



# EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE PLUS FOR THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

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## **NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUES: THE PLATFORM TO SUPPORT REFORM**

- Proven process over 10 years of experience in EECCA (e.g. Armenia, Moldova)
- EUWI+ provides an opportunity to reenergize/launch NPD (new mandate, revised scope)
- Political ownership (chairmanship), engagement of line ministries and public and private stakeholders and sustainable process
- \* Suggested key areas to be covered:
  - Support to national level reform (legislation, regulation)
  - Support to implementation of river basin management principles
  - Monitoring of emerging needs and demands
  - Communication of results and coordination with other donor activities on water



## PROJECT AMBITIONS

- Support to further reforms of water policies, establishment of an adequate governance framework, and development of institutional capacities in support of policy implementation
- Support the transition from pilot basin to country scale timely implementation of EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) principles for integrated water resources management and River Basin Management Plan harmonisation in transboundary basins
- Strengthening of the monitoring of the water bodies status and upgrade needed infrastructure and quality management
- Institutional capacity building to insure sustainable results



## TARGETED RESULTS

- Result 1: legal and regulatory framework improved in line with the WFD, Integrated Water Resources Management and Multilateral Environmental Agreements.
- Result 2: River Basins Management Plans designed and implemented in line with the WFD principles.
- Result 3: Lessons learnt are regularly collected, shared and communicated to stakeholders



# PARTNERS



## EASTERN PARTNERSHIP (EaP) COUNTRIES:



**BELARUS**



**MOLDOVA**



**UKRAINE**



**ARMENIA**



**AZERBAIJAN**



**GEORGIA**

## EU MEMBER STATES CONSORTIUM:



**AUSTRIA**



**FRANCE**

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS:



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**OECD**

BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES



# REGIONAL PROJECT 2016 - 2020

“European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership”



**R1** Legal and Regulatory Framework

Lead/Partner organisations:



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**R2** River Basin Management Planning

**R3** Lessons learnt and Communication

Lead/Partner organisations:

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*International  
Office  
for Water*

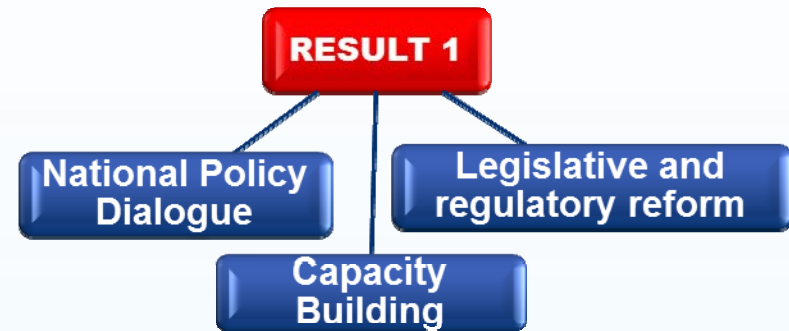
# EXPECTED RESULTS

## RESULTS

**Result 1:** Legal and regulatory framework improved in line with the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD), Integrated Water Resources Management and Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

**R1**

## MAIN TOPICS



**Result 2:** River Basins Management Plans designed and implemented in line with the EU WFD principles.

**R2**



**Result 3:** Lessons learnt regularly collected, shared and communicated to stakeholders.

**R3**





# REGIONAL REPRESENTATION AND PROJECT STEERING STRUCTURES

- 2 Project offices
  - Kiev (*Eastern Countries*)
  - Tbilisi (*South Caucasus Countries*)
- Local Representations
  - *Local Representatives for Result 1 and Result 2 & 3 coordinated*
- Project Guidance & Steering Structures
  - *NPD meetings*
  - *Annual Regional Steering Committee Meeting (SCM)*
  - *National preparation SCM*







## INCEPTION ASSESSMENT FOCUS AREAS

- \* Transposition of provisions of MEAs, WFD and IWRM principles into national policies, strategies, legislation and regulation
- \* Implementation and enforcement of water policy, legislation and regulation
- \* Status of Water related SDGs
- \* Use of economic instruments for WRM and RBMP implementation
- \* Monitoring and laboratory infrastructure and capacities including training and supply needs
- \* Support required for implementation of new and pilot RBMPs
- \* NPD mandate and composition



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# NATIONAL WORK PLANS

Assist in establishment of the primary legislation needed for approximation to the WFD and secondary legislation for its technical application and implementation

Help develop strategies for WFD implementation in the short to medium term based on affordability and cost effectiveness

Assist the countries meet their obligations under multi-lateral environmental agreements such as the Water Convention; SDGs and The Paris Agreement on Climate

Improve the capacity of the main laboratories to comply with the monitoring requirements of the WFD and to obtain enhanced accreditation at national and international level

Enhance capacity in ecological and biological monitoring including development of Ecological Status Classification systems for upper and lower catchments and coastal zones

Strengthen monitoring systems for both SW and GW and water quantity and quality

Increase capacity in RBMP in accordance with the WFD including in Association Agreement countries maximum coverage of the first cycle of plans

Within the planning procedure mechanisms will be created to maximum integration of water sectors and uses with emphasis on the Flood, Nitrates, UWWT and Habitat directives

Establish institutions for the elaboration and implementation of RBMP at the national and basin level

Establish public consultation procedure in RBM Planning in pilot basins



**Thank you for your attention!**

**Благодарим за внимание!**