STRENGTHENING WATER MANAGEMENT IN EECCA

OECD ACTIVITIES IN 2016-2017

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National Policy Dialogues on water in EECCA

- OECD is a strategic partner for the EECCA component of the EU Water Initiative (jointly with UNECE)

- NPDs is a platform to facilitate the water sector reforms

- Key objective to support water sector reforms through implementation of policy packages (e.g. new governmental regulations, revision of policy instruments, development of financially realistic management or investment plans)

Strengthening water resources management

- Launch of the EUWI Plus project in 6 EaP countries
  - Support to further reforms of water policies, establishment of an adequate governance framework, and development of institutional capacities in support of policy implementation
  - Support to implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) principles and River Basin Management Plans
  - Strengthening of the monitoring of the water bodies status and upgrade needed infrastructure and quality management
  - Institutional capacity building to insure sustainable results

  The Project will be implemented by OECD, UNECE and the Member States Consortium (Austria, Croatia and France)

EUWI Plus
Result 1 Legal and regulatory reform (OECD/UNECE)

- Inception Mission Focus Points
  - Review of legal and regulatory framework
  - Status of implementation
  - Status of compliance and enforcement activities
  - Review of NPD mandate and composition of Steering Committees
  - Capacity development needs
  - Wide consultation (including NGOs and donor coordination)
  - Identification of focal points
- Deliverables of Inception Phase (November 2016-March 2017)
  - Identification of country priorities
  - EUWI+ road map for each country
  - National work plans for duration of project (2016-2020)
  - Priorities for national and regional capacity development

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- Opportunities
  - Capturing lessons learned from past activities (EUWI, EPIRB projects)
  - Building upon what worked well, learning from what didn't
  - Wide stakeholder involvement (civil and vulnerable groups)
  - Status of and need for national indicators including SDGs
  - Generate baseline indicators
  - Use of Economic Instruments for WRM and RBMP
  - Coordinated input to transposition of EU legislation where needed
  - Regional/transboundary approach where applicable
  - Sustainable capacity building
  - Tracking progress through National and Regional Committees

Economic and financial dimensions of water management

- Work in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (FinWaterWEI II)
- Development of recommendations and guiding principles on the use of economic instruments to promote efficient water use in the irrigation sector in **Tajikistan**
- Work on use of economic instruments for achieving better coherence between the agri-food and water policies in **Kyrgyzstan** Developing national indicators of water, food and energy (WFE) security.
- In Kazakhstan, the work is funded by the Government of Kazakhstan:
- Economic assessment of Shardara MPWI
- Work to improve mechanisms and instruments of state support to agri-food, rural development and a water intensive industry

Strengthening water institutions and economic regulation of the sector

- Guidelines in Kyrgyzstan focusing on support to introduction of sustainable business models in rural areas (FinWater WEI II)
- Strengthening capacity of the Anti-Monopoly Agency of Tajikistan to regulate , monitor and revise water tariffs (FinWater WEI II)
- Establishing a sound economic regulatory system for WSS Moldova (EU)