

Ukraine

Quarter 1 Highlights



On 12 January 2021, an online meeting was organised with the EUWI+ team, the beneficiaries and scientific institutions to present the results of the Dnipro river basin Investigative Monitoring for pollutants screening. These results were presented publically on [25 February 2021](#) at the premises of the Ukrainian Information Agency by the Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, representatives of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, the Environmental Institute Slovakia, the State Agency of Water Resources and the EUWI+ team. Its [video-recording](#) has been published on EUWI+ YouTube page. A report describing the concept and process of investigative monitoring in Ukraine was drafted.

Data from the national report under the Water Convention and SDG indicator 6.5.2. was officially made available at the [UN SDG 6 monitoring website](#).

On 25 January 2021, the local EUWI+ team participated in an interview with UNICEF experts on the topic “Climate-Energy Efficiency-Environment – Children”.

On 4 February, 2021, the EUWI+ team participated in a seminar organised by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources on “Organisation of wetland monitoring and implementation of the Ramsar Convention in Ukraine”.

On 17 February 2021, EUWI+ participated in a webinar on sectoral strategies and adaptation plans “Water Resources Management” within the UNDP project “Planning adaptation and implementation of climate risks in sector planning”.

On the same day, a solvent evaporator, needed for organic sample preparation, was delivered to the Vyshgorod laboratory.

On 20 February 2021, a solid phase extraction (SPE) system, needed for organic sample preparation, was delivered to the same laboratory.

On 4 March, [the first Draft Dnipro River Basin Management Plan \(Part 1\)](#) was presented at the State Agency of Water Resources. The draft Plan was prepared with EUWI+ support in accordance with the EU good practices for implementing the Water Framework Directive. The document has 5 sections: one for the whole Dnipro and one for each of the 4 Dnipro sub-basins. Printed hard copies were given to the relevant bodies (e.g. Ministry, State Agency of Water Resources, etc).

The last guidance document concerning the characterising the economic analysis for RBMP has been finalised in cooperation with the OSCE project in Don River Basin.

Draft reports “Surface water monitoring development plan for Ukraine: Biological monitoring” and “Groundwater monitoring development plan for Ukraine” were prepared to support the implementation of WFD compliant monitoring in Ukraine.

An abstract for the presentation of a poster at the EGU General Assembly 2021 (19-30 April 2021) was prepared, submitted and accepted by the organizers. The poster highlights the transboundary cooperation activity with Belarus under EUWI+.

An abstract for an oral presentation at the ISARM2021 conference on transboundary aquifers (Dec 2021) was prepared and submitted.

Groundwater sampling equipment provided by EUWI+ was handed over to the respective UA institutes.

In March 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 and related recommendations for further need of action.

On 16 March 2021, the atomic fluorescence spectrometer (AFS), which shall be used for determining ultra-trace levels of mercury, was successfully installed at the Vyshgorod laboratory.

On World Water Day, 22 March 2021, [the renovated water quality laboratory in Vyshgorod \(Kyiv region\) was opened](#) by the Minister and Deputy Minister for Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine and the acting head of the State Agency of Water Resources of Ukraine as well as the representative of the EU Delegation to Ukraine. As a side event, the Draft Dnipro River Basin Management Plan (Part 1) has been officially handed over to the Minister.

Also on 22 March 2021, the EUWI+ team supported the organisation of a round table dedicated to World Water Day 2021 “The value of water and its price” with the support of the National Energy and Utilities Regulatory Commission of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Association “Ukrvodokanalecologia”.

The President of Ukraine signed a decree “On the decision of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine of March 23, 2021” concerning challenges and threats to national security of Ukraine in the environmental sphere and priority measures to neutralise them. Of particular relevance to work on water in Ukraine, it was decided that the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine must, within six months: submit to the parliament a draft law on sewage disposal of settlements; prepare and approve Ukraine’s water strategy for the period up to 2050. As a result, the Ministry of Environment and the Reform Support Team began work on a draft Water Strategy of Ukraine.

With regard to data management, [an online interactive dashboard](#) was developed for water body status visualisation. The SAWR was again contacted in order to have access to a virtual machine on the server financed by EUWI+ to SAWR, as initially planned in the letter of agreement. The virtual machine on the server financed by EUWI+ to CGO was configured and the hydro biological database that CGO made available was analysed.

On 29-31 March 2021, the UA team of EUWI+ participated in at the “Global workshop on building climate-resilience through improving water management and sanitation at national and transboundary levels” and at the “12th meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate of the Water Convention” hosted by UNECE.

On the occasion of World Water Day 2021, [a new video](#) was published on the Ukrainian State Water Agency and EUWI+ social media.

Quarter 2 Look ahead

Priorities for Q2 2021 in Ukraine include:

- Presentation of the Dnipro RBMP scheduled for May 2021
- Link the work on the Protocol on Water and Health targets revision and their SEA with the process of drafting of the National Water Strategy of Ukraine.
- Preparation of display material and presentation of the PICO presentation at the virtual EGU General Assembly 2021 (27 April 15:55).
- Acceptance of the presentation at the ISARM2021 conference organised by UNESCO.
- The reports “Surface water monitoring development plan for Ukraine: Biological monitoring” and “Groundwater monitoring development plan for Ukraine” will be finalised, translated and published.
- The procurement of hydrobiological equipment will be finalised.
- Finalisation of the report “Investigative monitoring – surface water survey capacity building in Ukraine”.
- Preparation of online interactive maps of hydrological monitoring points in Ukraine.
- Starting transfer of data management tools/platform on the virtual machine on the SAWR server.
- Finalisation of a toolkit on communication and public consultation for river basin management in Ukraine.
- Delivery of laboratory consumables is scheduled for June 2021.