



IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE BLACK SEA THROUGH BETTER WASTE WATER TREATMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION OF THE WATER SECTOR IN MOLDOVA

1st EUWI National Policy Dialogue Meeting
Draft annotated AGENDA

Chisinau, Moldova, 23 March, 2012, 09:00 – 13:00

Venue: Red Hall, Summit Events and Conference Center, str. Thighina 49/3, Chisinau

BACKGROUND

The ultimate objective of the project sponsored by the EC (DG ENV) and OECD/EAP Task Force is to improve water quality of the Black Sea basin, and health situation in Moldova and downstream. The more immediate objectives of the project are:

- to strengthen Moldova's capacity to adapt its water policies and infrastructures to climate change, with focus on water quality; and
- to propose a business model which will make sanitation sustainable in rural areas, villages and small urban settlements in Moldova.

To achieve these immediate objectives, the project will focus on three tasks. The tasks will be implemented through a policy dialogue with senior policy-makers in Moldova, in the framework of an EU Water Initiative National Policy Dialogue. Accordingly, expert and policy dialogue meetings will be organised to generate consensus on the data and scenarios, and on policy responses.

- **Task 1: Assess the impact of climate change on water supply sources and WSS systems**
- **Task 2: Analyse selected adaptation measures and propose a feasible adaptation strategy**
- **Task 3: Develop a viable business model for rural sanitation**

The project will be managed by the OECD, specifically the Environmental Performance and Information Division of the Environment Directorate, which serves as the Secretariat of the EAP Task Force. Further the project will be overseen by a Steering Committee organised by Moldovan authorities, under the leadership of the Ministries of Environment, Regional Development and Construction, and the OECD.

The main objective of the meeting is to introduce the project and its individual Tasks, as well as to present and discuss first findings and aspects and to agree on further steps (detailed work programme).

Target audience and invitees will mainly be national level water policy makers, implementation agencies, as well as their international partners from donor community and international organizations.

Format: It is suggested that the **0.5 day meeting** consists of three substantive parts:

- **Part I: Presentation of the scope and Tasks of project, project team, time schedule**
- **Part II: First findings, other activities and relevant links, next steps**
- **Part III: A round table discussion**

followed by a summary and an agreement on next steps toward the implementation of the project and the present phase of the NPD.

Working languages and interpretation: the working languages will be English and Moldovan/Romanian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided at the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, 23 March, 2012 <i>Chaired by Minister Shalaru, MoEnv</i>	
08.45 – 9.10	Registration
09.10-09.40	Opening session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MEnv (welcome and approval of the meeting agenda) - EC (DG ENV or EC Delegation to Moldova) – welcome - tbc - OECD/EAP Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o welcome and objectives of the event o the role of the NPD and expected outcomes, by Mr. Alexander Martusevich, OECD/EAP Task Force secretariat
Part I	Presentation of scope and tasks of the project, project team, time schedule
09.40 – 10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Tasks and Deliverables, Data and Info requirements - Project set-up (team, schedule etc.) Q&A
10:15-10:40	Coffee break
Part II	General information, first findings, other activities and relevant links, next steps structured according Tasks 1-3
10:40 – 11:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Task 1</u> - Review of relevant ongoing projects and activities - Moldova's climate and trends - Impact of climate change on water availability and quality in general - Overview and specifics of Moldova's WSS sector - How is existing WSS infrastructures exposed to climate related risks - Consequence for water supply and sanitation services and water quality and health - Overview of possible adaptation measures - <u>Task 2</u> - Relevant aspects of a feasible adaptation strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Costs & affordability of adaptation measures; Selection of priority measures, with focus on "no regret" measures; Sources of finance - <u>Task 3</u> - Review of relevant ongoing projects and activities - Overview on existing business models for rural sanitation in Moldova - Overview of international experience/sustainable business models - Moldovan specifics, restrictions, drivers, approach
11:40-11:50	Establishing a Working Group of local stakeholders responsible for the "reality check" of the alternative model to be developed under Task 3
Part III	Round Table discussion <i>The views presented by consultants will be complemented by views expressed by other stakeholders, including bbilateral/multilateral donors, Association of municipalities, Association of apacanals, NGOs, etc.</i>
11:50 – 12:30	General discussion in the "round table" format <i>Facilitated by the OECD</i>
12:30-12:45	Further steps <i>Chairman will propose deadlines for final comments and will inform the participants about the next NPD to present the collected data and developed approaches to be processed in in the reports</i>
12:45	Closure of the meeting