Development of adaptation strategy and implementation plan in the Dniester River Basin (Moldova-Ukraine)

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Strategic Framework for basin adaptation

Promotes a common understanding on climate change impact and necessary adaptation measures from the transboundary perspective

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### Общие меры адаптации и развития сотрудничества в бассейне

| *информирование о проблемах изменения климата в бассейне Днестра* |
| *учет потребностей адаптации в перспективных планах КУВР бассейна Днестра* |

Public awareness
9TH Meeting of Working group on flood risk mitigation and adaptation to climate change
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
2-3 July 2014

Priority measures adaptation measures to be implemented in the frame of the project

Installation of 4-5 automated water level monitoring stations in the basin, and strengthening the exchange of monitoring data
- Mayaki (Moldova)
- Glynnoye (Moldova)
- Sambir (Ukrain)
- Zhuravno (Ukraine)
- Matkiv (Ukraine)

Calculation of the current and long-term water management balance of the Dniester basin

Water management zoning of the Dniester basin middle and lower section
Development of a joint platform on data exchange for inter-department and transboundary data exchange

There is no joint platform where relevant information concerning the entire Dniester basin is presented which causes fragmentation of information flows and makes the work of hydrologists more difficult. It has been agreed that the joint information platform should have national and transboundary parts as well as include a hydrological forecasting component.

Improving flow forecasting to the Dniester reservoir

It has been agreed that development of the forecasting system would help ensure a more secure exploitation of hydropower facilities. The need for such a system was emphasized by hydrometeorological organisations of both, Moldova and Ukraine, the State Agency of Water Resources of Ukraine and Ukrhydroenergo.

Ecosystem restoration and conservation

- Conducting a feasibility study and low-scale restoration activities to improve water exchange between the Dniester and floodplain meadows by restoring water culverts under the road Mayaki-Palanca.

- Feasibility study for one wetland to be inundated during floods in Moldova and development of the relevant legal justification.

- Creation of forest margins and riverside protective bands at Ramsar site.

- Afforestation events in transboundary areas on the Dniester accompanied by training for local authorities on selection of species and areas for afforestation at the banks and water protection zones.

Conducting the art-contest “Colours of the Dniester” drawing contest, conduction of awareness raising expeditions and the Dniester festival
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

**General Statement**

Work within the framework of the project *Climate Change and Security in the Dniester river basin* provides the possibility and new impulse for the more tight cooperation between professionals of Republic Moldova and Ukraine. Joint work aimed at implementation of adaptation measures in the Dniester Basin contributes to the decreasing of conflict risks during the process of harmonization of actions on flood forecasting and flood protection as well as on joint use and distribution of deficit water resources.

**Modeling of Dniester reservoirs by AGWA**

Reservoir releases can be made to meet downstream objectives, such as a minimum flow to meet a water supply need downstream or a maximum flow to prevent flood damages.
The cabinet today passed the Strategy on adaptation to climate changes in Moldova till 2020 and action plan on its implementation (10 October 2014)

The document stipulates the creation of the institutional framework in the climate changes till 2018, which will ensure the efficient implementation of adaptation measures at national, sectoral and local levels.

At the same time, it provides for the creation, till 2020, of a mechanism to monitor the impact of climate changes, associated social and economic vulnerability, and management and spreading out of information about risks and climate disasters, as well as to ensure development of climate resilience, by reducing by half at least the risks of climate changes by 2020 and facilitate adaptation of climate changes in six priority sectors: agriculture, aquatic resources, health, forests, energy, transport.

The strategy was worked out in line with the provisions of the Association Agreement with EU and action plan of the government. The strategy’s main goal is to develop and consolidate capacities of Moldova to adapt and respond to real or possible effects of climate changes.
State Program of Water Sector Development and Ecological Rehabilitation of the Dnipro Basin

Flood protection in the Dniester Basin
It is planned in 2014 to protect from the floods 7 settlements, 86 individual houses, 154 hectares of agricultural land.
Currently attention is being paid mostly to transition from the “passive” flood protection (dikes construction, river banks stabilization) to the “active” flood protection meaning creation of anti-flood capacities and polders.

Creation of automated informational-measuring systems
Automated informational-measuring systems are considered as an important element of flood management. They provide receiving of operational hydrological information with the aim of warning and preventing possible negative consequences of floods and flash-floods.
There are 8 automatic gauging stations in Carpathian part of the Dniester Basin. It is planned to install 24 automatic gauging stations more within the frameworks of international cooperation with the aim of decision making support in the basins of Prut and Siret at the territory of Romania and Ukraine.
Consultations process which include stakeholders from both countries is complicated and time consuming.

Some of key stakeholders do not quite cooperative. For example the energy sector that they do not state clearly their position.

Majority of public servants are not interested in the adaptation to climate change, at least these issues do not present the priorities.

On the regional and local levels there are no authorities responsible for climate change adaptation.

Importance of link between political and experts’ level, e.g. through creation of a working group and regular meetings
Lessons learnt

- Importance of concrete activities (implementation of some measures) and involving population
- Importance and difficulty to link to national level, need for coordination and mainstreaming
- Producers are more interested in day to day problems and are not thinking strategically.
- Rural population is not aware about the problems linked with the climate change adaptation.
- Importance of joint scenarios, modelling and vulnerability assessment, but extent of harmonization depends on resources and time available
Future Plans

- Finalization of the strategic framework for basin adaptation- Dniester
- Further development of implementation plan and resource mobilization strategy
- Implementing of prioritized adaptation measures
- Next working group meeting in Ukraine in December 2014
- Sharing of experience at international events