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NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON WATER

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Venue: International Exhibition Center, International Water Forum “AQUA 2019”, 15 Brovary Ave., International Exhibition Center, Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukraine is undertaking a major reform in the water sector what includes the shift towards basin management of water resources to comply with the EU WFD requirements, including further strengthening of the monitoring system of surface waters. Ukraine needs to greatly increase and accelerate the enforcement and implementation of the reform in order to achieve the goals of the EU Association Agreement within the required timeframe. At the same time, significant investment and greater policy coherence are required for Ukraine to implement the water sector reform and reach compliance with the EU water acquis.

The meeting will be co-convened by the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine and the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine with support provided by the European Union through the EUWI+ programme. It will gather delegates from national and local authorities, water associations, and international experts from EU Member States to share practical experiences of the water reform journey.

The objectives of the meeting are as follows:

- to discuss the state of play in Ukraine with regard to the water sector reform, approximation towards the EU Water Directives and other related instruments;
- to discuss need for better coherence among sectoral policies and further harmonization required to reach the strategic objectives of the water sector;
- to provide an update and discuss challenges in the area of RBPlanning and next steps;
- to provide a platform for coordination of donor activities in the water sector in Ukraine and to enhance the international cooperation with partner organizations.

TENTATIVE AGENDA 5 NOVEMBER

On 5 November, the meeting is aimed to bring together national level policy makers, representing different Ministries, Agencies, water associations and NGOs to discuss the status of sectoral strategies and its interlinkages and potential for harmonization. **Pavilion 2, Entrance 2- A, room 9.**

13:00 – 13:30	REGISTRATION
13:30–14:00	<p>Opening and welcoming statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Irina Stavchuk, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine • Mr Oleg Bondarenko, Committee of the Verkhovna Rada on Environmental Policy and Nature Management • Ms Olga Babiy, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine • Mr Eugene Pivovarov, Committee of the Verkhovna Rada on Energy and Communal and Housing Services • Mr Johannes Baur, Head of Operations Section, Economic cooperation, energy, infrastructure and environment <p>Adoption of the Agenda</p>
SESSION 1	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON POLICY COHERENCE AND HARMONISATION OF STRATEGIC VISION IN THE WATER SECTOR OF UKRAINE
14:00 – 15:45	<p>High-level Panel discussion on policy coherence and harmonisation of strategic vision in the water sector of Ukraine</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Olga Babiy, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine</p> <p>Introductory speech: Why do we need a national water strategy? - Mr Oleksander Bon, Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine</p> <p>Panellists (up to 5 min. each, followed by Q&A and eventual short 2-min interventions from the floor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform of water resources management as a key element of the future national water strategy – Mr Mikhailo Khorev, Acting Head of the State Water Agency • Reform of WSS in Ukraine: we need investments but not only! - Ms. Olga Babiy, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine • Strategy for the irrigation sector of Ukraine until 2030 – Mr. Mikhailo Romashchenko, Director of Water Problems and Melioration of Ukraine • What is behind of a harmonized strategic vision: identification and planning of investments - Mr Vasyl Hovhera, EBRD • Development of hydroenergy in Ukraine and dams security – Mr Oleksander Krush, Deputy General Director, Ukrhydroenergo • Challenges of the nitrate directive implementation in Ukraine – Ms Natalia Osadchiy, Institute of Hydrometeorology of Ukraine

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Water Directives: investment challenges of implementation in Bulgaria - Ms. Boryana Georgieva, Water Management Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Water of Bulgaria • Strengthening of strategic cooperation in the Black sea: towards development of the marine strategy (Ukraine, Georgia) – Ms Eliso Barnavi, National strategy expert, Georgia, Mr Victor Komorin, Director of Ukraine Scientific Centre of Sea Ecology. <p>Q&A followed by discussion</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr Jesper Karup Pedersen, COWI (Denmark)</p>
15:45–16:15	Coffee break
SESSION 2	WSS AND NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY: TOWARDS HARMONISATION
16:15–17:45	<p>Panel discussion to zoom in at WSS challenges and how it can be addressed in the national water resource strategy of Ukraine. What are the points of convergence?</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Olga Romanyuk, Municipal Development Institute of Ukraine</p> <p>Introductory speech: Vision for the water supply and sanitation strategy in Ukraine - Mr Viktor Tokarenko, Head of Department, Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine</p> <p>Panellists (up to 5 min. each, followed by Q&A and eventual short 2-min interventions from the floor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards harmonisation of WSS reform strategy with a national water resources strategy- Mr Dmytro Novytskyi, President of the Association Ukrvodokanalecologia, Director of Kyiv Vodocanal • Role of setting the targets on water and sanitation - Ms Hanna Tsvetkova, GWP of Ukraine • Financing water investments in Ukraine: barriers and opportunities - Mr Jan-Willem Lohr, EIB • NEFCO NIP Ukraine Water Programme – Mr Sergey Zima, NEFCO Ukraine • Financing investments in the field of water - Mr Aleksander Suszyński, National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management of Poland • Why do we need harmonization between the WSS and national water resources strategies? – Mr Volodymir Bilokon, Reform support team, Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine <p>Q&A followed by discussion</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr Jesper Karup Pedersen, COWI (Denmark)</p>
18:15	Cocktail

