



## EU Water Initiative National Policy Dialogues on IWRM Core Group meeting

**Date:** 6 May 2011, UNECE, GENEVA

**Time and place:** 09.30 to 17.30 at UNECE, Room XII, Geneva

**Languages:** English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation

**Target group:** chairs and national consultants of NPDs IWRM, international partners

### Objectives of the meeting

To discuss the state of the EU Water Initiative (EUWI) National Policy Dialogues on IWRM, exchange experiences and to plan future activities and events.

### Agenda

#### 09.30 – 12.30 Session 1. Update on the ongoing dialogues according to topics

*The meeting will be chaired by Gheorghe Constantin, Romanian Chair of the EUWI EECCA*

09.30 – 09.45 Welcome by

- Andrey Vasilyev, UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary
- Gheorghe Constantin, Romanian Chair of the EUWI EECCA Component
- Pierre Borgoltz, the European Commission
- Jenniver Sehring, Political Adviser to the EU Special Representative for Central Asia, Council of the European Union

09.45 – 10.15 Objectives of the meeting and an overview of the EUWI NPDs implementation and proposals for the future – *Gulnara Roll, UNECE; Xavier Leflaive, OECD*

#### 10.15 – 11.15 **Topic 1 (within Session 1). General reflections concerning the NPDs/IWRM. Preparation of national water laws and strategies in accordance with IWRM principles, including adaptation to climate change of the water sector**

10.15 – 10.20 Introduction about activities to prepare national water laws and strategies within NPDs IWRM – *Gulnara Roll, UNECE*

10.20– 11.15 5 - 10-min interventions by countries' representatives and other experts (Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, other)

General questions:

- What are the comparative advantages of the NPD/IWRM as a process and a project to compare to other projects, assistance programs, policy processes?
- What are the major challenges in the implementation?

Specific questions concerning the laws and strategies:

- What are the contents of the water laws and strategies prepared within NPDs?
- How the NPDs and their Steering Committees are useful in the preparation?
- What technical expertise is required to support preparation of the policy documents?
- What are the lessons learned and good practices?
- What are the needed followup and assistance?



**11.15 – 12.30 Topic 2. The economics of IWRM**

11.15 – 11.30 OECD: Lessons learned on the economics of IWRM based on a review of the economics and financing of IWRM in member countries: the use of economic instruments in IWRM, financing IWRM - *Xavier Leflaive, Tatiana Efimova, OECD*

11.30 – 12.30 5 - 10-min interventions by countries' representatives and other experts (Armenia, Ukraine, other)

- What are the scope and findings of related pilot projects and studies within NPDs?
- How the NPDs and their Steering Committees are useful?
- What are the lessons learned and good practices?
- What are the needed followup and assistance?

**12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break**

**13.30 – 14.30 Discussion on planning the Astana Side Event**  
(without official interpretation)

**14.30 – 15.30 Topic 3. NPDs on Water Supply and Sanitation and UNECE/WHO Europe Protocol on Water and Health projects**

14.30 – 14.45 UNECE – WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health and National Policy Dialogues – the status, lessons learned and plans for the future – *Francesca Bernardini, UNECE Water Convention Secretariat*

14.45 – 15.30 5 - 10-min interventions by countries' representatives and other experts (Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, other)

- What are the activities and their outcome within NPDs?
- What are the lessons learned and good practices?
- What are the synergies between the WSS and Protocol on W&H NPDs?
- What are the needed followup and assistance?

**15.30 – 16.20 Topic 4. Synergies between regional/transboundary projects and NPDs**

15.30 – 15.45 GIZ Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia Programme – *Maria Koenig, GIZ Programme representative*

15.45 – 16.00 Aral Sea Basin Program – III and synergies with the NPDs/IWRM. Talas-Chu Cooperation – *Demesin Nurmagambetov, EC IFAS, Kazakhstan*

16.00 – 16.20 Questions, comments, discussion on synergies between regional/transboundary and national activities

**16.20 – 17.20 Session 2. Lessons learned and plans for the future**

16.20 – 16.35 Lessons learned as formulated in the Policy Brief on Armenian NPD/IWRM – *Vahang Tonoyan, Armenian NPD/IWRM National Expert*

16.35 – 16.50 Reflection by the meeting participants, additions

16.50 – 17.10 Update by the European Commission, UNECE and OECD on the future NPDs plans and the funding situation

17.10 – 17.20 Questions and comments

**17.20 – 17.30 Conclusions and adjourn**