



European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership



The fourth meeting of the Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management in the Republic of Moldova (the twenty sixth NPD meeting under the EUWI+East)

15 June 2018

Venue: *VisPas Hotel, (Chisinau, 26 A.Lapusneanu Str.), Conference Room*

Objectives of the meeting chaired by Ms. Valentina Tapis, NPD CC Chair and State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, are as follows:

- ✓ To hear an update on recent changes in institutional set up and developments in environmental and water policies and legislation in Moldova
- ✓ To take stock of progress in implementing the EUWI+ project in Moldova and get feedback from local stakeholders on interim results under activities implemented through the NPD.
- ✓ To provide a platform for co-ordination of donor activities in the water sector in Moldova

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8.45 – 9.00	<i>Registration</i>
9.00 - 9.20	<p><i>Opening and welcoming statements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Valentina Tapis, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment - Welcoming remarks and opening of the meeting - Mr. Antonio Castillo - Head of EIB Representation to Moldova, Chisinau Office - Mr. Alexander Martusevich, OECD - Welcome remarks by EUWI+ project team (Representatives of the EU MS Consortium and of UNECE).
Session 1	Update on recent changes in institutional set up and developments in the environmental and water policies in Moldova
09:20 –10:15	<p>From June 2017, Moldova has passed through a major reform of its government. Also, a number of new laws and regulations relevant for water management were approved, including with support from the EUWI+ project. This session will take stock of recent institutional and regulatory changes and policy developments relevant for water management and present Moldova's approach to WFD implementation. The key beneficiary ministry will present its overall assessment of implementation of the country Work Plan for Moldova under EUWI+.</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent institutional reform and legislative adjustments and perspectives for integrated water resource management – Ms. Nadejda Chilaru, Head of the Water Resources Management Policy Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (MARDE) • State of the legal frame in the IWRM, Commitments under Association Agreement - Victoria Gratii, Main consultant, Water Resources Management Policy Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (MARDE) • Management of the water resources based on the river basin districts –(Agency “Apele Moldovei”) • <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee break
Session 2	Progress in Implementing EUWI+ Work Plan for Moldova: Result 1
10:45 –12:30	<p>As envisaged in the EUWI+ Work Plan for Moldova, concerning Result 1, EUWI+ project team (OECD) has completed a study on establishing a sound economic regulatory system for WSS in Moldova; made good progress in assisting the country in introducing new design and construction norms for small-scale WSS systems, and launched the work on drafting a mid-term action Plan to help implement the national WSS Strategy for 2014-2018, and eventually update it.</p> <p>While UNECE has supported MARDE in the preparation of recent amendments to the Water Law No. 272 and in the initiation of the next cycle of amendments to be submitted to the Parliament in the fall of 2018. It has also launched preparatory work for the revision of the National Programme for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in the Republic of Moldova for 2016-2025 and implementation of some of its measures. UNECE has also contributed to the preparatory stages of the establishment of the bilateral Moldovan-Ukrainian Dniester Commission as a feed into the GEF project.</p> <p>This session will take stock of progress, discuss interim results and provide guidance for work in progress under Result 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A brief overview of OECD-led activities in Moldova under EUWI+ East - Alexander Martusevich, OECD; - Presentation of interim results of the work on mid-term Action Plan – Alexander Poghossian, APC • <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i> - A brief overview of UNECE-led activities in Moldova under EUWI+ East - Peep Mardiste, consultant, UNECE; - Presentation on the ongoing and planned work for the elaboration of amendments to the Water Law No. 272 – Nadejda Chilaru, Head of IWRM Policy Division, MARDE - Presentation on the progress under the National Programme for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in the Republic of Moldova for 2016-2025, its planned revision and activities to implement some its measures - Ion Salaru, Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection and Ms.Serafima Tronza, lead consultant, IWRM Policy Division, MARDE - Presentation of temporary new design and construction norms for small-scale WSS systems, approved by Ordinance of the Minister of Economy and Infrastructure (MoEI) of Moldova – Valentin Bordeniuc, local expert, and Gheorghe Croitoru, head of unit, MoEI • <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>

12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break (<i>lunch offered by organisers</i>)
Session 3	Progress in Implementing EUWI+ Work Plan for Moldova: Results 2 and 3
13:30 –15:30	<p>This session will take stock of progress, discuss interim results and provide guidance for work in progress under Results 2 & 3 targeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of stakeholder participation mechanisms at different basin, scales and awareness rising as key for policy implementation, Data sharing as base for knowledge development and integration - <i>Presentation of key issues by Michael Sutter (UBA), Yunona Videnina and Pierre Henry de Villeneuve (IOWater); EU member state consortium (Austria, France)</i> - - Strengthening of Surface Water and Groundwater Resources Monitoring Improving the Capacity of Water Monitoring Laboratories (SHS+AGRM) - - Strengthening of RBM Planning including transboundary harmonisation with direct application to the Danube-Prut and Black Sea river basin district (Agency “Apele Moldovei”) <p>– <i>Q&A followed by discussion on the different key points</i></p>
15:30 - 15:50	Coffee break
Session 4	A platform for co-ordination and exploring synergies with, and between, other activities on water implemented by donors and IOs
15:50 –17:00	<p>This session will be led by the key beneficiary ministry, It will provide a platform for co-ordination and exploring synergies with, and between, other activities on water implemented by donors and IOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Strengthening the Institutional Framework in the Water and Sanitation Sector" -Project ADA/SDC project - The project "Harmonization of national legislation with Directive 91 on urban waste water treatment" (the Czech implementing project partners) - The Partnership of the Republic of Moldova with the Green Climate Fund in the context of mitigation and adaptation to climate change, funding opportunities for the water resources sector, Mr. Vasile Scorpan, Climate Change Office, MADRM - Integrated Drought Management Programme in Central and Eastern Europe- Mr. Dumitru Drumea, local representative of GWP Moldova, representative of Institution of Ecology and Geography” . - Presentation of an experience of inter-municipalities governance model for WSS development in the Nirnova valley, Remy Douguet, project manager, and Tudor Vrabie, national expert from Solidarity Water Europe (SWE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
17:00-17:15	Other updates, decisions and way forward <i>Decisions by the NPD Coordination Council and closure of the meeting</i>