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The twenty-third meeting of the Coordination Council

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Objectives of the meeting

The objective of the meeting is to take stock of progress in water sector reform, including transposition of the EU *water acquis* into national legislation in the Republic of Moldova (session 1) and present main outputs and results of the on-going work on water management carried out by the OECD EAP Task Force and the UNECE under the EUWI to inform the NPD since its previous meeting in November 2015 (sessions 2-4). Other stakeholders will also be invited to present their related initiatives. The meeting participants will be invited to discuss follow up and future activities under the NPD.

8.45 – 9.00	<i>Registration</i>
9.00 - 9.30	<i>Opening and welcoming statements</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of the Ministry of Environment - Mr. Henno Putnik, Representative of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova (tbc) - Mr Gerhard Schaumberger, Head of ADC country office (tbc) - Mr. Alexander Martusevich, OECD/EAP Task Force
Session 1	Progress in transposition of the EU <i>water acquis</i> into national legislation and regulation in Moldova

09:30 –10:15	<p>Moldova signed Association Agreement with the EU. <i>Inter alia</i> the agreement envisages transposition of the EU <i>water acquis</i> into the national legislation in Moldova. This session will take stock of progress with this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Information about progress in transposition of the EU water acquis into national legislation and regulation in Moldova, Ms Diana Celac, Ministry of Environment</i> • <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
Session 2	<p>Update on the project on implementing targets under the Protocol on Water and Health</p>
10:15–10:45	<p>The National Programme to implement the targets set under the Protocol on Water and Health will be a key final output from respective project funded by SDC and co-sponsored by the UNECE is at its final stage. This session will take stock of the status of developing the document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Improving water and health situation in Moldova - National Programme to implement the targets set under the Protocol on Water and Health – Ms Serafima Tronza, Ministry of Environment.</i> ○ <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
11:00 - 11:20	<p>Coffee break</p>
Session 3	<p>Economic regulation of water supply and sanitation in Moldova</p>
11:20 –13:00	<p>Upon request from the NPD Chair, OECD has launched a new project to assist the Government of Moldova in establishing a sound economic regulatory system for WSS, including assessment of affordability of investment programmes and of need for targeted support to vulnerable groups of domestic consumers. Session 3 will take stock of progress in project implementation and discuss its first results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>New project on establishing a sound economic regulatory system for WSS in Moldova:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduction - Alexander Martusevich, OECD /EAP Task Force;</i> - <i>Presentation of interim results – Alexander Poghossian, APC, and Giel Veerbeek, TreeVelop (tbc)</i> ○ <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
13:00–14:00	<p>Lunch</p>
Session 4	<p>Session on small-scale WSS systems</p>
14:00–14:40	<p>In case of rural WSS, outdated design and construction standards for WSS often require building over-sized systems drastically reducing cost-effectiveness of capital expenditure for WSS and negatively impacting operational efficiency of WSS systems and ultimately WSS tariffs. New standard is being drafted and was recently discussed at an expert meeting.</p>

	<p>This work will be presented and discussed during session 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Information about the expert meeting on new design and construction standards for small-scale WSS systems - Valentin Bordenyuk, local expert</i> <p><i>Q&A followed by discussion</i></p>
Session 5	Water projects sponsored by other donors
14:40– 16:00	<p>Many development partners (bilateral donors, development banks and international organisations) contribute to water policy reform and water sector development in Moldova. Respective projects will be presented at Session 5, with the objective to share information, identify potential synergies while avoiding eventual overlapping or duplication of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Presentations by ADA, GIZ, SDC (tbc)</i> ○ <i>A brief overview of ongoing water projects in Moldova co-financed by the EU, EIB and EBRD (tbc)</i> ○ <i>Discussion on the priorities for the Republic of Moldova and coordination with other ongoing initiatives</i>
16:00-16:15	<p><i>Other updates, decisions and way forward</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Decisions by the NPD Coordination Council and closure of the meeting</i>