



European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership

# 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN ARMENIA

**Hybrid, 27 May 2021 (*all times shown are CET+2*)**



**Venue:** “Ararat” Hall, Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan, 1 Amiryan Str., Yerevan, 0010, and virtually via Zoom

**Languages:** Armenian and English, simultaneous interpretation provided.

The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Artyom Mkhitarian, Acting Head of the Department for Licenses, Permits and Compliances of the Ministry of Environment and Chair of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

***The objectives of the meeting are:***

The meeting will focus on discussing recent progress in modernising national water policy, extending access to water supply and sanitation, as well as enhancing transboundary cooperation. As the EUWI+ programme will soon be completing the current phase of implementation, the meeting will offer an opportunity to address remaining tasks in conjunction with the priorities and activities of the country-specific work programme, as well as discuss next steps towards ensuring sustainability of the results and reflect on further needs and priorities in the water sector beyond EUWI+.



# AGENDA

10:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Registration of participants and COFFEE BREAK</b></p> <p><b>CONNECTION TO ZOOM AND OTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS</b></p>
11:00–11:20	<p><b>Opening and welcoming statements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Andrea Baggioli, EU Delegation to Armenia – opening remarks</li> <li>• Opening statement from the EUWI+ Implementing Partners</li> <li>• Tour de table</li> <li>• Adoption of the agenda</li> </ul> <p><b>Demonstration of a short video on the results of the EUWI+ programme</b>            Link to video with Armenian subtitles:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3O3LIF3Hlws">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3O3LIF3Hlws</a></p>
SESSION 1	<p><b>Recent progress in modernising national water policy and governance and emerging national priorities (moderated by Mr. Artyom Mkhitarian)</b></p>
11:20–11:50	<p><i>This session will examine recent progress in modernizing national water policy and governance and discuss future priorities. The session will also focus specifically on progress in approximation of national legislation to EU water directives in line with the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement with the European Union.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative approximation to EU directives with focus on the revision of the Water Code and Road Map for implementation of CEPA – Vahagn Tonoyan</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A followed by discussion on the different key points</b></p>
SESSION 2	<p><b>Progress in transboundary water cooperation with neighbouring countries</b></p>
11:50 – 12:20	<p><i>This session will focus on progress in implementing SDGs in the water domain, with focus on transboundary water cooperation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent reporting under SDG indicator 6.5.2 on transboundary water cooperation and lessons learned, <i>Alisher Mamadzhonov, Alexander Belokurov, UNECE</i></li> <li>• Update on Transboundary water cooperation with Georgia in the Khrami-Debed River Basin, <i>Ms. Gayane Shahnazaryan</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A followed by discussion on the different key points</b></p>
12:20-12:45	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
SESSION 3	<p><b>Progress in River Basin Management Planning and enhancing monitoring capacities under EUWI+</b></p>
12:45-13:45	<p><i>This session will take stock of progress with respect to river basin management planning in Armenia and review progress in enhancing monitoring capacities. Participants will discuss the ways to institutionalize River Basin Management Planning in the country and the required legislative and technical aspects.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrading the water monitoring capacities for surface and ground water bodies, <i>Alexander Zinke, Environment Agency Austria</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on the development of the River Basin Management Plans, and additional results, <i>Florence Pintues, OiEau</i></li> <li>• Future priorities and timeline on river basin management planning in Armenia, <i>Mr. Artyom Mkhitaryan, Ministry of Environment</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A followed by discussion on the different key points</b></p>
SESSION 4	<b>Next steps towards successful completion of the EUWI+, outlook beyond 2021 and closing remarks</b>
13:45- 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion</li> <li>• Remarks by EU Delegation and EUWI+</li> <li>• Closing remarks by the Ministry</li> </ul>