

EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE PLUS FOR THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP



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STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR WATER SECTOR IN UKRAINE: CONTEXT



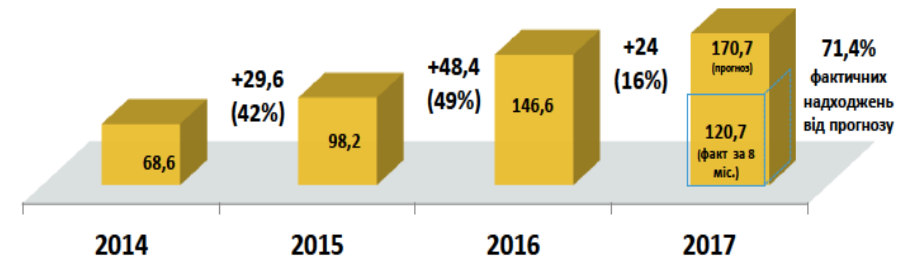
- ❖ A number of strategic documents encompassing water sector reform developed in recent years
- ❖ These documents mainly address water as environmental resource
- ❖ “Medium-term Plans of priority actions of Ukraine government till 2020”, “Environmental Strategy till 2020”
- ❖ Opportunity to look wider

PARALLEL PROCESS OF DECENTRALISATION

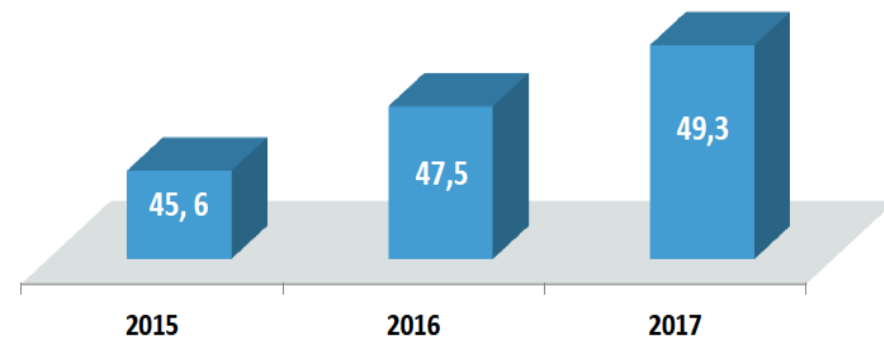
One of the key direction of the reforms aimed to ensure an efficient and effective use of public finance is the decentralization process.

Local self-governance authorities were given new responsibilities in particular with regard to financial resources.

Власні доходи місцевих бюджетів, млрд. грн.

