

# Moldova

## Quarter 1 Highlights



On 15 February, Mr. Ghenadie Iurco was nominated to lead the environment component for water management in the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment.

As part of the EU's high-level event "Water and Beyond" in January 2021, Mr. Ion Salaru, Deputy Director of the National Agency for Public Health of the Republic of Moldova, addressed the session "Water as an equaliser: realising impact for human development". He highlighted that water is a key factor for public health and environment, specifically in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. He presented examples of support by EUWI+, citing the recent adoption of the revised Water Supply and Sanitation Strategy and the work on the National Programme for the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health.

Moldova is in the process of adopting the Danube-Prut & Black Sea River Basin Management Plan Cycle II in 2021 and to start its six-year implementation. Once adopted, the RBMP 2022-2027 will be synchronised with all other EU and Danube countries in line with the Water Framework Directive. For preparing the consultation of public entities, the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova published the context of the River Basin Management Plan development ([in Romanian](#)).

Dedicated to the World Water Day (22 March 2021) a workshop presented the first draft of the Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan for the Nirnova Basin. It assessed the current situation and priority areas, and proposed optimum technical and financial options to improve the administration of water and wastewater services by local authorities.

On occasion of World Water Day, [an article on the adoption process for the Danube-Prut & Black Sea River Basin Management Plan](#) has been published on the EUWI+ website and on Facebook.

Draft reports "Surface water monitoring development plan for Moldova: Biological monitoring" and "Groundwater monitoring development plan for Moldova" as well as on investigative monitoring in Moldova were prepared. They will support the implementation of WFD compliant monitoring in Moldova.

On 25 January 2021, the State Enterprise Hydro-Geological Expedition of the Republic of Moldova finalised the construction of 3 groundwater monitoring wells in the villages of Congaz, Petrunca and Balabanu. The sites were completed in coordination with the Agency for Geology and Mineral Resources and accepted by the beneficiary. A report about the construction of these sites was finalised.

Hydrobiological equipment was delivered and accepted by the beneficiaries on 11 January 2021 and will improve surface water monitoring.

In January 2021, the reference laboratory of the Environmental Protection Agency received surface water monitoring equipment identified and procured with support of EUWI+. An online webinar on equipment installation and use was provided by UBA to the lab staff. A solvent evaporator, needed for organic sample preparation, was delivered in March 2021 to the EAM laboratory.

In January 2021, a pre-audit assessment report was compiled and published both in English and Russian language on the EUWI+ website summarizing all project technical support for laboratory accreditation for the Reference Laboratory of the Environmental Agency of Moldova and recommendations for further need of action.

On 18 March 2021, the Reference Laboratory of the Environmental Agency of Moldova received from the National Accreditation Center (MOLDAC) the [accreditation Certificate SM EN ISO / IEC 17025:2018](#), which is valid for 5 years. The accreditation confirms that analytical results provided by this Laboratory are comparable, consistent and trustworthy.

Regarding data management, an [online interactive dashboard](#) was developed for water body status visualisation. Dataset made available by AGRM on groundwater monitoring were analysed for processing.

Work continued on the analysis of the legislative and institutional framework with respect to identifying barriers to ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation in the Republic of Moldova and proposing financial mechanisms for ensuring equitable access.

During this quarter, joint work continued between OECD and the Moldovan Academy of Economic Studies on preparing training materials on Economic Instruments for WRM for pilot testing at the university (over the next academic year, 2021/22).

On 23 March, an online UN General Assembly High-level meeting on the implementation of the Water-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda took place. Mr. Perju, Minister for Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, underlined that the integration of sustainable development objectives into strategic documents is an ongoing process. In this regard he mentioned that Moldova has approved all changes of the Water Supply and Sanitation Strategy and has taken important steps towards integrated water resources management.

# Quarter 2 Look ahead

Priorities for Quarter 2 2021 in Moldova include:

- Continue procedures for the adoption of the revised National Programme for the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in the Republic of Moldova for the years 2016-2025.
- Organising a consultation of the ministerial departments and agencies on the final draft of the Danube-Prut & Black Sea River Basin Management Plan (cycle II 2022-2027) adapted to the Moldovan legislation in order to prepare the adoption when the new government will be in place later this summer.
- Finalisation, translation and publication of the Ground Water and Surface Water Monitoring Development Plans.
- Finalisation and upload of the report “Investigative monitoring – surface water survey capacity building in Monitoring”.
- Finalisation of a draft annotated outline for the future Code of Practice relative to small scale centralised and on-site sanitation.
- Workshop on the presentation of the first draft of the Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan for the NIRNOVA Basin is planned for April 2021 and work will continue to finalise the document and pave the way for implementation.
- An online training course to inform MARDE on the proposals for pilot testing the training materials on Economic Instruments for Water Resources Management at the Moldovan Academy of Economic Studies over the next academic year, 2021/22.
- Preparation of an online dashboard for interactive visualisation of groundwater monitoring data.
- Support to AGRM to configure their server for interactive data visualisation.
- Delivery of laboratory consumables scheduled for June 2021.