



European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership

2ND MEETING OF THE NATIONAL INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE MANAGING THE EUWI+ IMPLEMENTATION IN BELARUS

Minsk, 5 December 2019



Venue: Hotel Belarus, Strozhevskaya 15, Minsk

(Working 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 expected results by end 2020 and demands for future work

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8.30 – 9.00	REGISTRATION
9:00 – 9:30	OPENING SESSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrei Khmel, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter - <i>Minprirody</i>), Chair of the Inter-agency Committee managing the EUWI+ implementation in Belarus - Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda• EU Delegation to Belarus – welcoming statement• OECD representative – welcoming remarks by EUWI+ Implementing Partners

SESSION 1	NATIONAL PRIORITIES IN THE WATER SECTOR IN BELARUS
9:30 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of recent changes in the legal and institutional frameworks in the water sector in Belarus and of the national priorities under the EUWI+ programme - Representatives of <i>Minprirody</i> and <i>Minzhilkomkhoz</i> • Progress in transboundary water cooperation with the neighboring countries, Ms. Tatiana Slizh, <i>Minprirody</i> • Q&A followed by discussion
SESSION 2	MILESTONES IN LOCAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT UNDER EUWI+ EAST
10:00 –11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Achievements in upgrading of Belarus laboratory capacities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by the EUWI+ EU Member State Consortium, Alexander Zinke, Environment Agency, Austria (ii) A milestone in local expert capacity development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing training materials on Economic instruments for managing water resources, bodies and systems in Belarus – Ihar Dzeraviaha and Sniazhana Dubianok, local specialists • Q&A (iii) Statements by the funding and beneficiary institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by Dep. Minister Khmel
11:15 - 11:35	Coffee break
SESSION 3	EUWI+ CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL WATER POLICY IN BELARUS
11:35 –13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result 1 related activities of the EUWI+ in 2018-2019 - Representatives of OECD and UNECE • Strategic Environmental Assessment of the draft national Strategy for water resources management for the period until 2030, in the context of climate change: start of the process – Alisher Mamadzhonov, UNECE and Palina Zakharko, CRICUWR • National reporting on the SDG indicators 6.3-6.5: status of approving methodologies and building time series - Ms. Sniazhana Dubianok, CRICUWR • Methodological support on reporting under the SDG 6.5.2 indicator on transboundary water cooperation– Ms. Sniazhana Dubianok, CRICUWR, A. Mamadzhonov, UNECE • Q&A (10 minutes) • Presentation of the draft revised national targets under the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes – A. Drazdova, Ministry of Health, A. Mamadzhonov, UNECE • Piloting local actions to support implement the national Water Strategy and

	<p>RBMPs: Recommendations on developing potable water supply systems in Kopyl rayon of Minsk oblast - Palina Zakharko, CRICUWR and representative of the Kopyl rayon administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A followed by discussion
13:00 –14:00	Lunch break
SESSION 4	EUWI+ CONTRIBUTION TO RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT and TRANS-BOUNDARY CO-OPERATION
14:00 –15:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in implementation of the river basin management principles in Belarus: (i) Dnieper RBMP approval and Pripyat RBMP development; and (ii) progress in surface and ground water surveys in 2019: surface waters – Kanstantsin Tsitou, CRICUWR; ground waters – Vasneva O., Institute of Geology • Consultation on Draft Pripyat RBMP – IOW representative • Specific Implementation Actions: description and progress – UBA, IOW and/or CRICUWR representative • Q&A followed by discussion
16:15 - 16:45	Coffee break
SESSION 5	EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS BY END 2020 AND DEMANDS FOR FUTURE WORK
16:45 –17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected results by end 2020 and possible follow up work - Representatives of the EUWI+ implementing partners • A proposed report on national and local actions aimed at achieving greater level of water security – experience of Belarus / EUWI+ project: presentation of draft outline of the report - OECD representative • Demands for future work – Representative of <i>Minprirody</i> • Q&A followed by discussion
17:30 – 18:00	CLOSING SESSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluding statements and decisions on future activities • Closure of the meeting