



European Union Water Initiative Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EUWI EECCA) Working Group 16th meeting (in the context of the National Policy Dialogues Core Group meeting)

Date: 02 July, 2012

Place: Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, **room XVI, building A, 5th floor**

Languages: English and Russian with simultaneous translation

Background and objectives

The EUWI EECCA is the regional component of the EU Water Initiative focused on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The EUWI EECCA Working Group is the body which monitors and steers the work of EUWI EECCA. The Working Group meets once a year, to review progress, set priorities, share the experience of target countries and information about relevant projects, and to endorse the work plan for the next year.

The EUWI EECCA supports work of the European Neighbourhood Policy and the implementation of objectives contained in the Action Plans and of the EU-Central Asia Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation which constitutes a framework for the implementation of the environment and water pillar of the EU Strategy for Central Asia.

The 16th meeting of the Working Group will bring together senior officials representing water and environmental authorities from countries of Western, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, as well as international organisations, multilateral and bilateral donors. The organisation of the meeting is supported by the European Commission and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

Registration

Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations are requested to complete the registration form available on the meeting web page (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28679>) and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat not later than **15 June 2012** by e-mail (cammile.marcelo@unece.org). For participants requesting financial support this deadline is **22 May 2012**.

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<p>12.30– 14.30</p>	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Two separate sessions are organized during lunch break:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steering group of donors (the group meets in another room; English only) - Discussion on IWRM benchmarking report (the group stays in the same room; Russian only) <p>Sandwiches and drinks provided</p>	
<p>14.30 – 15.30</p>	<p>Session 2 (continued)</p> <p>Topic 2: Adapting the water sector to climate change at national and transboundary levels</p> <p>Introduction by OECD</p> <p>Impacts of climate change on water resources in Moldova and possible adaptation measures. Efforts on transboundary cooperation in adaptation in the Dniester river basin, <i>Alexandre Martoussevitch, OECD and Sonja Koepfel, UNECE</i></p> <p>Developing a national water strategy in Azerbaijan in the context of climate change, <i>Rafiq Verdiyev, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</i></p> <p>Applying economic instruments for transboundary basin management: the case of Kura river, <i>Tatiana Efimova, OECD</i></p> <p>Q&A followed by discussion</p>	<p>Oral reports</p>
<p>15.30-16.30</p>	<p>Session 2 (continued)</p> <p>Topic 3: Towards approximation of the European and international water law instruments</p> <p>Introduction by UNECE</p> <p>Setting targets and target dates in Kyrgyzstan, <i>Chyngyzbek Uzakbaev, Deputy Director, Department of Water Management and Melioration of the Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration of the Kyrgyz Republic</i></p> <p>Development of water legislation in Georgia taking into account the EU Water Framework Directive, <i>Mr. George Dzamukashvili, National Water Partnership of Georgia</i></p> <p>Q&A followed by discussion</p>	
<p>16.30-17.30</p>	<p>Session 3: Progress in implementing the EUWI EECCA component and Work plan for 2013</p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordination of regional activities under EUWI EECCA: main issues at stake, <i>Nicola Di Pietrantonio, European Commission</i>- Intervention on perspectives for the NPD development by Kazakhstan- Report back from the lunchtime session on benchmarking report, <i>Iulia Trombitcaia, UNECE</i>- Reports on progress and proposals for the 2013 Work Plan of the EUWI EECCA WG - <i>Xavier Leflaive, OECD, and Bo Libert, UNECE</i>- Q&A- Endorsement of the 2013 Work Plan- Any other business	
17.30	Closure of the meeting	