

## **Concerning the Bystre Channel (DNP “Danube-Black Sea”)**

Paragraph 1 of Clause 1 of the Action Plan (Strategy) for implementation of paragraphs 11-12 of Decision IV/2 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, Approved by Resolution No. 9-p of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 06.01.2010 provides for the development and submission of the Draft Law of Ukraine "On Environmental Impact Assessment" to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Draft Law of Ukraine "On Environmental Impact Assessment" was registered in Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on May 30, 2014, registration number 4972.

On June 27, 2014 President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko signed an economic and sectoral part of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union in Brussels. The Ratification of the Agreement was held on September 16 by Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

In order to bring national legislation into conformity with the requirements of Directive 2011/92 / EC and 2003/4 / EC and implementation of the Espoo Convention and Aarhus Convention, MoENR revoked the draft of the Law number 4972 and developed a new draft of the Law "On Environmental Impact Assessment".

Paragraph 30 of the decision V/4 and paragraph 27 of the decision VI/2 make the governments of Romania and Ukraine accelerate negotiations for cooperation in the preparation of bilateral agreement or other measures in order to continue supporting terms of the Convention, as referred in the Article 8 of the Convention, in addition to the paragraph 14 of the decision IV/2 and invites them in this context to consider the expansion of spheres of activities under the Convention on the protection of the Danube Delta, and invites them to consider in this context the expansion of spheres of activities under the Danube River Protection Convention, and develop a provision on the management and monitoring.

The draft of the bilateral Agreement sent to the Romanian side letter dated 07.12.2010 № 25 266/12 / 10-10. The response wasn't received.

In order to solve the problems of the bilateral monitoring the Danube Delta, and to determine parameters of the data exchange as soon as possible, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine repeatedly appealed to the Romanian party to hold a meeting at the expert level. The response wasn't received.

Currently, Ukraine unilaterally monitors the Danube Delta at the request of the branch "Delta Pilot" SE "Administration of seaports of Ukraine". Monitoring results will be sent to the Committee and the Romanian side in the coming days.

It is planned to hold consultations with Romanian experts in Kiev on issues of DNP "Danube - Black Sea" on 5 of March, 2015.