

Water management in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries: recent innovations

Online stocktaking workshop

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CET – 9.00

Chisinau, Kyiv – 10.00

Baku, Tbilisi, Yerevan – 11.00

This “marketplace”-type online event aims at sharing recent experiences and results achieved by the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries in modernizing water management policies and practices with support from the European Union and other international partners. Each country will have the opportunity to briefly present their case studies. A wide range of stakeholders are invited to take part in the discussion: decision makers, scientists and practitioners from the water, environment, agriculture, and hydropower sectors; basin councils and laboratories responsible for the state water monitoring.

Working language: English, with simultaneous interpretation into Ukrainian and Russian

Moderator: Tamara Kutonova, UNECE

Time (CET)	Item	Speaker
8.45 - 9.00	Virtual hall open for registration and testing	
9.00 - 9.10	Welcoming remarks	Gerald Audaz, Team Leader - Economic and Investment Plan for EU's Eastern Neighbourhood region, DG NEAR, European Commission Tamara Kutonova, Manager of the Programme of the National Policy Dialogues, UNECE
9.10 – 12.55	Case studies with Q&A (45 min per country: 7 min for a presentation +15 min for Q&A)	
9.10 – 9.55	<i>Armenia:</i> - <i>Environmental flow</i> - <i>Water Users Associations</i>	<i>Martiros Nalbandyan, Deputy Chairman of the Water Committee of the Ministry of Territorial Administration of Armenia</i>

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		<i>Vahagn Tonoyan, Local Representative in Armenia, "EU4Environment - Water and Data in EaP Countries" Programme</i>
9.55 – 10.40	<p>Azerbaijan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of the State Water Agency - Wastewater reuse 	<p><i>Ayten Seyidova, Head of Water Resources Management Division, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Rafiq Verdiyev, Local Representative in Azerbaijan, "EU4Environment - Water and Data in EaP Countries"</i></p>
10.40 – 11.25	<p>Georgia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping of the zones vulnerable to nitrate pollution, for surface and groundwater bodies - Implementation of hydro-biological monitoring for the selected basins 	<p><i>Mariam Makarova, Head of the Water Division, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA)</i></p> <p><i>Marine Arabidze, Head of Environmental Pollution Monitoring Department, National Environment Agency (NEA) and Marina Mgeladze, Head of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Water Biodiversity Department, NEA</i></p>
11.25– 12.10	<p>Republic of Moldova:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basin committees - Inventory of dams 	<p><i>Victoria Gratii, Head of the Integrated Water Resources Management Department, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova</i></p> <p><i>Vlad Ceban, Apele Moldovei, Senior Specialist of the Capital Investment and Project Implementation Service</i></p>
12.10 – 12.55	<p>Ukraine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National basin councils - Government-funded monitoring network compliant with EU WFD 	<p><i>Igor Gopchak, Deputy Head of State Water Resources Agency of Ukraine (SAWR)</i></p> <p><i>Maria Shpanchyk, Head of the Department of Water Resources Management, SAWR</i></p>
12.55 – 13.10	Conclusions, feedback and closing the meeting	Meeting participants European Commission EU4Environment partners

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