

# Assistance to support implementation at the national level National Policy Dialogues

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# 1. Background: National Policy Dialogues

- \* Active in the region since 2006
- \* Currently in 10 countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine
- \* Funding from the European Commission, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Switzerland
- \* Jointly implemented by UNECE and OECD
- \* Implemented in framework of EU Water Initiative (EUWI)
- \* Chaired by Romania

# **EUWI for EECCA region**

## **- Objectives-**

- \* Improve institutional and regulatory framework
- \* Ensure financial viability of utilities
- \* Investments in water supply, sanitation and rehabilitation
- \* Ensure access of the poor to water services as a basic human rights
- \* Safeguard public health
- \* Protect the environment
- \* Establish and implement national policies for IWRM
- \* Develop the inter-state cooperative structures for river/lake basin management

## 2. Different types of involvement

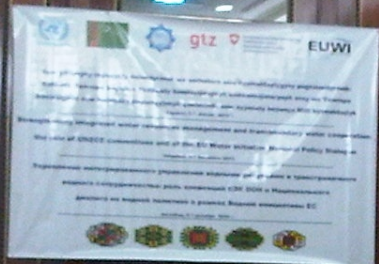
- \* Capacity building and/or support for ratification of the Protocol
- \* Support to target setting processes
- \* Provision of platform for discussions among stakeholders at national level (through regular NPD Steering Committee meetings)

*in 2014-2016 around 250,000 USD provided through NPDs*

# NPD – a policy process rather than a technical project

- \* NPDs are a platform for the policy discussions and preparation and implementation of national policy documents (e.g. Governmental and Ministerial Orders) – “policy packages”
- \* NPD are led by a senior official, usually the Deputy - Minister for Environment/Water Resources
- \* High-level officials representing different sectors of economy (water, agriculture, industry, other) comprise NPD Steering Committee
- \* Stakeholders include governmental entities, NGOs, science, private sector entities,
- \* Donors and international organizations take part in the SCs meetings







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# Main achievements of work 2014-2016

Capacity building and/or support for ratification:

- \* Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan

Support to target setting processes:

- \* Armenia (2014-2015), Azerbaijan (2015-2016), Georgia (2016), Kazakhstan (2015-2016), Kyrgyzstan (2016), Tajikistan (2016)

Provision of platform for discussions at NPD meetings:

- \* Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan



# Suggested future work

Supporting implementation of the future programme of work 2017-2019:

- \* Programme area 1 (Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures)
- \* Programme area 8 (Assistance to support implementation at the national level)



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