



**2nd Meeting of the Coordination Committee
of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management**

SUMMARY RECORD

**(24th Meeting within the EUWI National Policy Dialogue
on Integrated Water Resources Management)**

17 November 2016

Summit Events & Conference Center
(Red Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Tighina St., 49/3, Kishinev)

Meeting Objectives: To officially launch in the Republic of Moldova the implementation of the EUWI+ Project for the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries; to discuss, and inform the Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management in the Republic of Moldova about, the main outcomes related to water resources management; review the activities implemented by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD GREEN Action Programme Task Force) and other implementing partners within the European Union Water Initiative (EUWI); and present other relevant initiatives by other stakeholders.

Participants

The meeting brought together about 45 participants: members of the Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management; central government representatives with responsibilities in the aforementioned areas; representatives of the civil society, international organizations, and bilateral donors.

The list of participants is attached to this Summary Record. The meeting of the Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management proceeded as per Agenda attached to this Summary Record.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Victor Morgoci, Vice-Minister of Environment. The Vice-Minister mentioned in his opening remarks that the European Union Water Initiative National Policy Dialogue has been a mechanism the Republic of Moldova has been using since 2006 to facilitate efficient water resources management in the country. The Republic of Moldova has assumed stringent obligations to implement the provisions of the European *acquis* as required by the EU Association Agreement, having thereby undertaken to align its national water-related legislation and standards with *acquis communautaire* of the European Union where water is one of the most regulated areas.

Mr. Henno Putnik, representative of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, welcomed the meeting participants and mentioned the goals and context of cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova.

Opening remarks were also made by a representative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), strategic partner supporting the NPD process; representative of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), strategic partner for the water supply and sanitation component and economic and financial dimensions of integrated water resources management; and representatives of the MS Consortium responsible the EUWI+ project implementation in the Republic of Moldova.

Discussions

Meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management was structured around two issue sessions.

Session 1. The session introduced the EUWI+ (European Union Water Initiative Plus) project for the Eastern Partnership countries which proposes to assist the Republic of Moldova with the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and other related directives, as well as provisions of multilateral agreements Moldova is a party to, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs to 2030).

Thus, it was an official launch of the EUWI+ project in the Republic of Moldova which will contribute to achieving three general outcomes:

- Outcome 1: Improved legal and regulatory framework harmonized with the principles of the Water Framework Directive, integrated water resources management, and multi-lateral environmental agreements the Republic of Moldova is a party to;
- Outcome 2: River basin management plans implemented according to the EU principles;
- Outcome 3: Lessons learnt shared with, and disseminated to, stakeholders.

The Ministry of Environment representatives presented priorities and needs in the area of integrated water resources management and water supply and sanitation based on the obligations to implement provisions of the European *acquis* as required by the EU Association Agreement.

Session 2. The session presented preliminary findings and recommendations of the Project on *Improving the Economic Regulatory System for Water Supply and Sanitation in the Republic of Moldova* supported by the OECD, as well as preliminary recommendations regarding setting up a sound economic regulatory system for the water supply and sanitation sector, including assessment of investment programmes affordability and of the need to support vulnerable population. Summary of the discussions at the expert workshop held on 16 November 2016 was presented briefly.

Meeting Conclusions and Recommendations

Members of the Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management and the meeting invitees:

1. Welcomed the official launch of the EUWI+ project in the Republic of Moldova and expressed their gratitude to the European Union and development partners for their continuous support to the water sector in the Republic of Moldova.
2. Pointed out that the Ministry of Environment should nominate its representative in the Steering Committee of the EUWI+ project.
3. Supported, as a priority item, the proposal to continue and complete in 2017 under the EUWI+ project the ongoing water projects led by the OECD and launched under the previous project (the EUWI EECCA component).
4. Agreed to present by 23 December 2016 their proposals to the work plan for the entire period of the EUWI+ project implementation in the Republic of Moldova, including a dedicated plan for local capacity development, in line with the scope of the project outlined in the Description of the Action (DoA), and taking into account mandates and area of expertise of implementing partners. The proposals should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment (to Ms. Diana Celac, NPD Coordination Committee Executive Secretary, at: celacd@mediu.gov.md).
5. Proposed to organise a meeting in February 2017 to prioritise proposals and draft Work Plan for the entire period of project implementation in the Republic of Moldova (including a dedicated plan for

local capacity development and completion of the ongoing OECD projects) and submit it for formal approval by the Ministry of Environment and other relevant bodies, as well as by the Steering Committee of the EUWI+ project.

6. Generally supported the recommendations of the Project on Improving the Economic Regulatory System for Water Supply and Sanitation in the Republic of Moldova and agreed that eventual comments would be presented in writing by 10 December 2016. The comments should be sent to the Ministry of Environment (to Ms. Diana Celac, NPD Coordination Committee Executive Secretary, at: celacd@mediu.gov.md).
7. Invited the OECD to complete, under the EUWI+, its ongoing water projects launched under the previous project (EUWI EECCA component) according to the schedule envisaged in the respective terms of reference, and submit draft final reports for discussion at the next NPD Coordination Committee meeting.
8. Invited the stakeholders in the Republic of Moldova to support the implementation partners during implementation of the above projects, from their inception stage to the agreed work plan implementation, reporting, and communication and dissemination of outcomes.
9. Agreed that next meeting of the Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management would be organized in March–April 2017.

