



# EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUES: SUPPORT TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH ACTIVITIES

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## Background

- 2006 EU Water Initiative (EUWI) National Policy Dialogues (NPDs) started in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, facilitated by UNECE and OECD, ongoing in 10 countries with funding from European Commission (EUWI and Kazakhstan Green Economy project), Finland (FinWaterWei II), Norway
- EUWI EECCA Working Group chaired by Romania
- EUWI+ project for the 6 Eastern Partnership countries; 24.5 mln EUR (23.5 mln EUR funding from DG NEAR/European Commission);
- Sep 2016 – Aug 2020; Implementing Partners: UNECE, OECD, EU Member States Consortium (Austria (UBA) and France (IoW))
- To support partner countries in bringing their national policies and strategies in line with the EU Water Framework Directive and MEAs

# OVERVIEW ON THE EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE PLUS FOR THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

## **Overall AIM**

- Support to reforms of water policies, establishment of an adequate governance framework, and development of institutional capacities in support of policy implementation
- Support to the transition from pilot basin to country scale timely implementation of the EU water framework directive (WFD) principles for IWRM and river basin management harmonisation in transboundary basins
- Strengthening of monitoring of water bodies status & upgrade of needed infrastructure & quality management
- Institutional capacity development to ensure sustainable results

# EXPECTED RESULTS EUWI+

**Result 1:**  
**R1** **Legal and regulatory framework** improved in line with the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD), Integrated Water Resources Management and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health).



**Result 2:**  
**R2** **River Basins Management Plans** designed and implemented in line with the EU WFD principles (Lab development, Monitoring systems, data management, etc.)



**Result 3:**  
**R3** Lessons learnt regularly collected, shared and **communicated to stakeholders.**



# CONTRIBUTION OF EUWI+ TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION: TARGETS SETTING/REVISION

BASED ON THE NEEDS EXPRESSED BY COUNTRIES DURING THE INCEPTION PHASE:

- To improve overall policy and strategies on water and health in countries
- To contribute to achievement of SDG 6
- To contribute to achievement of obligations under Association Agreements with the EU (where applicable, establishing links with EU directives)
- To support countries in implementing main obligations of this MEA:
  - Targets setting/revision ongoing/completed: Armenia, Azerbaijan (official adoption in August 2018), Ukraine
  - Targets setting/revision planned: Belarus, possibly Georgia, Republic of Moldova
- With substantive support of the Joint UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol secretariat
- Strong links with the Protocol's Programme of Work (target setting, equitable access)

# CONTRIBUTION OF EUWI+ TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION: CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

BASED ON THE NEEDS EXPRESSED BY COUNTRIES DURING THE INCEPTION PHASE:

- At the national level:
  - Workshops and Public Consultations on the Protocol on Water and Health and equitable access to water and sanitation in Armenia (Dec 2017 and Feb 2019), Azerbaijan (Jul 2018), Belarus (Dec. 2018), Ukraine (Mar 2018, Dec 2018)
- At the regional level :
  - Regional workshop on target setting and SDGs (May, 2017)
  - Meetings of the regional Task Force and the Working Group on Water and Health
  - Regional workshop on joint implementation of the Protocol, SDGs and EU Directives (2 April 2019)

# CONTRIBUTION OF EUWI+ TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION: EQUITABLE ACCESS

BASED ON THE NEEDS EXPRESSED BY COUNTRIES DURING THE INCEPTION PHASE:

- At the national level:
  - Equitable access to water and sanitation covered in dedicated studies or as part of target setting process in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine
  - Planned to be covered or links to be established with work on equitable access in Belarus and the Republic of Moldova
- At the regional level (reporting on activities under EUWI+):
  - Regional meeting of the Expert Group on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (June 2018)

# CONTRIBUTION OF EUWI+ TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION: OTHER EXAMPLES

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WSS AND IWRM, DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING TO MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROTOCOL:

- OECD led activities on WRM and WSS strategy development/update, SDG 6 indicators
- Activities on RBMP development and laboratory and monitoring improvement by UBA and IOW within Result 2
- Communication and awareness raising activities under Result 3



# THANK YOU!

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