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## WORKSHOP ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN EASTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPE KIEV, UKRAINE, 27-29 APRIL 2010

### Programme

The workshop is jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) with the International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC) hosted by the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute which also funds the workshop, and co-hosted by the Ministry of Environment Protection of Ukraine and the Ukrainian State Committee for Water Management within the framework of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (UNECE Water Convention).

### DAY 1 – Tuesday, 27 April 2010

#### 9:30–11:00 Opening session

**Chairperson:** Mr. Mykola Babich, Deputy Head, State Committee for Water Management, Ukraine

#### Welcome address and opening speeches

*Mr. Mykola Babich, State Committee for Water Management, Ukraine*

*Mr. Grygorii Petruk, Head of Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment Protection of Ukraine*

*Mr. Rainer Enderlein, UNECE*

*Mr. Boris Minarik, Director, International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC)*

*Ms. Anna Tsvietkova, Mama-86*

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee break

**11:20 - 13:00 Session 1: Basin management: integrated management of transboundary waters and EU Water Framework Directive implementation**

**Chairperson:** Ms. Adriana Dembowska, Deputy Director, Planning and Water Resources Department, National Water Management Authority, Poland

River basin management in a transboundary context: Norwegian experience [presentation available]

*Ms. Bente Christiansen, Head of Department of Environment*

*Office of the of Finnmark County Governor*

*Norwegian Chair of the Norwegian-Finnish Commission on Transboundary Waters*

Water Framework Directive implementation in Romania: transboundary issues and cooperation with the neighbouring countries

*Ms. Ruxandra Balaet, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Romania*

Integrated Water Resources Management in the Seversky Donets basin

*Ms. Natalia Bilotserkivs'ka, Sivers'ko-Donetsk Basin Water Resources Management Department, State Committee of Water Resources Management, Ukraine*

Transboundary cooperation and public participation activities in the Management of Lake Peipsi/Chudskoe

*Ms. Margit Säre, Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation*

The information management system for the transboundary Dniester River Basin

*Mr. Ivan Ignatiev, Eco-spectrum/Ms. Tamara Kutonova, OSCE*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

**14:00- 14.50: Session 2: Climate change, its impacts on the water resources and adaptation measures**

**Chairperson:** Ms. Adriana Dembowska, National Water Management Authority, Poland

Climate change and predicted impacts on hydrological regime and water resources in Ukraine

*Mr. Viacheslav Manukalo, Deputy Chairman, State Hydrometeorological Service, Ukraine*

*Mr Volodymir Osadchyi, Director, Hydrometeorological Institute, Ukraine*

Climate change in the Tisza River Basin

*Mr. Boris Minarik, Director, International Water Assessment Centre, Slovakia*

**14:50- 18:00 Session 3: Water quality issues: impacts of new economic development, harmonization of monitoring, biological water quality**

**Chairperson:** Mr. Rainer Enderlein, UNECE

Present state of surface water monitoring of  
Republic of Moldova

*Ms. Svetlana Stirbiu, Deputy Chief of Environmental Quality  
Monitoring Department, State Hydrometeorological Service, Republic  
of Moldova*

Support to evaluating transboundary pollution: towards adopting a  
system of surface water quality standards as a common basis for  
assessing water quality status

*Mr. Steve Warren, Team Leader, Water governance in the Western  
EECCA project*

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break

Water quality issues and economic development: pressures and  
impacts on transboundary waters in Belarus

*Ms. Alena Bahadziazh and Ms. Tatiana Semezh, Ministry of Natural  
Resources and Environmental Protection, Belarus*

River water quality in transboundary waters shared by Poland:  
implications to coastal zone conditions in the Baltic

*Ms. Adriana Dembowska, National Water Management Authority,  
Poland*

19:30 Dinner/ reception to all participants of the workshop  
Restaurant of the Bratislava hotel

**DAY 2 – Wednesday, 28 April 2010**

**9.30- 18.00 Session 4: Second Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters under the UNECE Water Convention**

*This session will identify developments regarding the status of transboundary water resources since the first UNECE Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwater (2007) in the shared sub-basins and aquifers in Eastern and Northern Europe (see <http://www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub76.htm>).*

*After an introduction in plenary on the objectives and working arrangements of session 4, participants will be split into three working groups that will discuss in detail the assessment of all transboundary water bodies. The parallel working sessions will start in the case of surface waters with presentations on the different transboundary basins by a representative of one riparian country illustrating the basin characteristics, the main pressures and problems, the current status and trends including the transboundary impacts and the measures taken or needed. In the*

*groundwater group, presentations are made by country, and afterwards time is reserved for bilateral or trilateral discussions, as appropriate. In the discussion following each presentation, complementary information and comments from the other riparian countries is welcomed to develop an accurate picture of all transboundary waters in Eastern and Northern Europe, both surface and groundwater. Datasheets partly filled already by UNECE for each basin will provide the background for the discussions. The information gathered during the discussion will be used for the preparation of the second assessment of transboundary waters under the UNECE Water Convention, currently being prepared upon request by the sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” (Belgrade, October 2007).*

**Chairperson:** Ms. Larisa Yurchak, Deputy Head of the Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment Protection, Ukraine

Second Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwater –  
Eastern and Northern Europe

*Ms. Annukka Lipponen, UNECE Water Convention Secretariat*

The assessment of Ramsar sites within the second Assessment of  
transboundary waters: cases from Eastern and Northern Europe

*Mr. András Schmidt, National Ramsar focal point, Ministry of  
Environment and Water, Hungary*

Transboundary groundwaters in the second assessment: assessment  
methodology and preliminary results of a UNESCO inventory of  
transboundary aquifers in Northern and Eastern Europe

*Mr. Neno Kukuric, IGRAC & UNESCO - ISARM*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11.00- 17:00 Parallel working groups (see separate programme sheet)

Lunch at 13:00

Coffee Break 15:30

17:00 – 19:00 Excursion in Kiev, followed by dinner in hotel Bratislava for the  
participants staying there

## DAY 3 – Thursday, 29 April 2010

### 9.30- 10.30: Session 5: Hydromorphological changes.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Rainer Enderlein, UNECE

Hydromorphological alterations in the Danube: focus on the delta in Ukraine

*Mr. Mikhail Kornilov, Deputy Head of Danube Hydrometeorological Observatory, Ukraine*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00- 12:00 Plenary session of the working groups: agreeing about the next steps for finalizing the assessments of transboundary basins and aquifers

### 12:00-13:00 Session 6: Workshop conclusions: main messages for the second Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters for Eastern and Northern Europe and recommendations on the way forward

**Chairperson:** Mr. Rainer Enderlein, UNECE

*This session will discuss the main messages for the sub-region to be brought to the attention of the Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” through the second Assessment. It will exchange views on the recommendations on the way forward: what are the key issues to improve the management of transboundary basins in the Eastern and Northern Europe region?*

*How and up to what level the involvement of the international community can facilitate action?*

13:00        **Closing of the workshop**