

2.8. Russian Federation



Policy dialogue launched	2010
Present Chair(s) and strategic partners in government	Ministry of Regional Development, Ministry of Economic Development Russian Development Bank
Sources of funding for policy dialogue	European Union, <i>Evrazijskij</i> (a large Russian private operator), Government of Germany, the Russian Development Bank (<i>Vnesheconombank</i>), EBRD, the World Bank

PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

Previous work under the EUWI EECCA includes:

- A review of the legal, institutional and regulatory framework for private sector participation (PSP) in WSS.
- A review of the economic instruments for water resources management at the federal and sub-sovereign levels.

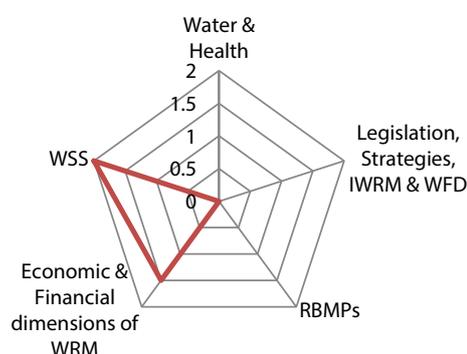
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE POLICY DIALOGUE

- Due to the vast size and institutional complexity of the Russian Federation, a different approach was used when designing the proposed new NPD process. A pilot region of Buryatia was chosen to test how the NPD process can support the reform of water policies at sub-sovereign level. In 2015, recommendations on improving the use of economic instruments for water management in the Republic of Buryatia (Lake Baikal basin) were developed through a policy dialogue with a view to better integrate environmental performance and economic development in this republic.
- The NPD in 2010 was instrumental in reaching a shared understanding among Russian authorities on the **framework conditions needed to attract private operators and investors** in the water sector. It was influential in changing the legal framework, in particular the Federal Law on concession agreements; the new Federal Law on water supply and sanitation; and a shift to performance-based contracts in the water sector.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Resuming the NPD in Russia is under consideration.

PROGRESS IN MAIN WORK AREAS



"The dialogue in 2010 helped identify avenues for developing water supply and sanitation in Russia; key results of the dialogue are reflected in the new Federal Law "On water supply and sanitation" adopted in 2011, as well as in related sub-law regulation."



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