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## **EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE EASTERN EUROPE, CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA (EUWI EECCA) 14<sup>TH</sup> WORKING GROUP MEETING**

Dates: 27 – 28 October 2010

Place: Brussels, Charlemagne Bld. 170 rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels

Languages: English and Russian with simultaneous translation

### **Meeting objectives and issues to be addressed**

The EUWI EECCA is the regional component of the EU Water Initiative focused on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The EUWI EECCA Working Group is the body which monitors and steers the work of EUWI EECCA. The Working Group meets once a year, to set priorities, review major EU and EECCA developments, share the experience of target countries and information about relevant projects, and to endorse the programme of work and budget for the next year.

The EUWI EECCA supports work of the European Neighbourhood Policy and the implementation of objectives contained in the Action Plans and of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation which constitutes a framework for the implementation of the environment and water pillar of the EU Strategy for Central Asia.

The 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group will bring together 80 participants including senior officials representing water and environmental authorities, experts from countries of Western, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia; as well as international organisations and donors. Organisation of the meeting is supported by the European Commission.

This particular meeting takes place one year ahead of the meeting of the Environment for Europe process in Astana. It will be a good opportunity to discuss messages which will be conveyed at the Ministerial meeting. It is crucial that delegates from EU member states and from EECCA countries meet and actively contribute to the discussion, so that policy relevant messages can be fed into the Ministerial meeting in Astana in 2011.

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## Draft agenda

**27 October 2010**

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>	
<b>09.30 – 10.00</b>	<p><b>Introduction, objectives of the meeting and welcome</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Gheorghe Constantin, Chair of the EUWI EECCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gheorghe Constantin, Chair of the EUWI EECCA and General Director of the Ministry of Environment of Romania</li> <li>• Representative of the European Commission: ENP, EU CA New Partnership and Water,</li> <li>• Massimo Cozzone, Chair of the EU CA Working Group on Environmental Governance and Climate Change</li> <li>• Xavier Leflaive , Team Leader, OECD</li> <li>• Bo Libert, Regional Advisor on Environment, UNECE</li> </ul>	
<b>10.00– 10.15</b>	<p><b>Session 1. Overview of the EUWI EECCA status</b></p> <p>Gheorghe Constantin, Chair of the EUWI EECCA  <i>The Chair highlights key features of 2009-10 and reports on the discussion at the Multi Stakeholder Forum organised within the Stockholm Water Week</i></p>	Oral report
<b>10.15 – 11.00</b>	<p><b>Session 2. EU Water Framework Directive: developments in the Union and lessons learned for the EECCA region</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Gheorghe Constantin, Chair of the EUWI EECCA          Assessment and prospects– Pierre Borgoltz, DG RELEX</p> <p><b>Question and answers</b></p>	Oral reports 15 min.
<b>11.00 – 11.15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	

<p><b>11.15 – 12.30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3. EUWI , in context of climate change: Setting the scene</b></p> <p><b>Session chair:</b> Massimo Cozzone, Chair of the EU CA Working Group on Environmental Governance and Climate Change</p> <p>Jos Timmermann, Government of the Netherlands <i>Presentation of the EU - UNECE Guidelines on Water Adaptation to Climate Change – content and implementation, with reference to the UNECE Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health</i></p> <p>Xavier Leflaive, OECD <i>Presentation of OECD draft methodology to strengthen the financial dimension of adaptation of water management and water infrastructure to climate change in EECCA. The presentation builds on the Stock Taking report and on a pilot project in one river basin in Armenia.</i></p> <p>Q&amp;A followed by discussion</p>
<p><b>12.30 – 14.00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>14.00 – 16.00</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4. Presentation of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), including ENP Instrument, Eastern Partnership.</b></p> <p><b>Session 2 Co-Chairs:</b> Grigory Semchuk, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Housing and Communal Economy, Ukraine; and Heide Jekel, Head of Division WA I 4 / Cooperation in International River Basins, Freshwater Management Conventions, International Freshwater Protection Law, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany</p> <p><i>The presentations will highlight political and financial aspects of the EU support to water management projects in the Eastern ENP region and make recommendations for better integration of the NPDs into implementation of the EU policies</i></p> <p>Representative of the EC DG RELEX (<i>on political aspects of the ENP and Eastern Partnership</i>)</p> <p>EC DG Environment Unit ENV.E.1. IR and Enlargement (<i>on water policy issues</i>)</p> <p>Lena Nielsen, Programme Manager, European Commission EuropeAid Co-operation Office (<i>on funding issues</i>)</p> <p><b>Implementation of National Policy Dialogues in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy and Eastern Partnership:</b></p> <p><i>Progress with National Policy Dialogues in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. Updates by country delegates, highlighting achievements, lessons learned and expectations for the future. When appropriate, presentations will refer to IWRM principles, the EU WFD and tools presented by UNECE and OECD.</i></p> <p>Q&amp;A + discussions</p>

