



European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership

1ST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL INTERAGENCY STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE EUWI+ IN BELARUS

Minsk, 5 December 2018



Venue: Hotel Willing, Lenina Street 50, Minsk

(Languages: Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation)

The objectives of the meeting are:

- to discuss progress and next steps in implementing the European Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+) programme in Belarus and to receive feedback from national stakeholders;
- to discuss the role and future work of the Interagency Steering Committee.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8.30 – 9.00	REGISTRATION
9.00 - 9.30	Opening and welcoming statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrei Khmel, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, Chair of the Interagency Steering Committee of the EUWI+ - Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda• Tomas Stravinskas, EU Delegation to Belarus – welcoming statement• Alisher Mamadzhanov, UNECE - Welcoming remarks by EUWI+ Implementing Partners

9:30 – 10:30	OPENING SESSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft national strategy for water resources management in the context of climate change for the period until 2030 - Representative of CRICUWR • Brief overview of the regional EUWI+ programme - EUWI+ team • Brief overview of the national priorities under the EUWI+ programme - Representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection • Q&A followed by discussion
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
SESSION 1	CONTRIBUTION OF THE EUWI+ TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL POLICY IN THE WATER SECTOR
11:00 –12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory activities of the EUWI+ in 2017-2018 - Representatives of OECD and UNECE • National reporting on the SDG indicators 6.3-6.5 - Representatives of CRICUWR and OECD • Implementation of the 1999 UNECE/WHO Europe Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes – A. Drazdova, Ministry of Health and A. Mamadzhanov, UNECE • Q&A followed by discussion
SESSION 2	RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT
12:00 –13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory activities of the EUWI+ in 2017-2018 - Representatives of the International Office for Water (France) • Support for the development of river basin management plans and further operationalization of basin councils – Yunona Videnina, International Office for Water (France) • Support to the development of transboundary cooperation with Latvia and Lithuania - A. Mamadzhanov, UNECE • Q&A followed by discussion
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
SESSION 3	PILOT MEASURES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL (IN THE KOPYLSKYI DISTRICT)

14:00 –15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express survey of water resources and water systems in the Kopylskyi district of Minsk Oblast – A. Martusevich, OECD and project experts V. Bordeniuc and P. Zakharko, CRICUWR (<i>tbc</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key findings and recommendations for a draft Action Plan, and - Assessment of water use efficiency for the most water intensive enterprises, key finding and recommendations • Q&A followed by discussion. Comments from the administration of the Kopylskyi district
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break
SESSION 4	LABORATORIES DEVELOPMENT AND SURFACE WATER AND GROUND WATER MONITORING
15:30 –16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory activities of the EUWI+ in 2017-2018 – Michael Sutter, Environment Agency Austria • Investment opportunities and investment plans under the EUWI+ - M. Sutter, Environment Agency Austria • Equipment to be procured under the EUWI+ and national needs - Representatives of subordinate organizations of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection • Q&A followed by discussion
16:30-17:00	CLOSING SESSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluding statements and decisions on future activities • Closure of the meeting