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Agenda

National Water Policy Dialogue in Ukraine

November 28, 2017

Conference Hall “PREDSLAVA”, “President Hotel”, 12 Hospitalna Street, Kyiv, Ukraine

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09-00 Registration of participants

09:30 Opening of the meeting

Introduction

The National Policy Dialogue in the sphere of water resources management in Ukraine: reforms and spheres of development - *the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (MENR) of Ukraine*

Welcome address of the European Commission and the EU Delegation in Kyiv

Presentation of the meeting agenda and objectives

09:45-11:30 Session 1: Governance reforms in the water sector

Moderator: Mr Mykola Kuzio, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Summary. The session will be dedicated to approaches to reforms in the sphere of management and control of water resources use, protection and recovery. Invited speakers will propose approaches to reforming the water sector, including - in particular - reforming the State Water Agency. The participants will be presented the draft concept of water sector reforms by ensuring introduction of river basin-based integrated water management and introduction of fundamental European market-based principles for provision of water management services. In critical terms, the said reform is based on successful implementation of provisions of the Water Framework Directive (referred hereinafter to as WFD), as well as on opportunities to introduce basic market-based arrangements for provision of irrigation and drainage services (and fulfilment of other management functions delegated to the State Water Agency by the due legislation).

According to outcomes of the preparatory meeting of the Dialogue (held in early 2017), the said issues will be considered in the context of the future National Water Strategy and as component parts of the Strategy.

The participants will discuss the situation of establishment and launching of Basin Councils (according to Art. 13 of the Water Code of Ukraine and Order # 23 of MENR of 26.01.2017) as key river basin management bodies in Ukraine, as well as approaches to development of River Basin Management Plans.

Topic 1. Reforms in the sphere of management and control of water resources use, protection and recovery

Speakers:

- Mr Ostap Semerak, *Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine*
- *Representatives of the World Bank and EBRD*
- Ms Iryna Ovcharenko, *Head of the State Agency of Water Resources of Ukraine*
- Mr Yurii Husiev, *Project Manager of "H₂Office" EBRD Project and "H₂Office" Project Team*
- Mr Matthew Griffiths, Ms Tatiana Efimova, *Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development*

Discussion

Topic 2. River Basin Management Plans

Moderator: Mr Volodymyr Bilokon, Project Manager of the "Sustainable Management of Water Resources" Project of the MENR Reforms Support Team

Speakers:

- Mr Oleksandr Bon, *Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources*
- Mr Alexei Iaroshevych, *EU-funded Project "Support to Ukraine in approximation of the EU environmental acquis" (APENA)*
- Mr Philippe Seguin, *EU Water Initiative Plus Project (EUWI+)*
- Ms Tamara Kutonova, *UNDP/GEF Project - "Promotion of Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Management in the Dniester River Basin"*

Discussion

Documents for discussion:

- Presentations
- The Draft Concept of Reforms in the Sphere of Management and Control of Water Resources Use, Protection And Recovery; background documents for the Concept
- The analytical note

Actions required: to discuss and present proposals on the documents

11:30-11:45 *Coffee-break*

11:45-13:00 Session 2: Reforming the system of water monitoring in Ukraine

Moderator: Mr Alexei Iaroshevych, Project Manager of the Reforms Support Team Project on Monitoring

Summary. Discussions in the course of the session will be focused on water monitoring procedures - the ones recently developed by MENR and submitted for review of relevant central executive bodies (referred hereinafter to as CEBs). Particularly important aspects include institutional, technical, information and human capacity of water monitoring actors for ensuring implementation of the procedures that comply with WFD requirements and introduce development of relevant basin-based

water monitoring programs. At the same time, in order to make informed environmental governance decisions, it is necessary to ensure accuracy and reliability of environmental data through ensuring relevant metrological control over quality and accuracy of quantitative measurements. Pending issues also include processing of raw data for production of reliable information to inform decision makers at the level of governance. Discussion of the above aspects and accounting for experience of European partners would allow to frame a long-term vision of the aspects proposed for discussion.

