

DAY 1: 28 JUNE**Regional Workshop on facilitating the financing of water and environmental resilience in the Eastern Partnership Countries****14:00 – 18:00**

Time	Item	Speaker
14:00-14:15	Opening remarks and scene setting	<i>Mr Gernot Pfandler, Ambassador, Special Envoy for Eastern Partnership, Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs</i> <i>Mr Gérald Audaz, Team Leader, DG NEAR, European Commission</i>
14:15– 14:30	Economic and Investment Plan (EIP) goals as concerns environmental resilience and EU instruments in support of EIP implementation related to the water sector	<i>Mr Gérald Audaz, Team Leader, DG NEAR, European Commission</i>
14:30-15:30	Experience and status update from EaP Countries on the needs, opportunities and challenge on investments in the water sector and the “water and zero pollution” thematic. Interventions may include experience of implementing River Basin Management Plans and Programmes of Measures.	<i>Mr Martiros Nalbandyan, Deputy Chairman of the Water Committee Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of Armenia</i> <i>Mr Faig Mutallimov, Head of Environmental Policy Division, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan</i> <i>Ms Maia Javakhishvili, Deputy Head of Environment and Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i> <i>Mr Radu Cazacu, Deputy Director, Agency Apele Moldovei, Republic of Moldova</i> <i>Ms Maria Shpanchuk, Head of the Department of Water Resources Management, State Agency of Water Resources of Ukraine</i>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00-17:30	Experience and plans from EU Member States and multilateral and bilateral providers of development finance on financing relevant water	<i>Mr Roman Havlíček, Director General, Water Directorate, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic</i>

	<p>and environmental projects in EaP countries</p> <p>Speakers will be invited to present their programmes, plans, challenges and experiences and recommendations for EaP countries. The session will aim to identify opportunities, good practice and key barriers to bringing plans to realisation as well as feasibility of working with a “Team Europe” approach.</p>	<p><i>Mr Gheorghe Constantin, Deputy Director General, Water Directorate, Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests of Romania</i></p> <p><i>Mr David Tyler, Associate Director, Head of Project Preparation & Implementation, Sustainable Infrastructure Group, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</i></p> <p><i>Ms Ewa Manik, Associate Director, Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership (E5P), EBRD</i></p> <p><i>Mr Raphael Jozan, Director for the South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia), Agence Française de Développement (AFD)</i></p> <p><i>Mr Marco Beroš, Lead Engineer, Water Management Division, European Investment Bank</i></p> <p><i>Mr Raimund Mair, Sr. Water Resources Management Specialist, Water, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Ms Birgit Vogel, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River</i></p>
<p>17:30-17:50</p>	<p>Financing water and environmental resilience in EaP countries – EU support and finance for biodiversity and NbS and EU4Environment Water and Data activities and site visits</p>	<p><i>Ms Angela Bularga, Programme Manager, DG NEAR, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Mr Matthew Griffiths, Programme Manager, OECD</i></p> <p><i>Mr Alexander Zinke, Programme Manager, Environment Agency Austria (UBA)</i></p>
<p>17:50-18:00</p>	<p>Concluding remarks and meeting closure</p>	<p><i>Mr Matthew Griffiths, Programme Manager, OECD</i></p> <p><i>Mr Gérald Audaz, Team Leader, DG NEAR, European Commission</i></p>
<p>18:00-20:00</p>	<p>Networking cocktail</p>	

DAY 2: 29 JUNE

Site Visits to examples of Nature-based Solutions

8:30-18:00

Objective: Through the site visits, participants will have the opportunity to learn about different types of Nature-based Solutions and discuss the practicalities of identifying, financing, designing, and implementing Nature-based Solutions, with a focus on what can be effectively implemented in EaP countries.

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8:30	Departure at Hotel Mozart (Nordbergstraße 4, 1090 Wien, Austria).
8:30-18:30	<p>Site Visits (order subject to change):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restoration on urban creeks (for biodiversity and recreation) 2. Re-introduction of sturgeon (sterlet) 3. Fish migration over hydrodam (bypass) 4. Groundwater recharge (improving difficult state for agriculture/irrigation) <p>Note: transport, lunch and interpretation to be provided.</p>
18:00	OPTIONAL: visit to a local winery