



National Policy Dialogues on IWRM in EECCA with UNECE as key strategic partner



National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management under the EU Water Initiative

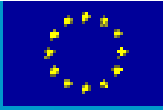
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National Policy Dialogues (NPD) on *integrated water resources management and water supply and sanitation*

is the main operational instrument of the European Union Water Initiative (EUWI).

The Initiative, including its component for the countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), was launched at the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002.



The focus of the UNECE policy dialogue

is on practical assistance to strengthen integrated water resources management in line with the principles of the UNECE Water Convention, the Protocol on Water and Health, the EU Water Framework Directive and other UNECE and European Union instruments.

Their main outcome are “policy packages”, which include legislative acts, strategies, ministerial orders, and plans of implementation.





NPDs IWRM in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Since 2006, UNECE has been carrying out National Policy Dialogues on IWRM in four countries: Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

In 2010, the policy dialogues are starting in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.



Current NPD-IWRM activities – ENP REGION

Instruments/frameworks	AM	AZ	MD	UA	GE
WFD principles	X	X			X
Water Convention principles	X	X	X	X	X
Protocol Water & Health	X		X	X	X
Urban Wastewater Directive		X	X		
Climate change adaptation (EU and UNECE instruments)	X	?		X	
Flood Directive/UNECE instruments - PES	X			X	
Institutional frameworks (e.g. RBC)			X		



Current NPD-IWRM activities – Central Asia

Instruments/frameworks	UZ	KG	TJ	TM	KZ
WFD principles					
Water Convention principles	X	X	X	X	
Protocol Water & Health	X	X	P	X	
Urban Wastewater Directive					
Climate change adaptation (EU and UNECE instruments)		X	?		
Flood Directive/UNECE instruments					
Institutional frameworks (e.g. RBC)		x			



CONCLUSIONS

- NPDs are the dialogues on policy development and implementation
- They are aimed at integrating IWRM principles into policies in target countries,
- NPDs follow the national needs and are context specific – show the practical outcome, not just a “chat room”,
- Important combination of the policy discussion and practical technical assistance.