IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUES ON WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION IN EECCA

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National Policy Dialogues (NPDs) on water in EECCA countries under EU Water Initiative

• **Ten EECCA countries:**
  – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine.

• **Two main areas:**
  – water resources management (WRM)
  – water supply and sanitation (WSS)

• **Possible future work:**
  – water for a green economy
  – water-energy-food nexus

• NPDs provide **platforms for continuous dialogue & coordination** for ministries/agencies, experts, NGOs, donors and IFIs.

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OECD and UNECE jointly facilitate NPDs on water in EECCA
Accessibility and Affordability of WSS have always been in the focus of NPDs

- Improving Accessibility: availability of good quality fresh water resources, and of WSS infrastructure
- Quality of WSS services – even if accessible and affordable – is another important issue
- Strategic financial planning for WSS infrastructure (e.g. Armenia, Kyrgyzstan), and Tools to implement strategic plans (e.g. mid-term Action plan for WSS in Moldova)
- Adapting WSS systems to climate change (risk based approach)
- Work on PSP in WSS (e.g. Russia)
- Improving supply-side Domestic Financial Support mechanisms, incl. subsidies (e.g. KR, Moldova, Russia, RK)
- Applying Economic Instruments for enhancing water use efficiency and protecting water supply sources (e.g. Kyrgyzstan and Russia)
OECD work on economic instruments for WRM in Central Asia: focus on water security (water for all)
Ensuring Affordability of WSS:

- Ability-to-Pay and Willingness-to-Pay methodology successfully applied in several countries (e.g. Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova)
- Affordability assessment integrated into Tariff setting procedures (e.g. in Russia)
- Recommendations on improving demand-side domestic financial support mechanisms (e.g. Moldova), including the national social support systems (better targeting it at the poor/those in need), e.g. in Armenia
NPDs on water in the Caucasus
Cross-cutting issues and future work

• Promoting ratification & implementation of the **Protocol on Water & Health** under the UNECE *Water Convention*

• Instruments for managing demand for water resources and water systems capacity (e.g. metering and tariff policy; revision of design and construction norms etc.)

• Improving policy, institutional and legal framework (adopting WSS law; developing Guiding documents: on Urban WSS sector reform, and on performance-based contracts; tariff reform / improving economic regulation); Sustainable business-models for WSS operators (RK, MLD)

• Integrating sectoral strategies and plans in NDS and budgetary framework (e.g. Armenia, Kyrgyzstan)

• Local capacity development (trainings, involvement of local experts in OECD projects etc.) – all EECCA

• **Future work:** more focus on rural WSS to reduce urban-rural disparities
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