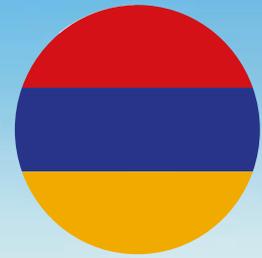


# Armenia

## Quarter 1 Highlights



Support to the Ministry of Environment continued to implement the adopted roadmap for CEPA implementation in the field of water quality and resources management. During the reporting period the package of proposed legislative amendments, including the Water Code amendments to harmonise with CEPA requirements and the Prime Minister's Resolution on promoting equitable access to water supply and sanitation, was revised based on the comments received from the Office of the Prime Minister, and circulated again for official adoption.

The Ministry of Environment has initiated a procedure for revision of the Government of Armenia Resolution No 75-N of 27 January 2011 on Water Quality Norms in Armenia, to supplement the Resolution with the new norms proposed for the Lake Sevan and Rivers in Sevan RBD, developed under EUWI+ support.

To support the process of development of RBMPs for Hrazdan RBD, the final draft was produced following the review and comments from the Ministry of Environment. Work was launched to support the formal adoption of the RBMPs for Sevan and Hrazdan RBDs through Environmental Impact Assessment and Expert Examination. The consultation reports of the 2020 round of consultations (programme of measures) for both [Hrazdan](#) and [Sevan](#) river basins have been published.

To support the strengthening of groundwater monitoring capacities, the works on the rehabilitation of 13 existing sites (springs, boreholes and fountaining wells) and the construction of 12 new sites (springs and boreholes) in the Sevan and Hrazdan RBDs were successfully completed, and formally accepted by the Hydrometeorology and Monitoring Centre (HMC) of the Ministry of Environment. Draft reports "Surface water monitoring development plan for Armenia: Biological monitoring" and "Groundwater monitoring development plan for Armenia" were prepared, to support the process of introduction of WFD compliant monitoring.

In support of water-related data management, works on the development of the "Armenian Water Monitoring Information System (AWMIS)" to be used by the new "**Hydro-meteorology and monitoring center (HMMC)**", progressed significantly. In addition, the purchase of a Windows server license was finalized. This allowed to configure a virtual machine on a server of the HMMC and to install the MS Access databases of AWMIS developed under EUWI+. These databases were then successfully tested by the technicians of HMMC. In parallel, the EUWI+ team started the configuration of another virtual machine on another server made available by the ministry. This second server will later host the integrated data management tools/platform developed for Armenia in the frame of the EUWI+ project. Out of that, [an online interactive dashboard was developed for water body status visualisation](#).

A remote audit was conducted on 15 January 2021 for the laboratory of the HMC on quality control and quality management documentation in support of its progress towards international accreditation. In March 2021, a pre-audit assessment report was published both in English and Russian language on the EUWI+ website summarizing all project activities to technical support for laboratory accreditation and recommendations for further need of action.

An online coordination meeting was held with the new team of the EU4Sevan (Environmental Protection of Lake Sevan) project on 17 February 2021. EUWI+ project experts also participated in the official high-level launch of the EU4Sevan project, held virtually on 15 March 2021.

On occasion of the EUWI+ campaign for World Water Day, the [video on the Sevan River Basin Management Plan](#) has been reposted on Facebook. The [story of an Armenian expert on data management](#) has been published as part of the EUWI+ expert stories series.

# Quarter 2 Look ahead

Plans for Quarter 2 2021 in Armenia include:

- Completion of the works for the termination of the Armenian and English versions of the Hrazdan draft RBMP and its official transfer to the Ministry of Environment with supporting documentation and GIS layers.
- Finalisation of the works on development of the Armenian Water Monitoring Information System.
- Starting transfer of data management tools on the virtual machine located on the server made available by the Ministry.
- Finalisation, translation and publication of the report “Surface water monitoring development plan for Armenia: Biological monitoring” as well as of the report “Groundwater monitoring development plan for Armenia”.
- Finalisation of the report “Investigative monitoring – surface water survey capacity building in Armenia”.
- Update and uploading of all the deliverables on the EUWI+ project website.
- Support to the formal adoption of the RBMPs for Sevan and Hrazdan RBDs of Armenia through an Environmental Impact Assessment procedure for both districts and Expert Examination.
- Discussion with key stakeholders on the timing and format of the next National Policy Dialogue on water.