European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership

6th MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN GEORGIA

2 October 2018

Venue: Hotel Ambassadors, 13 Ioane Shavteli Street, Tbilisi

The objectives of the meeting are as follows:
- to provide updates on the status of new water legislation and institutional set up and developments in environmental and water policies in Georgia;
- to discuss progress and next steps in implementing the European Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+) programme in Georgia and to receive feedback from local stakeholders;
- to provide a platform for coordination of donor activities in the water sector in Georgia.

AGENDA

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<td>9.00 – 9.30</td>
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| 9.30 - 10.00 | Opening and welcoming statements | • Ms. Nino Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture (MEPA) – welcoming remarks and adoption of the agenda  
• Mr. Alexandre Darras, EU Delegation to Georgia – opening remarks |
|         | Opening statement from the EUWI+ Implementing Partners | • Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Updates on the development of new water legislation and the National Water Strategy | • Status of the Draft Water Law, its bylaws and its harmonization with other laws – Ms. Mariam Makarova, Head of the Water Resources Division, Department of Environment and Climate Change, MEPA  
• Updates on the ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health, MEPA, Alisher Mamadzhanov, UNECE  
• Status of transboundary cooperation, Ms. Mariam Makarova, MEPA  
• Q&A followed by discussion |
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<td>11:30 - 12:30</td>
<td><strong>Continuation of Session 1</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Setting up long-term priorities for the water sector to overcome existing and future challenges - Tatiana Efimova, OECD, Zurab Jincharadze, National expert&lt;br&gt;- Discussion on long-term priorities for the water sector. Going beyond legal approximation: what are the challenges of implementation?</td>
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<td><strong>Session 2</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Progress under result 2 and 3 of the EUWI+. Progress, needs and outlook of monitoring development and for territorializing the national water policy at the basin scale through participative River Basin Management Planning.&lt;br&gt;- Introduction by Mr. Michael Sutter, Project Leader, EU Member States Consortium (Austria, France)&lt;br&gt;Presentations by experts from the EU Member States Consortium, followed by feedback from the beneficiary country representatives:&lt;br&gt;- An update on EUWI+ Laboratories’ development&lt;br&gt;- An update on surface water, coastal &amp; transitional waters and ground water monitoring&lt;br&gt;- Enabling organization for participative RBM Planning&lt;br&gt;- Geographic breakdown from river basin districts to water bodies and monitoring&lt;br&gt;- Data sharing as base for knowledge development and multidisciplinary integration&lt;br&gt;- Participation of stakeholders in the basin planning process and awareness raising as key for policy implementation&lt;br&gt;- Q&amp;A followed by discussion on the different key points</td>
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<td><strong>Session 3</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Synergies with other international projects implemented in Georgia&lt;br&gt;- Providing a platform for co-ordination and exploring synergies with and between other activities on water, implemented by donors and international organizations.&lt;br&gt;<strong>The session will be led by Nino Tkhilava, Head of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, MEPA</strong>&lt;br&gt;- UNDP-GEF project “Scaling-up Multi-Hazard Early Warning System and the Use of Climate Information in Georgia” – Kakhaber Mdivani, division of Climate Change, MEPA&lt;br&gt;- GEF-UNDP &quot;Kura-2&quot; – Tamar Gugushvili, National coordinator for Georgia&lt;br&gt;- EMILAS – Marine Arabidze, NEA, MEPA&lt;br&gt;- USAID project &quot;Governing for Growth in Georgia&quot; –Nato Beruashvili, COP of the project&lt;br&gt;- Q&amp;A followed by discussion</td>
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<td>Other updates, decisions and way forward&lt;br&gt;Decisions by the NPD Steering Committee and closure of the meeting</td>
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