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**EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE
COMPONENT FOR EASTERN EUROPE, CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA**

MINUTES

**Eighth meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources
Management in Kyrgyzstan**

Bishkek

24 October 2012

The representatives of the Kyrgyz Republic, international and donor organizations took part in the eighth Meeting of the Steering Committee. The list of participants is attached (Annex 1).

The participants of the Steering Committee meeting approved the following agenda:

1. Opening of the Steering Committee meeting
2. Opening statements
3. Activities of the Steering Committee in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health
4. River basin management plans in Kyrgyzstan
5. Development of the National Policy Dialogues in the countries of Central Asia
6. Economic and financial aspects of the water policy in Kyrgyzstan
7. Experience of international and other organizations in IWRM implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic and opportunities for future cooperation in the framework of the National Policy Dialogue
8. Steering Committee work plan for 2013
9. Decisions of the eighth Steering Committee meeting
10. Closing of the Steering Committee meeting

The agenda of the eighth Steering Committee Meeting is presented in Annex 2.

Participants of the Steering Committee Meeting adopted the following decisions and recommendations on the above agenda items:

1. To take note of the information on activities of the Working group on target setting in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health. To accept as a basis the report «Target setting in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health in Kyrgyzstan», containing targets. In 10 days consultants should finalize the document and submit it to the leadership of the Steering Committee for organizing the discussion among the concerned ministries, departments and relevant local authorities. To ask the leadership of the Steering Committee to consider the opportunities of organizing further approval of the targets and their implementation.
2. To take note of the project proposal for the development of the Chu River Basin Management Plan, to ask the consultant and local experts to finalize the project proposal taking into account the comments made, the available materials and the work done, to clarify the costs in the project proposal and to submit the revised project proposal to the Steering Committee.
3. To welcome the participation in the Steering Committee meeting of representatives of the National Policy Dialogues from Tajikistan and Kazakhstan and continue further cooperation and exchange of experiences between the countries participating in the program of the national policy dialogues.
4. To take note of the OECD information about the work done on economic and financial aspects of the water policy in Kyrgyzstan, including economic instruments for the management of water resources and water infrastructure. To ask OECD, upon completion of the started work on subsidies, to prepare a draft explanatory note for recommendations on the improved use of economic instruments for water management.
5. To take into consideration the information about UNECE, GIZ, SDC, FAO, EU/UNDP and EBRD projects implemented in the water sector in Kyrgyzstan. To note with appreciation the coordinating role of the national policy dialogue in coordination of project activities of international organizations in the water sector.
6. To approve the following priority areas for the work of the Steering Committee in the end of 2012 and in 2013:
 - a) Support to the implementation of river basin management implementation in Kyrgyzstan (basin plans, the work of basin councils, development of river basin management for the Chu River);
 - b) Support to the further work on targets on water and health in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health in Kyrgyzstan (implementation and monitoring of implementation of the targets on water and health);
 - c) Analysis of the subsidies with an impact on water resources, water infrastructure and water management in general, with a view of their quantitative and qualitative assessment, as well as clarification of the needs and opportunities for reforms while maintaining the positive effects of such subsidies;
 - d) Development of the action plan to implement in 1-2 basins the recommendations which were approved by the Steering Committee and refer to improving the use of economic instruments in water management (including subsidies, tariff and tax instruments); the basins will be selected by the Steering Committee;
 - e) Provide a platform for exchange of information and coordination of work of international organizations and donors in the water sector in Kyrgyzstan.
7. To accept the offer of the GIZ program to provide financial support to the next NPD Steering Committee meeting and to devote one of the sessions of the meeting to the issues of basin planning and basin management, including the concept of basin planning as developed by GIZ, and coordination of cooperation in the field.
8. The next Steering Committee meeting in the framework of the National Policy Dialogue on integrated water resources management in Kyrgyzstan shall be organised in the 1st quarter of 2013 in Bishkek.

Chairman

A.Sh.Dzhailobaev



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**The eighth Steering Committee meeting of the National Policy Dialogue
on Integrated Water Resources Management in Kyrgyzstan**

24 October 2012, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

*The meeting was held in Park Hotel, Conference-hall
Address: 87 Orozbekova Street, Bishkek*

Languages: English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation

AGENDA

08.45-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.30	<p>Opening. Adoption of the agenda. <i>Chair – A.Sh. Dzhailoobaev, Deputy Director, Department of Water Management and Melioration of the Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration of the Kyrgyz Republic</i></p> <p><i>Welcoming remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Iulia Trombitcaia, UN Economic Commission for Europe</i> • <i>Mr. Tom Massie, European Union Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic</i> • <i>Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</i> • <i>Mr. Harsha Ratnaweera, Norwegian University of Life Sciences</i>
09.30-12.00	Session 1: Activities of the Steering Committee in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health
9.30-9.45	Introductory remarks. <i>Mr. Rainer Enderlein, UNECE consultant</i>
9.45-10.00	Implementation of the project on target setting in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health in Kyrgyzstan. <i>Mr. Harsha Ratnaweera, Norwegian University of Life Sciences</i>
10.00-10.30	Setting targets in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health in Kyrgyzstan. <i>Ms. Nina Vashneva, consultant</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee-break
11.00-12.00	Discussion
12.00-13.00	Session 2: River basin management plans

12.00-12.20	Project proposal for the development of the Chu River Basin Management Plan. <i>Mr. Leif Iversen, consultant, Grontmij</i>
12.20-12.40	Discussion
12.40-13.00	Session 3: Development of National Policy Dialogues in the countries of Central Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Bakhrom Gafarov, Tajikistan</i> • <i>Ms. Zhanar Mautanova, Kazakhstan</i>
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Session 4: Economic and financial aspects of the water policy in Kyrgyzstan
14.00-14.15	OECD contribution to implementation of the National Policy Dialogue in Kyrgyzstan: plans till the end of 2012 and for 2013. <i>Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, OECD</i>
14.15-14.45	Support to the Government of Kyrgyzstan in assessment and reform of water harmful subsidies (presentation of the next OECD project): project goals, team, work plan, methodology and technical requirements. <i>Mr. Tom Wood, Project leader, Atkins</i>
14.45-15.30	Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee-break
16.00 – 17.15	Session 5: Experience of international and other organizations in IWRM implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic and opportunities for future cooperation in the framework of the National Policy Dialogue
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17.15-17.45	Steering Committee work plan for 2013
17.45-18.00	Conclusions and adoption of decisions of the Steering Committee <i>Chair – A.Sh.Dzhailoobaev</i>
18.00	Dinner

СПИСОК УЧАСТНИКОВ

**Восьмое заседание Координационного совета Национального диалога по водной политике в Кыргызстане в сфере интегрированного управления водными ресурсами - 24 октября 2012 года
Кыргызстан**

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