

**Progress and Achievements in data
reporting
in Georgia under ENPI-SEIS project
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Achievements

Enhanced cooperation between the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia (MOENRP) and the National Statistics Office of Georgia (GEOSTAT):

- Draft of Memorandum on Cooperation between MOENRP and GEOSTAT has been developed;
- Development of New Environmental Indicators is planned (water supply&sanitation; municipal waste management);
- Strengthening of GEOSTAT with human resources in the environmental statistics is planned.



Achievement

Survey on regular/sustained data flow for eight environmental indicators conducted:

- Feasibility study revealed missing indicators for Georgia (Total phosphorus and Total nitrogen concentration in the major water bodies);
- Methods of analyses were elaborated (Total P - ISO 6878:2004, Total N - ISO 11905-1:1997);
- From 2014 National Environmental Agency under MOENRP will measure the missing indicators accordingly



Synergies between the ENPI-SEIS network and other regional initiatives and projects:

Twinning project: “Strengthening the Capacities of the Ministry of Environment Protection in Development and Improvement of Waste Management System in Georgia”

- Drafting legislation on waste management that ensures:
 - Establishment of a legal system of waste data reporting,
 - Standardized waste reporting formats;
 - Introduction and development of the control mechanism ensuring reliability, quality and compatibility of waste data.
- Next steps within the Twinning project:
 - Purchase of server and communication hardware for Waste Database and installation works - planned for November 2013;
 - Other related environmental components like data for air and water quality could be expanded in future as next steps.



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USAID project “Integrated Natural Resources Management in Watersheds (INRMW) – Program for Georgia”

- Water statistics data base modernization is planned;
- Simplified statistic forms for water users, online reporting, modernization of computer program for summarizing of information



Challenges

- Outdated and weak environmental monitoring network;
- Environmental data reliability;
- Outdated data collection methods;
- Outdated databases;
- Absence of self monitoring system by organizations;
- Absence of required software.



Possible outcomes

Introduction of effective environmental information sharing system in the country

- Strengthening of coordination between governmental bodies;
- Improvement of reporting system;
- Ensuring the access to environmental information;
- Support of introduction data collection software;
- Environmental data systematization and analysis using modern technologies;
- Development of effective mechanism of verification of information, strengthening legal requirements related to reporting by enterprises;
- Capacity-building and training of staff.



Next Steps

- Implementation of ENPI-SEIS project activities at regional and national levels;
- National workshop to support the implementation of Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) in Georgia, 2-3 December, Tbilisi, Georgia;
- Regional training on water quality reporting, 4-5 December 2013, Tbilisi, Georgia;
- Since September, 2013, MoENRP has started implementation of the state E-governance Process that will improve the availability and transparency of Environmental information.



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Thank you

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