



European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership



6th MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN GEORGIA

2 October 2018

Venue: *Hotel Ambassadors, 13 Ioane Shavteli Street, Tbilisi*

The objectives of the meeting are as follows:

- to provide updates on the status of new water legislation and institutional set up and developments in environmental and water policies in Georgia;
- to discuss progress and next steps in implementing the European Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+) programme in Georgia and to receive feedback from local stakeholders;
- to provide a platform for coordination of donor activities in the water sector in Georgia.

AGENDA

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 - 10.00	<i>Opening and welcoming statements</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ms. Nino Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture (MEPA) – welcoming remarks and adoption of the agenda</i>• <i>Mr. Alexandre Darras, EU Delegation to Georgia – opening remarks</i> <i>Opening statement from the EUWI+ Implementing Partners</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE</i>
Session 1	Updates on the development of new water legislation and the National Water Strategy
10:00 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Status of the Draft Water Law, its bylaws and its harmonization with other laws – Ms. Mariam Makarova, Head of the Water Resources Division, Department of Environment and Climate Change, MEPA</i>• <i>Updates on the ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health, MEPA, Alisher Mamadzhanov, UNECE</i>• <i>Status of transboundary cooperation, Ms. Mariam Makarova, MEPA</i>• <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>



11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
	Continuation of Session 1
11:30 –12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Setting up long-term priorities for the water sector to overcome existing and future challenges - Tatiana Efimova, OECD, Zurab Jincharadze, National expert</i> • <i>Discussion on long-term priorities for the water sector. Going beyond legal approximation: what are the challenges of implementation?</i>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
Session 2	Progress under result 2 and 3 of the EUWI+. Progress, needs and outlook of monitoring development and for territorializing the national water policy at the basin scale through participative River Basin Management Planning.
13:30 –15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction by Mr. Michael Sutter, Project Leader, EU Member States Consortium (Austria, France) <p>Presentations by experts from the EU Member States Consortium, followed by feedback from the beneficiary country representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An update on EUWI+ Laboratories' development</i> • <i>An update on surface water, coastal & transitional waters and ground water monitoring</i> • <i>Enabling organization for participative RBM Planning</i> • <i>Geographic breakdown from river basin districts to water bodies and monitoring</i> • <i>Data sharing as base for knowledge development and multidisciplinary integration</i> • <i>Participation of stakeholders in the basin planning process and awareness raising as key for policy implementation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Q&A followed by discussion on the different key points</i>
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 3	Synergies with other international projects implemented in Georgia
16:00 –17:00	<p>Providing a platform for co-ordination and exploring synergies with and between other activities on water, implemented by donors and international organizations.</p> <p>The session will be led by Nino Tkhilava, Head of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, MEPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>UNDP-GEF project "Scaling-up Multi-Hazard Early Warning System and the Use of Climate Information in Georgia"- Kakhaber Mdivani, division of Climate Change, MEPA</i> • <i>GEF-UNDP "Kura-2" – Tamar Gugushvili, National coordinator for Georgia</i> • <i>EMBLAS – Marine Arabidze, NEA, MEPA</i> • <i>USAID project "Governing for Growth in Georgia" –Nato Beruashvili, COP of the project</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
17:00-17:15	<p><i>Other updates, decisions and way forward</i></p> <p><i>Decisions by the NPD Steering Committee and closure of the meeting</i></p>