Protection of Consumer Rights, <i>Protecting the rights of consumers and promoting public involvement in reforms</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12.30	LUNCH BREAK
Session 5	FUTURE ACTIVITIES
14.00	<p><i>Chair: Hrygory Semchuk</i> <i>Key note address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Peter Borkey, EAP TF/OECD, <i>Monitoring report about the progress of water sector reforms in the EECCA for the Kiev 2003 "Environment for Europe" ministerial conference</i> ◆ Olga Savran, EAP TF/OECD, <i>Environment Strategy for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia</i> ◆ Palle Lindgaard-Jorgensen, the Danish Environment Protection Agency, <i>EU Water Initiative and its EECCA Component</i>
16.00	COFFEE BREAK
16.30	<i>Discussion</i>
Closing	CLOSING
17.30-18.00	<p><i>Closing of the meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Evaluation of the meeting
Wednesday, 3 December	
	<i>Departure</i>