



National Policy Dialogue Coordination Committee Meeting

Summary Record

Details:

The 6th Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on IWRM in the Republic of Moldova

Date - 19 November 2020

Reference: a hybrid meeting through ZOOM platform organised by the European Union Water Initiative plus (EUWI+) programme (organised by OECD on behalf of implementing partners). Several senior officers representing the key beneficiary ministry (MARDE) were present in person, while other participants were connected via ZOOM.

Summary and key decisions

The Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue (NPD Coordination Committee) on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) welcomed the achievements of the National Policy Dialogue in Moldova, with support from the EU-funded European Union Water Initiative plus for the Eastern Partnership programme (EUWI+) over the past 4 years. EUWI+ has supported a combination of policy reform and capacity development action at both the national and basin levels through activities tailored to ensure sustainability of the results both in Moldova and across all six Eastern Partnership countries.

The NPD Coordination Committee thanked the European Union and all the development partners and bilateral donors for their continued support to the Republic of Moldova in the area of IWRM and water supply and sanitation (WSS), and expressed its hope for continued cooperation beyond 2021 in the framework of the Eastern Partnership.

The Coordination Committee took note of the information on the recent achievements in the field of water resources policy and management in the Republic of Moldova, as presented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (MARDE), and the needs for support for further activities to strengthen the capacities of the institutions in order to carry out their missions.

The Coordination Committee acknowledged the support provided by the European Union to the Republic of Moldova to improve water policies and practices, including in the transboundary context, and confirmed that policy reforms and better governance, including in the water sector, are making such support possible.

The Coordination Committee welcomed the progress made in the Republic of Moldova on the development of recent policies and normative acts in the water sector. Specifically, the Coordination Committee welcomed support provided for the updated national WSS Strategy and associated mid-term Action Plan (AP) on implementing it, adopted by Government Resolution Nr 442 of 01 July 2020.

The Coordination Committee welcomed the EUWI+ support to developing the new Code of Practice, making permanent new norms for design and construction small scale potable water supply systems with an installed capacity of up to 200 m³ per day, as well as the approval of the Code of Practice and the permanent norms by the Minister of Economy and Infrastructure of Moldova (Ordinance # 162 of 01 September 2020).

The Coordination Committee welcomed the support to the development of the Code of Good Agriculture Practices, approved by Order Nr 160 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment on 27 July 2020.

The Coordination Committee acknowledged the work of the Committees of the Dniester and Danube-Prut and Black Sea River Basin Districts and the Commission for the Sustainable Use and Protection of the Dniester River Basin.

The Coordination Committee welcomed the support provided to the development of the RBMP (cycle II 2022-2027) in the Danube-Prut and Black Sea districts including efforts on water management data structuring and requested to prepare it for adoption by the Government.

The Coordination Committee welcomed the support to the development of a master plan for water supply and sanitation in the Nirnova River sub-basin, including experimenting a pilot inter-locality mechanism for a customized and accelerated implementation of WSS measures.

The Coordination Committee welcomed the progress of the work of the expert group to update the National Program for the Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health for the years 2016-2025, which will be extended until 2030 with an updated Action Plan until 2025.

The Coordination Committee was informed by the expert group about the organisation of the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on 26 November 2020 to discuss the proposed revisions to the National Program for the Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and proposals for legal amendments with respect to equitable access to water and sanitation. The Coordination Committee underlined the importance of the adoption of the revised National Programme by early 2021 and invited MARDE and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection to lead the process of official submission of the programme to the Government.

The Coordination Committee welcomed and supports the efforts made by the EUWI+ to increase institutional and expert capacities, both in form of training of personnel, pilot surveys, various investments (modern equipment and field infrastructure) as well as support for the new accreditation of the Environmental Agency's reference laboratory, that ensures and improves the quality monitoring of the surface and ground waters in Moldova;

The Coordination Committee welcomed the activities of the "Ma Implic" project to support water supply in rural LPA in Moldova in 2021-2023", funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Skat Consulting Ltd.

The Coordination Committee thanked for the commitment of the EUWI + programme and invited the EU to continue supporting the Republic of Moldova in order to implement the principles of the Water Framework Directive and of Integrated Water Resources Management.

EUWI+ Indicators

Indicator 1: Gender Balance

Total Participants: **54**

Total Female Participants: **25**

Female participants/total participants of 6th CC meeting of NPD = **46 %**

The average of the female participants of the last 6 meetings has been 42 %, which can be seen as a stable percentage.

Indicator 2: Stakeholder Participation

% of Participants by Organisation type

60% - Coordination Committee members

18% - International organisations, NGOs, Public associations and donors

2% - Invited experts and consultants

20% - EUWI+ Programme implementation team

Participant list divided into 4 categories:

1. Members of the Coordination Committee of the National Policy Dialogue.
2. International Organisations, NGO, Public Associations and donor organisations.
3. Invited experts and consultants.
4. EUWI + team.

Indicator 3: Government engagement in the 6th CC meeting of NPD of RM

Number of participants from the relevant government bodies engaged in water policy development

Nr.	Government body	Invited	Participated
1.	MARDE	16	15
2.	MEI	3	1
3	MoF	2	1
4	SC	1	0
5	MHLSP	2	1
6	MIA	1	0

List developed of relevant ministries for each NPD (derived from invitation list). Percentage worked out of who was invited/who attended the 6th CC meeting of the NPD, available for meeting and trend developed over time.

MARDE- Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (includes authorities under the responsibility of MARDE)

MEI – Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure

MoF - Ministry of Finance

SC – State Chancellery

MHLSP – Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection

MIA - Ministry of Internal Affairs