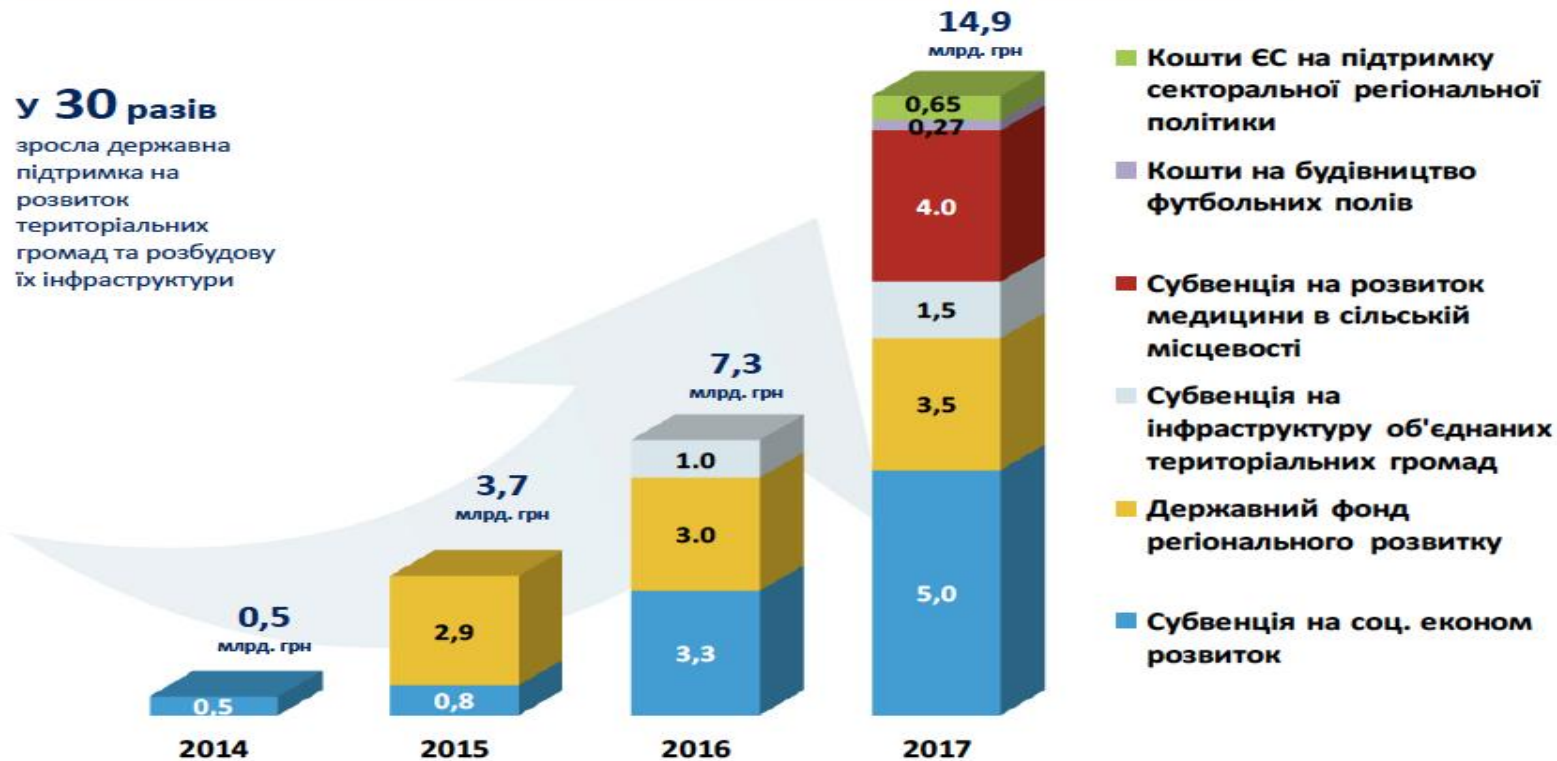


Частка місцевих бюджетів (з трансфертами) у зведеному бюджеті України, %



Source: Ministry of Regional Development website

RESULTS OF FINANCIAL DECENTRALISATION GROWTH OF LOCAL BUDGETS 2014-2017



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WATER RELATED PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

- ❖ In 2016 State Water Resources Agency incurred **2, 4 bln UAH** (about 78 mln EUR) costs including expenditures to implement activities under the state water programmes.
- ❖ The Ministry of Ecology and the State Water Resources Agency reported on **1,3 bln UAH** (42, 3 mln EUR) spent on the programmes for water resources use and protection in 2016

NEED FOR INTEGRATED APPROACH

- ❖ Environmental issues are covered through infrastructure and social development programmes of united territorial units.
- ❖ International support is more focused to address very specific needs. But generally this fragmentary support only stresses the need for a comprehensive environmental and economic development strategy.
- ❖ There is a need to apply an integrated approach to planning of natural resources use .
- ❖ Strategy for socio-economic development of united territorial units with a focus on the effective management of natural (water) resources is of utmost importance.

INTEGRATION

- ❖ Water as environmental resource
- ❖ Strategic planning (Ministry of Ecology, Water Agency, etc)

- ❖ Water through infrastructural needs
- ❖ Water as part of regional /socio-economic development programmes



Need for linking these processes
towards a comprehensive strategy

VISION

- ❖ To ensure a:
 - comprehensive approach to management of water resources
 - contributing to sustainable development of territories
 - socio-economic development and green growth
 - respecting water as an environmental resource.....

