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

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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)
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:

• 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!

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