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## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUES ON WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION IN EECCA

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# National Policy Dialogues (NPDs) on water in EECCA countries under EU Water Initiative

- **Ten EECCA countries**:
  - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine.
- **Two main areas**:
  - water resources management (WRM)
  - water supply and sanitation (WSS)
- **Possible future work**:
  - water for a green economy
  - water-energy-food nexus
- NPDs provide **platforms for continuous dialogue & coordination** for ministries/agencies, experts, NGOs, donors and IFIs.
- Financially supported by the EU and bilateral donors, facilitated by the **OECD-EAP Task Force** and **UNECE**

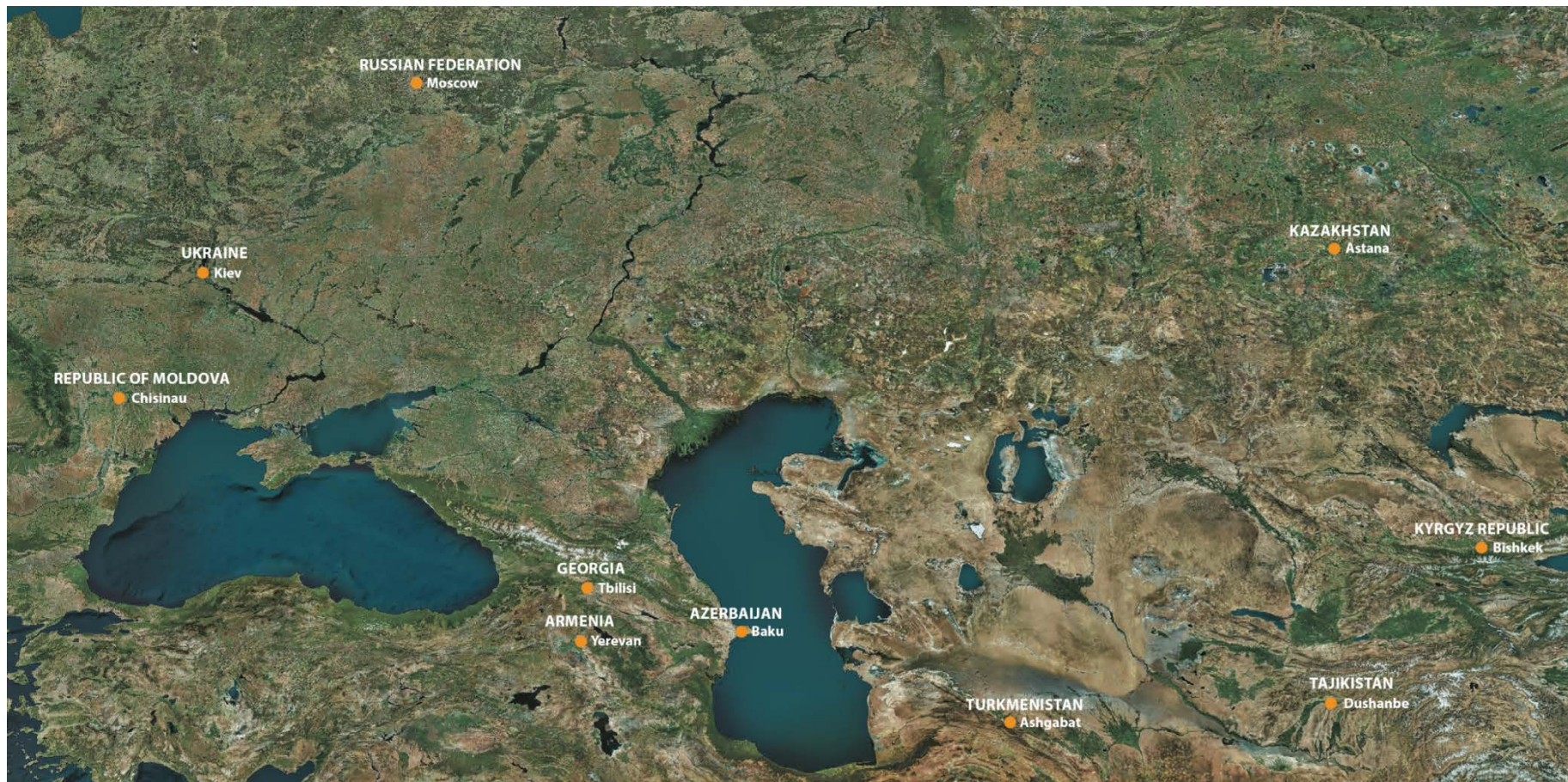


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# OECD and UNECE jointly facilitate NPDs on water in EECCA







# Accessibility and Affordability of WSS have always been in the focus of NPDs

- **Improving Accessibility: availability of good quality fresh water resources, and of WSS infrastructure**
  - **Quality of WSS services** – even if accessible and affordable – is another important issue
  - Strategic financial planning for WSS infrastructure (e.g. Armenia, Kyrgyzstan), and Tools to implement strategic plans (e.g. mid-term Action plan for WSS in Moldova)
  - Adapting WSS systems to climate change (risk based approach)
  - Work on PSP in WSS (e.g. Russia)
  - Improving supply-side Domestic Financial Support mechanisms, incl. subsidies (e.g. KR, Moldova, Russia, RK)
  - Applying Economic Instruments for enhancing water use efficiency and protecting water supply sources (e.g. Kyrgyzstan and Russia)



# OECD work on economic instruments for WRM in Central Asia: focus on water security (*water for all*)





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- **Ensuring Affordability of WSS:**
  - Ability-to-Pay and Willingness-to-Pay methodology successfully applied in several countries (e.g. Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova)
  - Affordability assessment integrated into Tariff setting procedures (e.g. in Russia)
  - Recommendations on improving demand-side domestic financial support mechanisms (e.g. Moldova), including the national social support systems (better targeting it at the poor/those in real needs), e.g. in Armenia



# NPDs on water in the Caucasus





# Cross-cutting issues and future work

- Promoting ratification & implementation of the **Protocol on Water & Health** under the UNECE *Water Convention*
- Instruments for managing demand for water resources and water systems capacity (e.g. metering and tariff policy; revision of design and construction norms etc.)
- Improving policy, institutional and legal framework (adopting WSS law; developing Guiding documents: on Urban WSS sector reform, and on performance-based contracts; tariff reform / improving economic regulation); Sustainable business-models for WSS operators (RK, MLD)
- Integrating sectoral strategies and plans in NDS and budgetary framework (e.g. Armenia, Kyrgyzstan)
- Local capacity development (trainings, involvement of local experts in OECD projects etc.) – all EECCA
- Future work: more focus on rural WSS to reduce urban-rural disparities





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