6 NOVEMBER

On 6 November, the meeting is aimed to discuss the status of water resources management reform in Ukraine. It will bring together national and regional water authorities, basin organizations, a broad range of water stakeholders, academia, NGOs and business community. **Pavilion 3, Entrance 3 – C, Room 13.**

09:00 – 09:30	REGISTRATION
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09:30–10:00	<p>Opening and welcoming statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Irina Stavchuk, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine • Mr Micahel Sutter, UBA (Austrian Environmental Agency), EUWI Plus - EU MS Consortium • Mr Oleksander Klitko, EU Delegation to Ukraine • Mr Jesper Karup Pederasen, COWI - The rapporteur will present the key discussion points from the high-level panel on 5 November.
SESSION 1	INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: STATUS, CHALLENGES, PERSPECTIVES
10:00 – 11:30	<p>Panel discussion to zoom in at progress and challenges of River Basin Management Planning in Ukraine</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Oleksander Bon, Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine and Mr Michael Sutter, UBA</p> <p><u>Introductory talk</u> on River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) development followed by discussion on the different key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards harmonisation of national approaches and methodologies for development of RBMPs • Institutional reform challenges; roles and responsibilities at National, Oblast, District levels; interaction between line agencies • RBMP implementation: major areas of responsibility – how to make it happened? Which levers for RBMP implementation? • Transboundary aspects of basin planning <p>Panellists (up to 5 min. each, followed by Q&A and eventual short 2-min interventions from the floor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Phillippe Seguin, EUWI+/IOWater • Ms Tamara Kutonova, GEF project on the Dniester basin • Ms Nataliia Grudnitska, Desna Basin organisation, SAWR • Mr Petro Kropotov, State Emergency Service of Ukraine • Mr Bo Libert, UNECE expert <p>Q&A followed by discussion</p>
11:30–11:50	Coffee break
SESSION 2	CHALLENGES OF RBMPs IMPLEMENTATION: MOBILISATION OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES
11:50–13:15	<p>Moderator: Mr Bo Libert, UNECE expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the reform of economic and financial instruments for water resources management important? – Ms Tatiana Efimova, OECD • Dnipro RBMP: preliminary results of an economic analysis – Ms Olga Popova, Institute for Economics and Forecasting of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EcoFund as a mechanism to support implementation of the water sector reform in Poland – <i>Mr Aleksander Suszyński</i>, National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management of Poland • Investments and implementation of RBMPs – <i>Mr Vasyl Hovhera</i>, EBRD • Need for reform of economic instruments for implementation of RBMPs in Georgia – <i>Mr Zurab Jincharadze</i>, Georgia <p><i>Q&A followed by discussion</i></p>
13:15-14:15	Lunch break
SESSION 3	INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION AND COORDINATION
14:15-15:45	<p>Moderator: Mr Volodymir Bilokon, Reform support team, Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine and Mr Matthew Griffiths, OECD</p> <p><u>Introductory talk</u> followed by discussion on the different key points: How to organise consistent water coordination?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subjects of water monitoring. Data and information exchange between agencies – <i>Ms Iryna Grokhovetska</i>, State Emergency Service of Ukraine, <i>Mr Anatoliy Prokopenko</i>, Deputy Director, Hydrometcentre, <i>Ms Nataliia Zarithovska</i>, Public Service of Geology and Subsoil of Ukraine, <i>Ms Nataliia Pysha</i>, Geoinform • Good water governance and interactions in water management based on good water body monitoring - <i>Mr Alexander Zinke</i>, EUWI+/UBA • Geoportal: a modern tool to share information on water in Ukraine – <i>Ms Oxana Konovaenko</i>, EUWI+ <p><i>Q&A followed by discussion</i></p>
15:45–16:15	Coffee break
SESSION 4	SYNERGIES WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN UKRAINE
16:15–17:00	<p>Moderator: Mr Volodymir Bilokon, Reform support team, Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine and Mr Matthew Griffiths, OECD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of international cooperation in identifying potential threats to public access to drinking water– <i>Ms Lina Plutschakova</i>, OSCE project • SEIS II project – <i>Mr Dmitro Averin</i> • Open access: Open Environment – <i>Ms Lesya Shevchenkoo</i> • EMBLAS project – <i>Mr Viktor Komorin, Ms Olena Marushevka</i> <p><i>Q&A followed by discussion</i></p>
SESSION 5	WRAP UP, CONCLUSIONS
17:00-17:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions by the NPD meeting • Closure of the meeting