

EU Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues.

Progress made – Kazakhstan

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- ▶ aim: to support development of bilateral agreements on transboundary rivers
- ▶ inter-ministerial Steering Committee for National Policy Dialogue established in 2013 by the Order of Prime Minister
- ▶ according to the State Programme for Water Management to 2040, future water deficit must be reduced also by reaching formal agreements with neighboring countries on access of water from transboundary rivers
- ▶ NPD process provided input to October 2015 meeting of Kazakh–Russian bilateral committee on transboundary rivers
- ▶ with NPD support, new studies on transboundary Ural river and Kigac tributary are starting, with involvement of both Kazakh and Russian experts
- ▶ in December 2015 a training is planned to learn from European experience with transboundary river commissions