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Victor Morgoci
Vice-Minister of Environment

(Prepared by Ms. Diana Celac, Deputy Head, Water Management Directorate, Ministry of Environment; Executive Secretary, Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management)

The Summary Record was prepared on three pages, with attachments:

- *List of Participants, 5 pages*
- *Agenda, 3 pages*

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No.	Institution	Full Name	Title	Contract Data	Signature
NPD Coordination Committee					
1	Ministry of Environment	Victor Morgoci	Vice-Minister of Environment		
2	Ministry of Environment	Inga Podoroghin	State Secretary of the Ministry		
3	Ministry of Environment	Diana Celac	Deputy Head, Water Management Directorate, Executive Secretary of the Coordination Committee		
4	Ministry of Environment	Andrei Ursache	Head, Water Resources, Soils, Subsoils Division, Natural Resources and Biodiversity Directorate		
5	Apele Moldovei Agency	Igor Hincu	Director		
6	Apele Moldovei Agency	Radu Cazacu, Mariana Codreanu	Deputy Director Deputy Head, Water Resources Management Department		
7	Apele Moldovei Agency	Adrian Furculita	Head, Capital Investment and Project Implementation Division		
8	State Hydrometeorological Service	Mihail Roibu	Director		
9	State Hydrometeorological Service	Valeriu Cazac	Head, Hydrology Directorate		
10	State Environmental Inspectorate	Svetlana Maruseac	Head, Water Resources and Air Inspection Division		
11	Geology and Mineral Resources Agency	Boris Iurciuc	Head, Subsoils Information State Fund Division		
12	Ecology and Geography Institute	Iurii Bejan	Deputy Director for Research		
13	State Chancellery	Daria Stratu	Chief Consultant, Policy and Strategic Planning Coordination Directorate		
14	Ministry of Internal Affairs	Vitali Mutaf	Deputy Head, Civil Protection Directorate		
15	Ministry of Economy	Calin Guritenco	Senior Consultant, Policy Analysis, Monitoring, and Assessment Directorate		
16	Ministry of Finance	Iurie Nastas	Head, National Economy		

			Finance Division, National Economy Finance and Capital Expenditure Directorate		
17	Ministry of Health	Liliana Carp	Environmental Health Supervision Division, National Centre for Public Health		
18	Ministry of Regional Development and Construction	Silvia Dragomir	Chief Consultant, Directorate General for Regional Development		
19	Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry	Vasile Nemtanu	Consultant, Land Improvement Directorate		
20	Ministry of Labor, Social Protection, and Family	Cristina Ursachi	Consultant, Social Protection Policy Directorate		
21	Ministry of Labor, Social Protection, and Family	Ina Scaticailov	Senior Consultant, Social Protection Policy Directorate		
22	National Statistics Bureau	Liudmila Lungu	Head, Environmental Statistics Service, Agricultural and Environmental Statistics Directorate		
23	National Energy Regulatory Agency of the Republic of Moldova	Elena Breahna	Heat Supply, Water Supply and Sanitation Division		
24	Congress of Local Authorities of Moldova	Viorel Furdui	Executive Director		
25	Moldova Apa-Canal Association	Iuri Nistor	Executive Director		
26	Zoology Institute, Academy of Sciences of Moldova	Elena Zubcov	DSc in Biology, Research Professor		
27	Hydrometeorological Service	Natalia Zgireu	Deputy Head, DMCM		
28	Ministry of Environment	Mihail Zonta	Head, E-Transformation		
29	Ministry of Environment	Vallet Lyrille	International Expert		
30	State Environmental Inspectorate	Svetlana Maruseac	Head, Water Resources and Air Inspection Division		
31	Ecology and Geography Institute	Petru Bacal	Head, Laboratory		
Representatives of International Organizations, Bilateral Donors					
1	EU Delegation to Moldova	Henno Putnik	Project Manager		
2	EU HLA to the Republic of Moldova (RM)	Svetlana Zhekova	EU HLA on Environment		
3	EU HLA Mission to the RM	Cristina Cotofana	Assistant to the EU HLA on Environment		
4	Embassy of Germany in Moldova	Ulrich Kleppmann	Head, Economic Cooperation Department		
5	KfW in Moldova	Sergiu Gutu	Head of Office		

6	Swiss Development Cooperation	Andrei Cantemir	Project Manager		
7	ApaSan	Jonathan Hecke	Coordinator		
8	Austrian Development Agency	Gerhard Schaumberger	Director		
9	Austrian Development Agency	Daniela Petrussevschi	Project Manager		
10	Austrian Development Agency	Constantin Mihailescu	Environmental Expert		
11	GIZ Moldova	Valentina Plesca	Project Manager		
12	European Investment Bank	Antonio Castillo	Head of EIB Representation to Moldova		
EUWI + Inception Mission Team					
1	Austrian Environmental Agency (UBA)	Michael Sutter	EUWI+ Project Manager		
2	Austrian Environmental Agency (UBA)	Tim Turner	EUWI+ Project Technical Coordinator		
3	Austrian Environmental Agency (UBA)	Robert Konecny	Senior Expert for GW/Desk Officer		
4	Austrian Environmental Agency (UBA)	Cristina Trimbacher	Quality Manager Accreditation Testing Laboratory		
5	Austrian Development Agency (ADA)	Klaus Leroch	Water and Sanitation Adviser		
6	International Office of Water (IOWater), France	Philippe Sennhauser	Project Manager/Integrated Water Resources Management		
7	International Office of Water (IOWater), France	Ynona Videnina	Expert on Participative Approach for RBMPs		
8	UNECE	Peep Mardiste	Regional Coordinator of the EU Water Initiative National Policy		
9	OECD	Alexandre Martoussevitch	Project Manager		
10	EUWI+ Project	Victor Bujor	Local Coordinator		