



THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN GEORGIA

European Union Water Initiative, Component for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

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The meeting will take place at Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel; Address: Rose Revolution Square 1

Languages: English and Georgian - simultaneous interpretation provided

AGENDA

09.30-10.00	Registration
10.00-10.30	<p>Opening. Adoption of the agenda. Chair – Mr. George Zedginidze, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia</p> <p><i>Welcoming remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. George Zedginidze, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia • Mr. Ramon Reigada, Head of Operations, EU delegation in Georgia • Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, UNECE • Ms. Tatiana Efimova, Project Coordinator, OECD • Mr. George Dzamukashvili, Project Manager at the National Water Partnership of Georgia, NPD National Coordinator <p>Purpose of the meeting and adoption of the agenda – Mr. George Zedginidze</p>
10.30-11.30	<p>SESSION I. INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORM IN THE WATER MANAGEMENT SECTOR</p> <p><i>Presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tamar Gugushvili, National Expert – “Analysis of Current Water Management Situation in Georgia” • Mr. Malkhaz Dzeneladze, National Expert – “Concept for a New Water Law of Georgia” • Mr. Kari Kinnunen, Finnish Environmental Institute (SYKE) – “General comments on future water legislation in Georgia” • Mr. Antti Belinskij, Finnish Environmental Institute (SYKE) – “Comments concerning the legal perspectives” <p>Discussion</p> <p>Decisions by the Steering Committee</p>
11.30-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-13.00	<p>SESSION II. TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION AND ACCESSION TO THE UNECE WATER CONVENTION</p> <p><i>Presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nino Chkhobadze, National Expert – “Georgia and transboundary waters cooperation” • Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze, ENVSEC National Coordinator, OSCE –

	<p>“UNECE/OSCE Project on Transboundary Water Convention and Bilateral Agreement on Shared Water Resources Between Azerbaijan and Georgia”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tatiana Efimova, OECD, and Mr. Malkhaz Adeishvili, National expert, Georgia - Results of the OECD project “Strengthening the economic and financial dimension of IWRM in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia” • Mr. Markku Maunula, Finnish Environmental Institute (SYKE) – “Transboundary project on Jandari Lake” • Mr. Bo Libert, UNECE – “20 Years Anniversary of the Water Convention and the accession of Georgia to the Convention” <p>Discussion Decisions by the Steering Committee</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	<p>SESSION III. THE UNECE-WHO/EURO PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH AS A TOOL FOR INTEGRATED STRATEGIES</p> <p><i>Presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alexander Mindorashvili, Ministry of Environment Protection – “Setting targets and target dates under the Protocol on Water and Health in Georgia” <p>Discussion Decisions by the Steering Committee</p>
14.30-15.30	<p>SESSION IV. EXPERIENCE OF INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN IWRM IMPLEMENTATION IN GEORGIA AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE</p> <p><i>Presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Mary Matthews, UNDP/GEF project - “Reducing transboundary degradation in the Kura-Aras river basin” • Mr. Zurab Jincharadze, EC International Waters project – “Environmental Protection of International River Basins” • Ms. Mariam Shotadze, USAID – “Integrated Natural Resources Management in Watersheds (INRMW) of Georgia Program” • Mr. Peter Roncak, Deputy of Team Leader - “Trans-Boundary River Management Phase III for the Kura River – Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan” • Mr. Ivane Tsiklauri, Government of Finland – “Capacity Building on the Water Monitoring and Management in Georgia” • Ms. Malak Shukurova, REC Caucasus – “Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Water Sector in Caucasus” <p>Discussion Decisions by the Steering Committee</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.00	SESSION IV. (Continuation)
17.00-18.00	<p>SESSION V. CONCLUSIONS AND ADOPTION OF DECISIONS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE. <i>Chair – Mr. George Zedginidze</i></p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser for Environment, UNECE – “UNECE-led EUWI NPD activities in Georgia: current status and future areas of work” • Ms. Tatiana Efimova, Project Coordinator, OECD - “OECD-led EUWI NPD activities in Georgia: current status and future areas of work” <p><i>The Chair will recall the decisions taken under the previous agenda items.</i></p>
19.00	Dinner

