



## **THE THIRD MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN GEORGIA**

**European Union Water Initiative, Component for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia**

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### **AGENDA**

<b>09.45-10.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10.00-10.30</b>	<p><b>Opening</b> Chair – Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia, First Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia, Chair of Steering Committee NPD</p> <p><b>Welcoming remarks</b> Mr. Alvaro Ortega Aparicio, EU Delegation in Georgia Mr. Peep Mardiste, Regional NPD coordinator, UNECE Ms. Tatiana Efimova, Water Project Manager, OECD</p> <p><b>Purpose of the meeting and adoption of the agenda</b> - Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia</p>
<b>10.30- 10.45</b>	<p><b>Overview of the National Policy Dialogue process</b></p> <p>Mr. Peep Mardiste, Regional Coordinator of EUWI National Policy Dialogues, UNECE</p>
<b>10.45- 11.15</b>	<p><b>Overview of the activities under National Policy Dialogue in Georgia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Water Law of Georgia,</li> <li>- Ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health,</li> <li>- Bilateral Agreement on Shared Water Resources between Azerbaijan and Georgia</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Nino Gvazava – Head of the Water Resources Management Service, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia</p>
<b>11.15- 12.00</b>	<p><b>Information: The pilot assessment of the Water-Food- Energy-Ecosystem Nexus in Alazani/Ganikh basin</b></p> <p>Ms. Annukka Lipponen, UNECE</p>
<b>12.00- 12.15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

<b>12.15- 13.15</b>	<p><b>Work of OECD on economic and financial aspects of the water resources management</b></p> <p>Ms. Tatiana Efimova, Water Project Manager, OECD</p>
<b>13.15- 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14.30- 16.00</b>	<p><b>Information about the preparation of secondary water legislation</b></p> <p>Experts: Ms. Ekaterine Otashvili, Ms. Marine Arabidze, Mr. Ilia Mtskhvetadze</p> <p><b>Decisions by the Steering Committee</b></p>
<b>16.00- 16.15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16.15- 16.45</b>	<p><b>Experience of international and other organizations In IWRM implementation in Georgia and opportunities for cooperation in the framework of the National Policy Dialogue</b></p> <p>Mr. Zurab Jincharadze, EU financed project “Environmental Protection of International River Basins”  Ms. Medea Inashvili, EU financed project “Supporting Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Neighbourhood East and Russia”</p>
<b>16.45- 17.15</b>	<p><b>Future priorities under the NPD in Georgia</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p>
<b>17.15-17.30</b>	<p><b>Conclusions and adoption of decisions of the Steering Committee</b></p> <p>Chair - Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia, First Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia</p>
<b>18.00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>