

EAP Task Force



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JOINT MEETING OF

THE EU WATER INITIATIVE'S EECCA WORKING GROUP

**THE OECD EAP TASK FORCE'S GROUP OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FOR WATER SECTOR REFORM IN
EECCA**

Bucharest, 12 – 13 May 2008

<i>Monday, 12 May 2008</i>	
08.30 - 9.00	Registration
09.00 - 09.30	OPENING REMARKS
	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucia Ana Varga, Secretary of State, Romania - Peter Borkey, OECD/EAP Task Force - Rainer Enderlein, UNECE - Dumitru Dorogan, European Commission
SESSION 1	SESSION 1 – REVIEW AND UPDATING OF THE EECCA WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES
09.30 - 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing National Policies Dialogues (OECD/UNECE) - Monitoring (EUWI – EECCA Technical Secretariat) - Joint Process with the EU Water Framework Directive (EUWI – EECCA Technical Secretariat)
10:30- 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
SESSION 2	INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
11.00 - 11.20	<p>The principles of integrated water resources management are increasingly recognized as the basis for water sector policy making. However, the implementation of these principles is still hampered by a number of obstacles, of which institutional weaknesses is an important one.</p> <p>This session would look into the role of river basin organizations and river basin councils and how such organizations/councils could help to improve the implementation of sector policies.</p> <p>Integrated Water Resources Management in Romania. Role of the River Basin Committees – Mr. Gheorghe Constantin, Director for Water Resources Management, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development</p>
11.20 - 11.40	<p>Role played by the “Agences de L’Eau” in France – TBC</p> <p>(International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River a successful Experience on transboundary water management - Philip Weller , Executive Secretary ICPDR)</p>
11.40 - 12.00	<p>Integrated Water Resources Management in Ukraine. Future challenges –Mr. Mikola Babici, Deputy Head of the Ukrainian State Committee for Water Management</p>

12.00 - 12.15	Integrated Water Resources Management in Moldova. Main results of the EECCA project input - Mr. Ruslan Melian, Institute Acvaproiect, Chisinau
12.15 - 12.30	Integrated Water Resources Management in Armenia. Main results of the EECCA project input – Ms. Vladimir Narimanyan, deputy head, Water Resources Management Agency of the Ministry of Nature Protection
12.30 - 13.30	Discussion (Mr. Rainer Enderlein, UNECE)
13.30 - 14.30	LUNCH BREAK
SESSION 3	IMPROVEMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY IN WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION. TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF OVER-FRAGMENTATION
14.30 - 14.45	Identifying the challenges linked to over-fragmentation of the water supply and waste water sector in EECCA countries – Mr. Vladimir Rudoy, head of Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Ministry of Municipal and Housing Economy, Ukraine
14.45 - 15.00	Experience of Romania in reducing over-fragmentation and improving capacity and management dimension of the water and sanitation sector –Ms. Venera Vlad, Director, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
15.00 - 15.15	Inter-municipal cooperation for water supply and sanitation in an EU country (e.g., Austria) – Mr. Daniel Wiltschnigg, KommunalKredit Public Consulting on behalf of Austrian Development Cooperation (TBC)
15.15 – 15.30	Questions for clarification
15.30 – 15:45	COFFEE BREAK
15:45- 17.00	Discussion in groups (in 2-3 groups)
17.00 - 17.30	Presentation of key results from each of the groups
17.30 - 17.45	Closing remarks of the day 1
19.00	COCKTAIL OFFERED BY THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

<i>Tuesday 13 May 2008</i>	
SESSION 4 (90 MINUTES):	EXPERIENCE CONCERNING RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION
09.30 - 09.45	Rural Water Supply and Sanitation in Bulgaria/Hungary – Mr. Vladimir Dontchev, Water Director, Ministry of Water and Environment/Gyula Hollo, Water Director Hungary (TBD).
09.45 - 10.00	Rural Water Supply and Sanitation in Armenia - Ms. Elmira PAPYAN, deputy head of Financial Department of the State Committee of Water System, Armenia
10.00 - 10.15	Questions for clarification
10.15 – 10.45	COFFEE BREAK
10.45 - 11.00	Swiss experience on improving rural Water Supply and Sanitation in EECCA, Mr David Kramer, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Switzerland (TBC)
11.00 - 11.15	Experience in supporting the development of the rural water supply and sanitation sector in Kyrgyzstan, Jonathan Kamkwala, World Bank
11.15 - 12.30	Discussion
12.30 - 13.30	LUNCH BREAK
SESSION 5	PROJECTS FINANCING IN THE WATER SECTOR
13.30-13.50	Financing and tariff dimension for the development of the water projects for water supply and sanitation in Romania – Mr. Vasile Ciomos, President of the Romanian Water Association
13.50 - 14.10	Water projects bank ability in some countries from EECCA region. DABLAS experience – Ms. Sabine Hoefnagel, DABLAS Secretariat
14.10 - 14.30	Financing water infrastructure in the EECCA region- The issue of affordability – Mr Peter Börkey, OECD/EAP Task Force
14.30 - 15.30	Discussions
15.30 - 15.45	COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 6	FUTURE WORK OF THE EU WATER INITIATIVE EECCA WORKING GROUP AND OF THE EAP TASK FORCE
15.45 – 16.15	Presentation of proposed work in 2009-2011
16.15 – 16.45	Discussion
16.45 – 17.00	Any other business
17.00 - 17.30	CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIR