

Moldova

Quarter 3 Highlights



[The Government of Moldova approved the updated national WSS Strategy and associated mid-term Action Plan \(AP\)](#) on its implementation by Government Resolutions Nr 442 of 01 July 2020.

A new Code of Practice making permanent new norms for design and construction of small scale potable water supply systems with an installed capacity of up to 200 m³ per day, was approved by the Minister of Economy and Infrastructure of Moldova by its Ordinance # 162 of 01 September 2020. Both, the Code of Practice and the temporary norms were developed with support from EUWI+.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (MARDE) of the Republic of Moldova approved on 27 July 2020 [the Code of Good Agricultural Practices](#) developed with support by EUWI+. This document is one important tool to prevent nitrate pollution and ensure a good quality of water resources in the country.

The Code, approved by the Order of MARDE no. 160 of 27 July 2020 is published on the ministry website: <http://madr.gov.md/ro/node/2709>.

The set of documents for the revision of the National Programme for the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in the Republic of Moldova for 2016-2025, adopted by Government Decision no. 1063 of 16 September 2016, was sent to the beneficiaries for official adoption.

On 3 August 2020, an online expert meeting to discuss the pre-final report on the use of economic instruments for WRM and draft training materials on economic instruments for WRM,

The quarter was dedicated to the [second round of consultation](#) on the full-fledge Danube-Prut Black Sea River Basin Management Plan for the period (2022-2027).

The period was marked in particular by the meeting of the Basin Committee of the Danube - Prut River Basin district held on 10 August 2020. In addition, a series of 5 local meetings were organised in September and October gathering the main stakeholders from the rayons of the different sub-districts. [Apele Moldovei published news on its website about the consultation. Moldovan partners have developed a video](#) to raise awareness on water issues in the country and engage the wider public in the consultation. The result of public consultation and final draft of the RBM will be presented at the next meeting at the end of October 2020.

In order to improve the GW monitoring network in the Danube-Prut and Black Sea River district and in coordination with the beneficiary Agency of Geology and Mineral Resources (AGRM), 12 new monitoring wells, coordinated with local public authorities, will be introduced. Three wells were designed and approved by AGRM and will be drilled this year with EUWI+ funding.

During the Q3, several online meetings and webinars were held with EAM reference laboratory staff on planned activities for purchasing equipment for hydrobiological monitoring, organising investigative monitoring in the Ialpuș River basin and obtaining new ISO-17025 accreditation.

After signing a Letter of Agreement (LoA), the ToRs to purchase a web server under Apele Moldovei responsibility for hosting the data management platform prefiguring the water information system were published. The contract is under preparation.

The development of the draft Master Plan for Water Supply and Sanitation in the Nirnova River Basin continued as one of the main Specific Implementation Actions. On 21 September 2020 a first on-line meeting was held to present the main findings of the diagnostic to 14 of the 18 mayors of the municipalities spread in 2 rayons.

The Surface Water Monitoring Development Plan was submitted to the beneficiary institution (EAM) on 13 August 2020, who thereafter provided comments and feedback.

A type-specific Ecological Status Classification System based on benthic invertebrates was developed and published on the EUWI+ website on 7 September 2020. This system can now be applied to all water bodies of these types.

Two surface water training videos on a second biological quality element, phytobenthos (diatoms), were produced. They will be published in Q4.

A training concerning the concept of Investigative Monitoring took place in a webinar on 10 July 2020 and preparations for a pilot survey proceeded.

The QM documentation for the EAM reference laboratory for the envisaged initial accreditation at MOLDAC was finalised.

Quarter 4 Look ahead

A national consultation meeting on the Protocol on Water and Health and equitable access and stakeholder consultation meeting on the revised national programme is scheduled for Q3. An expert meeting on implementation of the Water and Health Protocol is also planned.

The revision of the National Programme on implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health will be submitted to the State Chancellery for adoption by the Government in September 2020, following the finalisation of public consultations.

Two online expert meetings are scheduled for July-August 2020. These meetings will consider the situation with sludge treatment in Moldova and the use of economic instruments for water management. The latter event will help collect final comments on a draft report and draft training materials concerning economic instruments.

Early in Q3, EUWI+ will do a webinar on Investigative Monitoring and prepare with responsible institutions its application in Q4 in a test region. Other work up the end of Q3 will feature a surface water training video and optional webinar on second biological quality element: phytobenthos (diatoms) as well as the finalization of the Monitoring Development Plan and of the Ecological Status Classification System based on the BQE of benthic invertebrates.

EUWI+ will support MARDE's efforts for the consultation and integration of the Moldovan Code of Good Agricultural Practices into the national regulation.

The Environment Agency is anticipating delivery, installation and training of the last large laboratory equipment, including the gas chromatograph. Analytical method trainings with new laboratory equipment at the EAM Reference laboratory in Chisinau are planned.

In order to improve GW monitoring network in the Danube-Prut and Black Sea River district and in coordination with the beneficiary Agency of Geology and Mineral Resources, several new monitoring wells are foreseen to be designed and drilled in autumn with preparation to be concluded in Q3.

In Q3, efforts will go on to collect remarks and opinion on the Draft RBMP for the Danube-Prut and Black Sea River district to be implemented from 2022 to 2027. In addition, support will be initiated for moving towards an e-RBMP in Moldova, including the development of basin and water bodies passports.

In Q3, the procurement of small laboratory equipment and laboratory consumables will be finalised, subject to restrictions due to COVID-19. EUWI+ will also further continue efforts to finalise the delivery and installation of and the required training on two larger pieces of laboratory equipment.

Exchanges will take place to drive the development of the Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan for the Nirnova Basin. A workshop for a first presentation of the diagnostic is planned on 22 September.

Regarding improvements to data management, it is planned to progress with the signing of a Letter of Agreement and procurement document for the acquisition of a new server for the Agency "Apele Moldovei" for installing a web data management platform as a step toward a shared Water Information System.