16.00 – 16.15	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16.15 – 18.00	<p><b>Session 4 Implementation of National Policy Dialogues in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy and Eastern Partnership:</b></p> <p><b>(continued)</b></p> <p>Volodya Narimanyan, Water Resources Management Agency, Deputy Chairman, <i>Armenia</i></p> <p>Gheorghe ŞALARU, Minister of the Environment, <i>Moldova</i></p> <p>Grigory Petruk, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment Protection, Ukraine; and Natalia Zakorchavna, NPD National expert, <i>Ukraine (on National Policy Dialogue in IWRM)</i></p> <p>Grigory Semchuk, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Housing Economy, <i>Ukraine (on overcoming the negative implications of decentralization in the water sector)</i></p> <p>Mariam Makarova, Head of Water Department of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, <i>Georgia</i></p> <p>Rasim Guliev, Director of Monitoring Environmental Pollutions Center, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, <i>Azerbaijan</i></p> <p>Steven Warren, Team leader - Regional Water governance in Eastern Neighbourhood: lessons / recommendations –</p> <p>Q&amp;A followed by discussion</p>	Oral reports 10 min.

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09.30 – 11.15	<p><b>Session 5. Initiation and implementation of the NPDs in the context of the Strategy for a New Partnership with Central Asia</b></p> <p><b>Session Co-Chairs:</b> Kurbangeldy Ballyev, Turkmenistan and Pierre Borgoltz, Coordinator for Central Asia European Commission DG RELEX DDG2.E.3.CENTRAL ASIA</p> <p><i>(a) Presentation of the Strategy for a New Partnership with Central Asia and related initiatives. The presentations will highlight complementary political and financial actions within the Strategy for a New Partnership with Central Asia and make recommendations for better integration of the NPDs into implementation of the EU policies.</i></p> <p>M. Sebastian Damm, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Germany /<i>The Strategy for a New Partnership with Central Asia and BERLIN Water Process</i></p>	Oral reports 10 min.
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	<p>Alfred Diebold, Executive Committee IFAS <i>on preparation of the Aral Sea Basin Programme III.</i></p> <p>Tim Turner, Team Leader, EU project Water Governance in Central Asia: <i>project outcomes</i></p> <p>Ulf Hindström, Head of EBRD Dushanbe Resident Office <i>on EBRD water projects in Tajikistan</i></p> <p><i>(b)Presentations of National Policy Dialogues in Central Asia contributing to the on-going regional initiatives</i></p> <p>Bakyt Kakeev, Head of Water Inspection, State Committee for Water and Melioration; and Erkin Orolbaev, Kyrgyzstan NPD IWRM Coordinator; <i>Kyrgyzstan and Chu – Talas transboundary cooperation</i></p> <p>Sulton Rahimov, First Deputy Minister of Melioration and Water Resources, <i>Tajikistan</i></p> <p>Serik Ahmetov, Ministry of Environmental Protection, <i>Kazakhstan</i></p> <p>Shavkat Rakhimov, Director General of Scientific research Institute of Irrigation "SANIIRI", <i>Uzbekistan</i></p> <p>Ahmet Muhamedov, Deputy Minister on Water, <i>Turkmenistan</i></p> <p>Q&amp;A followed by discussion</p>	
<p><b>11.15 – 11.30</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>	
<p><b>11.30 – 12.15</b></p>	<p><b>Session 6. EUWI EECCA Working Group Programme of Work and Budget for 2010-12 and beyond</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Gheorghe Constantin, Chair of the EUWI EECCA</p> <p>Gheorghe Constantin <i>The Chair presents main projects to be continued/ launched before the Astana Conference, with reference to recommendations from the Multi Stakeholder Forum. The Chair presents elements of a vision post Astana.</i></p> <p>Gulnara Roll, EUWI Coordinator at the UNECE : <i>Lessons learned on EUWI experiences and NPDs in EECCA</i></p> <p>Xavier Leflaive, Bo Libert <i>The OECD and UNECE present financial status of new projects and needs for additional funding.</i></p> <p>Delegates (EECCA countries) express support for the projects and flag priorities. Delegates (donor countries) express interests and options for in-kind and/or financial support.</p>	<p>Oral reports 10 min.</p>

	EC and EU Member States support: <i>status and prospects</i>	
<b>12.15 - 13.00</b>	<p><b>Session 7. Preparation to Astana Environment for Europe Conference</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> Gheorghe Constantin, Chair of the EUWI EECCA</p> <p>Bo Libert, UNECE Regional Advisor on Environment  <i>UNECE presents latest developments in the preparation of the Conference (goals and challenges, topics potentially included in the plenary, opportunities for side events)</i></p> <p>Xavier Leflaive, Team Leader, OECD  <i>OECD presents main messages derived from the report Progress towards Achieving MDGs on WSS in EECCA (report for Astana 2011)</i></p> <p>Delegates discuss the main messages and explore opportunities for participation in the process and in the Conference.</p>	Draft PWB for 2010-11
<b>13.00 – 13.30</b>	<b>Concluding session</b>	
<b>13.30 – 15.00</b>	<b>Lunch and adjourn</b>	

### Supporting documents

OECD/EAP Task Force, Stock Taking report

OECD/EAP Task Force, Progress in Achieving the Water-related Millennium Development Goals in EECCA

UNECE Guidance on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change

UNECE/WHO Protocol on Water and Health

UNECE Recommendations on Payments for Ecosystem Services in Integrated Water Resources Management

EUWI EECCA Working Group progress report

EUWI EECCA Working Group, Programme of Work and Budget for 2011-12