



## EU4ENVIRONMENT WATER & DATA SECOND REGIONAL ACTION GROUP MEETING

28 June 2023

Talent Garden Vienna, 6th Floor Conference Centre, Liechtensteinstraße 111/115, 1090  
Vienna

Zoom: <https://meetoe.cd1.zoom.us/j/61234567890>

### Background

The EU4Environment – Water Resources and Environmental Data programme aims at improving people’s wellbeing in EU’s Eastern Partner Countries and enabling their green transformation in line with the European Green Deal and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The programme’s activities are clustered around two specific objectives:

- 1) support a more sustainable use of water resources and
- 2) improve the use of sound environmental data and their availability for policy makers and citizens.

The programme is implemented by five Partner organisations: Environment Agency Austria (UBA), Austrian Development Agency (ADA), International Office for Water (OiEau) (France), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

The programme is funded by the European Union and co-funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation and the French Artois-Picardie Water Agency.

The implementation period is 2021-2024.

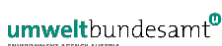
### Expected outputs and outcomes for the meeting

- Review of progress in implementation since the end of the Inception Phase in June 2022.
- Feedback from senior EaP stakeholders on implementation to date and strategic advice towards planning the next implementation phase of the EU4Environment Water & Data Programme.

### Participants

The meetings will gather representatives including from national governments of the EaP countries, the European Commission, EU Member States, representatives from International Finance Institutions, civil society representatives, and implementing partners of the EU4Environment Water & Data Programme.

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**DAY 1: 28 JUNE****8:30 – 13:00 EU4Environment Water & Data Second Regional Action Group Meeting**

<b>8:30-9:00</b>	Registration and welcome coffee	
<b>9:00-9:15</b>	Opening Remarks	<p><i>Mr Gilles Pécout, Ambassador of France to Austria</i></p> <p><i>Mr Gérald Audaz, Team Leader, DG NEAR, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Mr Alexander Zinke, Programme Manager, Environment Agency Austria (UBA)</i></p>
<b>9:15-10:15</b>	Feedback from EaP Country Delegations and Civil Society on implementation experience to date and current national status and priorities with relevance to EU4Environment Water and Data Programme	<p><i>Ms Gayane Gabrielyan, Deputy Minister of Environment of Armenia (TBC) / Ms Lilit Abrahamyan, Head of Water Policy Department, Ministry of Environment of Armenia</i></p> <p><i>Mr Faig Mutallimov, Head of Environmental Policy Division, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Ms Maia Javakhishvili, Deputy Head of Environment and Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i></p> <p><i>Mr Radu Cazacu, Deputy Director, Agency Apele Moldovei, Republic of Moldova</i></p> <p><i>Mr Vitalii Zhuk, Head of the Division of Protection and Reproduction of Water Resources and Marine Ecosystems of the Department of Balanced Nature, Ministry of Environment Protection and Nature Resources of Ukraine and Ms Maria Shpanchyk, Head of the Department of Water Resources Management, State Agency of Water Resources of Ukraine</i></p> <p><i>Mr Dumitru Drumea, Representative, EaP Civil Society Forum</i></p>

<b>10:15-11:00</b>	Component 1: Water Resources Management  Highlights of implementation and plans for the last year of implementation	<i>Moderator: Matthew Griffiths, Programme Manager, OECD</i>  <i>Environment Agency Austria (UBA)</i> <i>UNECE</i> <i>OiEau</i> <i>OECD</i>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	Coffee Break	
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	Component 2: Environmental Statistics and Open Data  Highlights of implementation and plans for the last year of implementation	<i>Moderator: Johannes Mayer, Environment Agency Austria (UBA)</i>  <i>Environment Agency Austria (UBA)</i> <i>OiEau</i> <i>UNECE</i>
<b>12:00-12:15</b>	Implementation of programme Communication and Visibility activities	<i>Ms Chloé Dechelette, OiEau</i>
<b>12:15-12:45</b>	Synergies on implementation with EU-funded Projects	<i>Representatives from EU funded projects, EU member states, and IFIs</i>
<b>12:45-13:00</b>	Conclusions and Next Steps	<i>Mr Gérald Audaz, Team Leader, DG NEAR, European Commission</i>  <i>Mr Alexander Zinke, Programme Manager, Environment Agency Austria (UBA)</i>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	Lunch	