



Water Programme: Progress in 2008 and Plans for 2009

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Background

- **Challenges to be addressed:**
 - Continued deterioration of water and sanitation services in most EECCA countries
 - Insufficient reforms to ensure financial sustainability
 - Lack of capacity at local and central levels
 - Lack of data to support sound policy making
- **Close cooperation with the EU Water Initiative - Joint meetings with EAP TF Group of Senior Officials since 2005; overseeing common work programme**
- **Involvement of NGOs and the private sector**
- **Resources: 3 experts and an assistant**

The overall objective

Support the achievement of the water-related MDGs in the EECCA region

Focus on cross-cutting issues, with a high potential to simultaneously contribute to:



National Policy
Dialogue on Financial
reforms

Managing the water
sector more efficiently

Monitoring reforms

Progress 2008 – Monitoring reforms

- No activity in 2008
- Work in this area will resume in 2009



Progress 2008 – Managing the water sector more effectively

- **1.2.1 Guidelines for performance-based contracts between municipalities and utilities**
 - Guidelines published in 2005 and disseminated in various events
 - Project provides assistance to several municipalities in assessing existing performance contracts, and developing recommendations for improvements has been launched
 - Two case study reports in Armenia published
 - One case study in Chymkent, Kazakhstan under preparation
 - One case study in Berdyansk, Ukraine under preparation
 - Updated Guidelines publication planned for end of year
- **1.2.3 Development of financial planning capacity in municipalities and water utilities (joint with EECCA RECs)**
 - Training package developed
 - Local trainers trained (6)
 - 50 utility/municipality staff trained in 4 training sessions (Tbilisi, Bishkek)
- **1.2.4 Report on measures to achieve economies of scale in the provision of water supply and sanitation**
 - Analytical report reviewing good practices in the EU and EECCA under preparation (December 2008)



Progress 2008 – National Policy Dialogues on financial reforms

- **1.3.1 Supporting National Policy Dialogues**
 - Financing strategy for rural water supply and sanitation in Georgia
 - 2 dialogue meetings in 2008, next in November
 - Report final by end of year
 - Financing strategy for urban and rural WSS in Kyrgyzstan
 - 3 dialogue meetings in 2008, next in December
 - Report final by end of year
 - Preparation of follow-up on Moldova financing strategy
 - Focus on implementation of financing strategy through link to budget process
 - Work will involve Austria, Czech Republic and EC
 - Preparation for NPD in Ukraine
 - Possible focus on measures to achieve economies of scale

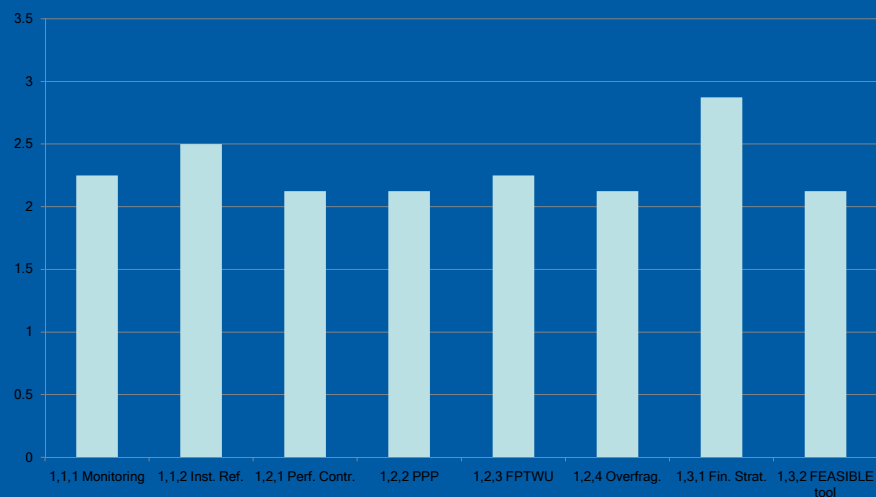


Progress 2008 – National Policy Dialogues on financial reforms

- 1.3.2 Improving FEASIBLE and extending methodology to IWRM
 - Improved FEASIBLE tool and documentation ready by end of year



Prioritisation of activities by Joint EUWI-EAP TF Group of Senior Officials





Programme of work for 2009 Monitoring Reforms

- **1.1 Monitoring Progress in implementing the water-related MDGs**
 - Collecting water utility performance data and information about institutional and legal reforms in one EECCA country
 - Publishing of country report and data on World Bank's IB-Net website



Programme of work for 2009 Managing the water sector

- **1.2.1 Guidelines for performance-based contracts**
 - Assistance to one municipality (to be defined) in Ukraine
 - Country case study
- **1.2.2 Policy Dialogue on Public-Private Partnerships**
 - Stakeholder workshop (second half of 2009)
 - Analytical paper to take stock of recent experience
- **1.2.3 Development of Financial Planning capacity at local level**
 - Support to EECCA RECs
- **1.2.4 Report on measures to achieve economies of scale**
 - Facilitate EUWI National Policy Dialogue in Ukraine
 - Develop guidelines/checklist



Programme of work for 2009 National Policy Dialogues

- **1.3.1 Supporting National Policy Dialogues**
 - NPD in Moldova focusing on implementation of financing strategy for WSS- link to MTEF
 - NPD in Kyrgyzstan focusing on implementation of financing strategy for WSS - link to MTEF
- **1.3.2 Improving FEASIBLE and extending methodology to IWRM**
 - Expert workshop to work on methodology for IWRM
 - NPD on IWRM financing in pilot country
 - Further improvements of FEASIBLE



Joint EUWI-EAP TF Group of Senior Officials meeting in 2009

- Organised jointly with Romanian MoEnv Chair of EUWI
- **Preliminary ideas for the agenda:**
 - Discussion of IWRM financing
 - Discussion of measures to achieve economies of scale
 - Discussion of draft country reports
- **Location: Bucharest**
- **Planned for May 2009**