

# EU Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues.

## Progress made – Georgia

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- ▶ aim: to have water legislation is harmonized with EU requirements (2014 EU–Georgia Association Agreement)
- ▶ new Water Law drafted (2013–2015)
- ▶ 4 bylaws to the new Water Law being drafted (2014–2015)
- ▶ additional 4 bylaws were developed by EU–funded “Environmental Protection of International River Basins Project” (EPIRB) in coordination with EUWI
- ▶ drafting was done by local expert group
- ▶ alignment with EU legislation checked by EU Member State expert (from Estonia)
- ▶ new Law and bylaws were thoroughly discussed with stakeholders
- ▶ ... assistance still needed to develop and implement new legislation

