EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE PLUS FOR THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

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NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUES: THE PLATFORM TO SUPPORT REFORM

• Proven process over 10 years of experience in EECCA (e.g. Armenia, Moldova)

• EUWI+ provides an opportunity to reenergize/launch NPD (new mandate, revised scope)

• Political ownership (chairmanship), engagement of line ministries and public and private stakeholders and sustainable process

* Suggested key areas to be covered:

  ➢ Support to national level reform (legislation, regulation)
  ➢ Support to implementation of river basin management principles
  ➢ Monitoring of emerging needs and demands
  ➢ Communication of results and coordination with other donor activities on water
PARTNERS

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP (EaP) COUNTRIES:
- BELARUS
- MOLDOVA
- UKRAINE
- ARMENIA
- AZERBAIJAN
- GEORGIA

EU MEMBER STATES CONSORTIUM:
- AUSTRIA
- FRANCE

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS:
- European Commission
- UNECE
- OECD

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Lead/Partner organisations:

**R1** Legal and Regulatory Framework

**R2** River Basin Management Planning

**R3** Lessons learnt and Communication

Lead/Partner organisations:

- UNECE
- OECD
- umweltbundesamt
- HRVATSKO VODE
- International Office for Water
RESULT 1

Result 1: Legal and regulatory framework improved in line with the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD), Integrated Water Resources Management and Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

RESULT 2

Result 2: River Basins Management Plans designed and implemented in line with the EU WFD principles.

RESULT 3

Result 3: Lessons learnt regularly collected, shared and communicated to stakeholders.
REGIONAL REPRESENTATION AND PROJECT STEERING STRUCTURES

- 2 Project offices
  - Kiev (Eastern Countries)
  - Tbilisi (South Caucasus Countries)
- Local Representations
  - Local Representatives for Result 1 and Result 2 & 3 coordinated
- Project Guidance & Steering Structures
  - NPD meetings
  - Annual Regional Steering Committee Meeting (SCM)
  - National preparation SCM
INCEPTION ASSESSMENT FOCUS AREAS

- Transposition of provisions of MEAs, WFD and IWRM principles into national polices, strategies, legislation and regulation
- Implementation and enforcement of water policy, legislation and regulation
- Status of Water related SDGs
- Use of economic instruments for WRM and RBMP implementation
- Monitoring and laboratory infrastructure and capacities including training and supply needs
- Support required for implementation of new and pilot RBMPs
- NPD mandate and composition
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<th>NATIONAL WORK PLANS</th>
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<td>Assist in establishment of the primary legislation needed for approximation to the WFD and secondary legislation for its technical application and implementation</td>
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<td>Help develop strategies for WFD implementation in the short to medium term based on affordability and cost effectiveness</td>
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<td>Assist the countries meet their obligations under multi-lateral environmental agreements such as the Water Convention; SDGs and The Paris Agreement on Climate</td>
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<td>Improve the capacity of the main laboratories to comply with the monitoring requirements of the WFD and to obtain enhanced accreditation at national and international level</td>
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<td>Enhance capacity in ecological and biological monitoring including development of Ecological Status Classification systems for upper and lower catchments and coastal zones</td>
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<td>Strengthen monitoring systems for both SW and GW and water quantity and quality</td>
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<td>Increase capacity in RBMP in accordance with the WFD including in Association Agreement countries maximum coverage of the first cycle of plans</td>
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<td>Within the planning procedure mechanisms will be created to maximum integration of water sectors and uses with emphasis on the Flood, Nitrates, UWWT and Habitat directives</td>
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<td>Establish institutions for the elaboration and implementation of RBMP at the national and basin level</td>
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<td>Establish public consultation procedure in RBM Planning in pilot basins</td>
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