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Policy dialogue launched 2010

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Key Achievements of the Policy Dialogue

- The NPD in 2010 was instrumental in reaching a shared understanding among Russian authorities on the framework conditions needed to attract private operators and investors in the water sector. It was influential in changing the legal framework, in particular the Federal Law on concession agreements, the Federal Law on water supply and sanitation, and a shift to performance-based contracts in the water sector.

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Due to the vast size and institutional complexity of the Russian Federation, a different approach was used when designing the proposed new NPD process. A pilot region of Buryatia was chosen to test how the NPD process can support the reform of water policies at sub-sovereign level. In 2015, recommendations on improving the use of economic instruments for water management in the Republic of Buryatia (Lake Baikal basin) were developed through a policy dialogue with a view to better integrate environmental performance and economic development in this republic.

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The dialogue in 2010 helped identify avenues for developing water supply and sanitation in Russia, key results of the dialogue are reflected in the new Federal Law on water supply and sanitation adopted in 2011.