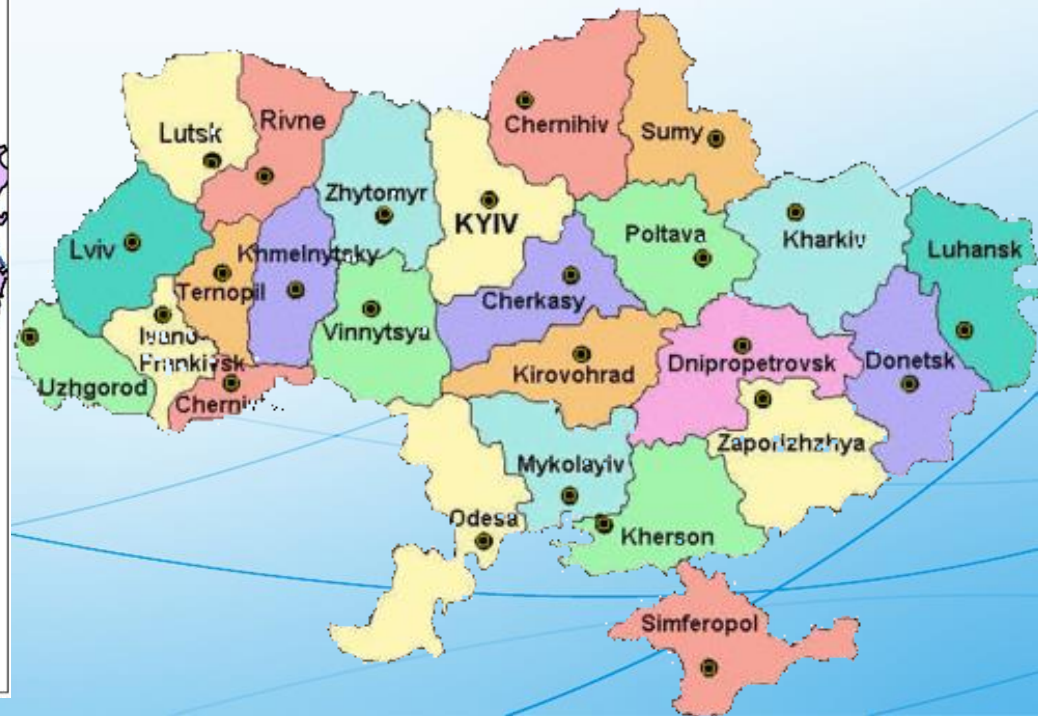
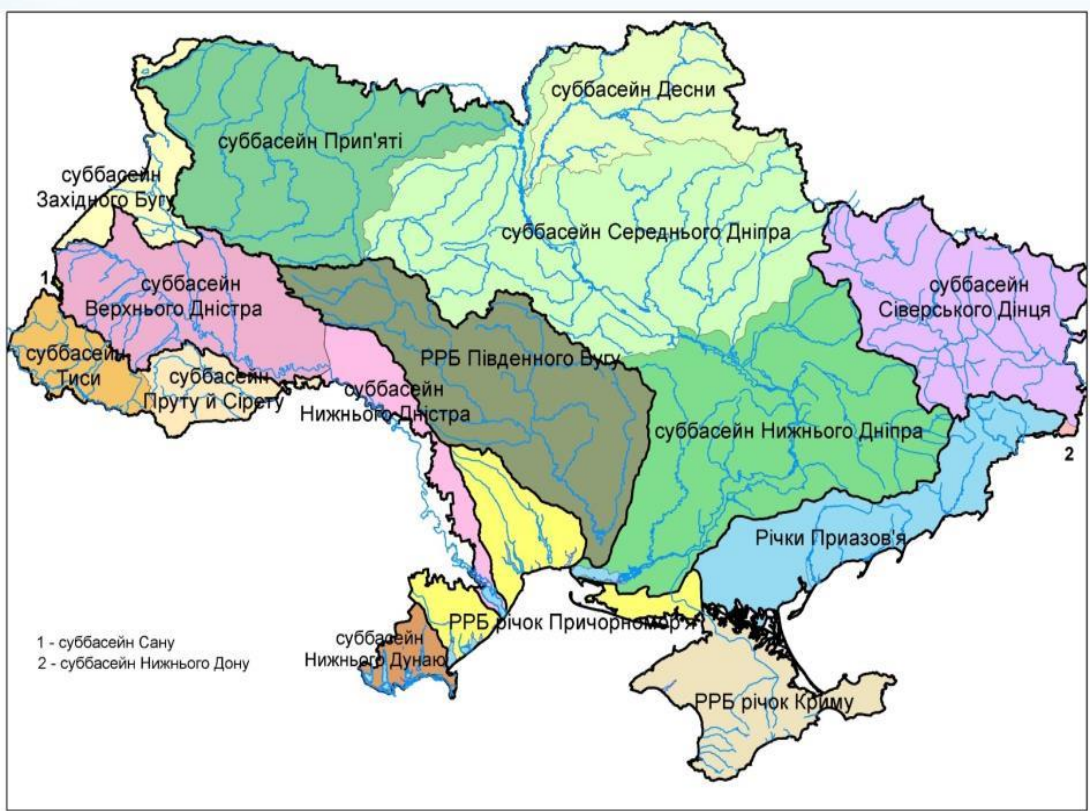
“Water for Territorial Development”



ALIGNING WITH WATER MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES



- ❖ Aligned with other initiatives
- ❖ Aligned with basin plan approach
- ❖ Recognising existing organisational and management approaches



PROCESS

1. To develop a strategy – **ownership and agreed steps** are the key elements of planning
2. What are the main challenges (agreed)
3. **Vision** (water for territorial development – overarching approach for the strategy to combine basin and territorial-administrative principles)
4. Content structured to address the priorities

Critical Links.....

- Link to roles and responsibilities
- Link to State Water Agency reform
- Link to interface with other ministries

❖ Change of practice

- Philosophy of water resources management based on basin principle
- Overarching national water resources planning practice linking sub sectorial plans
- Move towards innovative water use practices and support to promote water use efficiency

❖ Sharing knowledge and stakeholder involvement

❖ Infrastructure for economic development

- Rehabilitation and proper maintenance of existing water infrastructure
- New solutions: green infrastructure, local solutions, etc.
- New investments (extension of service areas, rural vs urban)



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