Speakers:

- Mr Serhii Vykhryst, *EU-funded Project "Support to Ukraine in approximation of the EU environmental acquis" (APENA)*
- Ms Olesya Shevchenko, *"Open Environment" Project*
- Mr Michael Sutter, *EU Water Initiative Plus Project (EUWI+)*
- Mr Viktor Komorin, Mr Yevhen Dykyi, *the Ukrainian Marine Ecology Centre, a representative of EU/GEF EMBLASS II Project*
- A representative of *the Ukrainian R&D Institute of Environmental Problems*

Discussion

- Documents for discussion:
 - Presentations
 - Draft CMU Decree on Approval of the Procedures of the State Water Monitoring
 - The analytical note
- Actions required: to discuss and present proposals on the documents

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 3: Drinking water and sanitation

Moderator: Mr Oleksandr Kravchenko, the R&D Institute of Urban Utilities

Summary. According to findings of the last brief report of Ukraine on implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in 2016, Ukraine started to review its national targets with support of UN ECE and accounting for new international frameworks and commitments: Sustainable Development Goals and EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. According to the Guidelines on Setting Targets, Evaluation of Progress and Reporting under the Protocol on Water and Health, in October 2017, Ukraine started to develop the Situation Analysis for 2015, in 20 target areas. According to Article 6.2 of the Protocol on Water and Health, results of the Situation Analysis underlay both review of the targets and update of the Action Plan for Implementation of the Protocol (approved in 2003). The results will be presented at the session.

The session will also focus on issues of access to safe drinking water of good quality, problems of rural water supply and sanitation, and associated impacts of deregulation processes.

It is worth to note the following contemporary trends observed:

- Weaker fulfilment of state functions in the sphere of water monitoring (including drinking water monitoring) and almost completely cancelled fulfilment of functions of state control/supervision in the sphere of drinking water supply and sanitation (the moratorium for regular inspections up to January 1, 2018),

- Non-compliance of Ukraine with requirements of the Protocol on establishment and/or strengthening the system of control/supervision and early prevention of water-related diseases;
- Lack of state policies on ensuring quality and safety of drinking water and sanitation, a serious and lengthy failure to address already accumulated problems in the sphere of access to sanitation and wastewater disposal, and issues of water resources pollution in Ukraine,
- Lack of a balanced state tariff policies for protection of consumer rights and ensuring affordable water supply and sanitation services; lack of appropriate, relevant and complete information for consumers on water quality and available water sources.

All the above factors affect efficient decision-making in the sphere, accounting for global political frameworks - Sustainable Development Goals and regional commitments for European integration and implementation of EU water directives.

Topic 1. The Protocol on Water and Health

Speakers:

- Mr Oleksandr Bon, *Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources*
- Ms Anna Tsvietkova, *UNENGO "MAMA-86"*
- Mr Roman Rodyna, *State Institution "Public Health Centre of the Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine"*
- Mr Oleksandr Kravchenko, *the R&D Institute of Urban Utilities*

Discussion

Topic 2. Problems of sanitation and wastewater treatment

Speakers:

- Ms Tetiana Medved, *Ministry of Regional Development, Construction, Housing and Utilities*
- Mr Volodymyr Skupchenko, *President of "Drinking Water of Ukraine" Association*
- Mr Ivan Zherlitsyn, *Chairman of "UkrVodokanalGeologia" Association*

- Documents for discussion:

- Draft Baseline Situation Analysis
- The analytical note

- Actions required: to discuss and present proposals on the documents

15:30-15:45 Coffee-break

15:45-17:00 Session 4: Water and agriculture

Mr Oleksandr Bon, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

Summary. According to Decree # 847-r of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of September 17, 2014 (on Implementation of the Association Agreement with Ukraine, on the One Part, and the European Union, the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, on the Other Part), the Ministry of Ecology and the Ministry of Agricultural Policy were authorised to implement a number of actions for implementation of the Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12.12.1991 Concerning the Protection of Waters against Pollution Caused by Nitrates from Agricultural sources as amended by

Regulations 1882/2003/EC and 1137/2008/EC (referred hereinafter to as the Nitrates Directive). According to the Action Plan for Implementation of the Nitrates Directive, the Ministry of Ecology, the Ministry of Agricultural Policy, the State Water Agency and other CEBs are responsible for its implementation. In particular, there are some problems of cooperation between these CEBs and it is necessary to involve agro-businesses into the process. The session will focus on enhancement of cooperation between the CEBs for implementation of the Directive and the session participants will be presented materials developed in the framework of fruitful cooperation between the Ministry of Ecology and APENA project experts.

Speakers:

- Ms Anna Tsvietkova, *UNENGO "MAMA-86"*
- Ms Nataliia Osadcha, *Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Institute*
- Representatives of associations of agricultural producers
 - o The Association of Hog Breeders of Ukraine
 - o The Institute of Water Problems and Melioration of the National Acad. Sci. of Ukraine
- The Ministry of Agricultural Policy, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

Discussion

- Documents for discussion:
 - The Methodology for identification of areas vulnerable to impacts of nitrate substances
 - The Code of Best Agricultural Practices
 - The analytical note
- Actions required: to discuss and present proposals on the documents

17:00-17:15 Summing up and adoption of conclusions of the Policy Dialogue

Mr Mykola Kuzio, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine