



# EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUES: SUPPORT TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH ACTIVITIES

WORKING GROUP ON WATER AND HEALTH

UNECE, Alisher Mamadzhanov, Geneva, 14 April 2021



# Overview – EUWI and NPDs

- **2006** - EU Water Initiative (EUWI) National Policy Dialogues on IWRM (NPDs) started in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, facilitated by UNECE and OECD
- **NPDs currently ongoing in 10 countries, including 4 in Central Asia**
- High-level **intersectoral Steering Committee** meetings provide platforms for discussions on key aspects of water policy reforms
- **Diverse stakeholders:** all relevant government entities, NGOs, academia, donor agencies, IFIs, local and basin authorities, etc.
- **Funded and supported by:** European Union, Finland, Switzerland, Romania, Norway and by partners (WB, SDC, OSCE, CAREC, IFAS, UNDP, WHO, IWAC, NWPs, UNESCO,..)
- **EUWI+ programme** for the 6 EU Eastern Partnership countries; 24,5 mln EUR (23.5 mln EUR **funding from DG NEAR/European Union**); Sept. 2016 – Aug. 2020 (recently extended into 2021); **Implementing Partners:** UNECE, OECD, EU MS Consortium (Austria and France)
- **EUWI NPDs in Central Asia project funded by EU** started in 2019 (Sept. 2019-2022); 600 k EUR (UNECE in cooperation with OECD within the WECOOP programme)



**WECOOP**  
EU – Central Asia Cooperation on  
Water – Environment – Climate Change

## EUWI NPDs in Central Asia (2019-2022)

- **Funded by EU** started in 2019 with a budget of 600 k EUR (UNECE in cooperation with OECD within the WECOOP programme)
- Overall objective to enhance IWRM and inter-sectoral coordination for water security at the national level in Central Asian countries to support sustainable development
- Support to developing «policy packages» and investment ideas in the water sector
- Facilitate NPDs in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, relaunch of NPD in Turkmenistan and its launch in Uzbekistan
- Country priorities identified during inception phase
- Possible support to activities under the Protocol on Water and Health

# CONTRIBUTION OF EUWI+ TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION: TARGETS SETTING/REVISION AND REPORTING

BASED ON THE NEEDS EXPRESSED BY COUNTRIES DURING THE INCEPTION PHASE:

- To improve overall policy and strategies on water and health in countries
- To contribute to achievement of SDG 6
- To contribute to achievement of obligations under Association Agreements with the EU (where applicable, establishing links with EU directives)
- To support countries in implementing main obligations of this MEA:
  - Targets setting/revision:
    - **Azerbaijan** (official adoption in August 2018)
    - **Belarus** (official adoption of revised targets in April 2021)
    - **Ukraine**: revision of targets under the Protocol completed, SEA process
    - **Armenia**: revision of targets in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health: adoption process ongoing
    - **Republic of Moldova**: consultation meeting on the revision of the National Programme for the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in November 2020, adoption ongoing
  - Reporting:
    - **Azerbaijan and Ukraine** supported in the last reporting cycle along with regional support
  - Accession:
    - Overall support to accession and specifically currently to **Kazakhstan** within the NPD CA project
- With substantive support of the Joint UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol secretariat
- Strong links with the Protocol's Programme of Work (target setting, equitable access)

# CONTRIBUTION OF EUWI+ TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION: CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

BASED ON THE NEEDS EXPRESSED BY COUNTRIES DURING THE INCEPTION PHASE:

- At the national level:
  - Workshops and Public Consultations on the Protocol on Water and Health and equitable access to water and sanitation in Armenia (Dec 2017 and Feb 2019), Azerbaijan (Jul 2018), Belarus (Dec 2018 and Oct 2019), Republic of Moldova (Nov 2020), Ukraine (Mar 2018 and Dec 2018)
- At the regional level :
  - Meetings of the regional Task Force and the Working Group on Water and Health
  - Side-event at MOP-5 on Water and Health “10 Years of achievements in improving governance for water and health under the EUWI NPDs – addressing challenges through setting national targets under the protocol to produce benefits for citizens” (19 November 2019)
  - Regional workshop on joint implementation of the Protocol, SDGs and EU Directives (2 April 2019)

# CONTRIBUTION OF EUWI+ TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION: EQUITABLE ACCESS

BASED ON THE NEEDS EXPRESSED BY COUNTRIES DURING THE INCEPTION PHASE:

- At the national level:
  - Equitable access to water and sanitation covered in dedicated studies or as part of target setting process in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine
- At the regional level (reporting on activities under EUWI+):
  - Regional meeting of the Expert Group on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (24-25 March 2021)

# CONTRIBUTION OF EUWI+ TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION: OTHER EXAMPLES

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WSS AND IWRM, DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING TO MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROTOCOL:

- OECD led activities on WRM and WSS strategy development/update e.g. in the Republic of Moldova, SDG 6 indicators in Belarus, etc.
- Activities on RBMP development and laboratory and monitoring improvement by UBA and IOW within Result 2
- Communication and awareness raising activities under Result 3 (e.g. for promotion of targets in Ukraine, videos in Armenia and Belarus)

# THANK YOU!

**UNECE**

Alisher Mamadzhanov  
Alexander Belokurov

**Partners**



<https://www.unece.org/env/water/npd/countrydialogues.html>

[www.euwipluseast.eu](http://www.euwipluseast.eu)

[www.facebook.com/euwiplus/](https://www.facebook.com/euwiplus/)

<https://wecoop.eu/>

<https://www.facebook.com/wecoopproject>