

## National Policy Dialogue Steering Committee Meeting

### Summary Record Cover Page

The 8<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting of the National Policy Dialogue on IWRM in the Republic of Azerbaijan

Country and location - Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan.

Date - **12 July 2019**

#### Key Decisions

**Baku 12.07.2019**

#### **NPD Steering Committee:**

- <ON WATER STRATEGY> Expressed appreciation of the support provided by EUWI+ project for finalization and adoption of the National Water Strategy, which is recognised as a critical factor for successful implementation of the water sector reform in Azerbaijan. The Steering Committee calls on national stakeholders to cooperate closely with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources towards the adoption of the strategy by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2019.
- <ON WATER AND HEALTH> Took notice that the national targets under the Protocol on Water and Health were officially adopted by a Joint Order of Ministers of Ecology and Natural Resources and Health in August 2018, recent submission of the national report on the Protocol implementation to the Protocol secretariat, and suggested maintaining the existing working group for the coordination of activities for implementation of national targets. Recommends MENR to request support of the EUWI+ programme for the implementation of some of the targets.
- <ON ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS METHODOLOGY> Acknowledged with appreciation the support of the EUWI+ for the elaboration of the methodology for the environmental flow norms and drafting of a normative document in this regard. The Steering Committee recommended MENR to finalize the methodology based on the comments received and adopt a relevant normative document by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2019.
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- <ON MONITORING> Acknowledged the need of safeguarding long term sustainability of surface and ground water monitoring by building human resource capacities and budget security. It also supports involvement of national experts on urban waste water treatment and industrial discharges in the Pressure and Impact analysis activities Under Result 2 of the EUWI+ project.
- <ON RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS> Took notice on the ongoing activities on RBMP development and stakeholders involvement under EUWI+ project and acknowledged the interest of future experience feedback for the national level, in terms of organisational, methodological and capacity building aspects.
- <ON STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT> Took into consideration further institutionalization of platforms for dialogue at the basin level (basin councils) for more effective involvement of stakeholders in the river basin management planning process.

EUWI+ Indicators

<p><b>Indicator 1: Gender Balance</b></p> <p>Total number of Participants: <b>45</b></p> <p><i>In that:</i></p> <p>Total Female Participants: <b>14 (31%)</b></p>	<p>Female participants/total participants of 8<sup>th</sup> SC meeting of NPD = 31 %</p> <p>The average of the female participants of the last 7 meetings was 30 %,</p>																																													
<p><b>Indicator 2: Stakeholder Participation</b></p> <p>% of Participants by Organisation type</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="183 526 879 898"> <thead> <tr> <th>Nr.</th> <th>Organizations</th> <th>1<sup>st</sup> SC</th> <th>4<sup>th</sup> SC</th> <th>6<sup>th</sup> SC</th> <th>7<sup>th</sup> SC</th> <th>8<sup>th</sup> SC</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Members of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue.</td> <td>53</td> <td>53</td> <td>42</td> <td>37</td> <td>39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>International Organisations, NGO, Public Associations and donor organisations</td> <td>25</td> <td>23</td> <td>21</td> <td>24</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Invited experts and consultants</td> <td>12</td> <td>143</td> <td>16</td> <td>19</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>EUWI + Project team.</td> <td>10 (EUWI)</td> <td>13 (EPIRB)</td> <td>21</td> <td>20</td> <td>22</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Nr.	Organizations	1 <sup>st</sup> SC	4 <sup>th</sup> SC	6 <sup>th</sup> SC	7 <sup>th</sup> SC	8 <sup>th</sup> SC	1.	Members of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue.	53	53	42	37	39	2.	International Organisations, NGO, Public Associations and donor organisations	25	23	21	24	20	3	Invited experts and consultants	12	143	16	19	19	4	EUWI + Project team.	10 (EUWI)	13 (EPIRB)	21	20	22	<p>Participant list was divided into 4 categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue.</li> <li>International Organisations, NGO, Public Associations and donor organisations.</li> <li>Invited experts and consultants.</li> <li>EUWI + Project team.</li> </ol> <p>Historical data on the number of participants by category is presented in the table on the left hand side.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> EUWI+ project team did not participate in the 1-4<sup>th</sup> CC meetings of the NPD (during 2013-2016). OECD ,UNECE and EPIRB project attended them.</p>										
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