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The European Union's Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+) supports integrated management of water resources in the 6 Eastern Partnership Countries

3 MAIN RESULTS



Stronger legal framework for water

at national level through alignment with the European Union Water Framework Directive and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)



Improved water management capacities

at river basin level through the development of a river basin management plan and a more effective water monitoring system



Closer involvement

of stakeholders and the wider public to ensure the future of their water resources

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Progress on EUWI+ activities in Moldova

At national level, the EUWI+ project helps strengthen the cross-sectoral approach between water and agriculture by supporting the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and the Environment (MARDE) to develop the **Moldovan Code of Good Agricultural Practice**. Work on economic instruments to improve water resources management has continued, including the draft final report on improving the **use of economic instruments for managing water resources** and infrastructure, delivered on 31 March. Work has also been done to prepare the final draft revisions of the National Programme to implement **the Protocol on Water and Health** until 2025. The consultation meeting to discuss the revisions has been postponed due to COVID-19.

At basin scale, work is underway to prepare the **second cycle of the Danube-Prut Black Sea River Basin Management Plan** for 2022-2027. This key document will contribute to the harmonisation of planning efforts in all 19 Danube countries, as it is in line with the European Union Water Framework Directive. **June-July will be dedicated to a public consultation** and information campaign. The EUWI+ project continues to support the Environmental Agency **laboratory** with training sessions on quality management for its future re-accreditation in line with international norms and on the new provided equipment.





Moldova is getting ready for the second round of public consultations on the main measures of the Danube-Prut Black Sea RBMP (cycle II)

May 2020

In Summer 2019, stakeholders expressed their opinion on key issues in their river basin. Now Moldova is getting ready for a second round of consultations regarding the main measures proposed. On the EUWI+ website, some of the key documents for the upcoming consultation are already available (including the thematic summary which summarises the draft RBMP cycle II). You can also find basic information about EUWI+ work on the Danube-Prut and Black Sea river basins, including the current RBMP (cycle I).

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Moldova takes over ICPDR Presidency for 2020

30 January 2020

The Republic of Moldova has taken over the annual Presidency of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR). Improving transboundary cooperation, creating opportunities for more investments in River Basin Management Planning, and strengthening resilience to the effects of climate change are some of the priorities of the incoming President Mr Dorin Andros, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (MARDE).

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Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan (WSSMP) for the Nirnova sub-basin

28-30 January 2020

From 27-31 January 2020, experts from the International Office for Water and Solidarity Water Europe came to the country on a mission. Two workshops in the cities of Chisinau and Nisporeni were organised together with the European water solidarity project on developing a Water and Sanitation Master Plan for the Nirnova river basin. The workshops were attended by mayors of municipalities and representatives of the 2 raions concerned. The main objective was a consultation on progress made since the signature of the contract on 31 October 2019 during the 3-month inception period. Another objective was to prepare the newly formed association of mayors of the basin to steer this important work for the future of their valley where tapped and controlled drinking water is still lacking for the majority of the 30 villages.



National Policy Dialogue (NPD) on Integrated Water Resources Management in the Republic of Moldova

25 October 2019

The NPD is the main operational instrument under the EUWI+ project to facilitate the reform of water policies. The 5th meeting of the coordination Committee was held in Chisinau on 25 October 2019. More than 65 participants discussed the progress of the Republic of Moldova in aligning national policies and strategies with the European Union Water Framework Directive. Participants specifically discussed recent institutional changes, e.g. the establishment of the Environment Agency, and related opportunities and challenges.

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Information and consultation workshop for the adoption of the Code of Good Agriculture Practices (CoGAP) concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates in Moldova

23 October 2019

This event featured a presentation of the draft version of the CoGAP in Moldova and the programme of measures on the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources. Participants also learned about the implementation steps for promoting and approving the methodology for the identification and delimitation of Nitrates Vulnerable Zones and the CoGAP.



Study visit: Aspects of laboratory accreditation and implications for day-to-day practice

21 – 24 October 2019

This study visit served to demonstrate the practical hydro-chemical implementation of the European Union Water Framework Directive in Austria related to laboratory accreditation according to EN ISO/IEC 17025. Two technical experts from the national laboratories of each EUWI+ country travelled to Vienna and Linz to listen to experts from public and private laboratories.

[Study visit report on the EUWI+ website](#)



Groundwater survey with focus on pesticides

September-October 2019

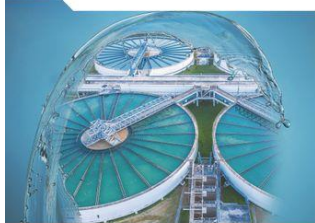
A groundwater survey was carried out by the Hydrogeological Expedition of Moldova (EHGeoM). The main aim was an initial overview of the general quality of groundwater, and in particular the presence of 55 selected pesticide substances in these three shallow, highly vulnerable groundwater bodies currently not covered by the national groundwater monitoring network. The survey results should support the Agency of Geology and Mineral Resources (AGRM) in designing an appropriate groundwater monitoring network and in obtaining an overview of how anthropogenic activities influence the quality of groundwater. The development of industry and the increased use of groundwater to supply water to localities in Moldova, require improved monitoring of groundwater to ensure protection against overexploitation and pollution.



Hydromorphological Survey on the Cogilnic river

September-October 2019

This survey was carried out by the State Hydrometeorological Service in two phases: a short hydromorphological survey with training on the field, and extended field works in the Cogilnic river basin.



Enhancing the Economic Regulatory System for Moldova's Water Supply and Sanitation

31 July 2019

The OECD published the final report on the Economic Regulatory System for the water supply and sanitation system (WSS) in the Republic of Moldova, produced with financial support from the EU under EUWI+. This report supports the development of a sound economic regulatory system for the water supply and sanitation (WSS) sector in the country. You can read the report online or download the PDF version from the [OECD website](#).

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ICPDR Joint Danube Survey JDS-4

July 2019



This survey was carried out by the Environmental Agency in two phases: the first phase covered the sampling of macroinvertebrates, the second phase covered macrophytes and fish and supporting physico-chemical parameters. In Moldova, sampling was undertaken at a sampling station shared by Moldova and Romania on the River Prut at the river port of the city of Giurgiulesti, 0-0.5 km from the confluence with the River Danube (JDS-4 sampling site 49). Results were provided to the ICPDR.

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Surface Water Field Survey: 21 sampling sites covered

10-21 June 2019



Surface water surveys took place in the Danube-Prut and Black Sea river basin district with participants from the reference laboratory of the Environmental Agency of Moldova. Following training by Austrian experts on surface water sampling, the survey focused on chemical, hydrobiological and hydromorphological parameters compliant with the European Union Water Framework Directive.

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Danube Day in Moldova: connecting people for transboundary cooperation

29 June 2019



From 26 to 29 June 2019, the Franco-Moldovan team of Solidarity Water Europe (SWE) and EUWI+ cycled down the Prut to its junction with the Danube. Their final destination was the Danube Day celebration at Giurgiulesti. On 29 June, Moldovan people celebrated their river at the opening of the new Giurgiulesti City Park, where they enjoyed a festive picnic and concert on the banks of the Danube. The event was attended by the Minister of the Environment, the European Union Head of Delegation, and representatives from the water agencies of Moldova and Romania.

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Coming soon in Moldova within EUWI+

Project activities are highly dependent upon the situation regarding Covid-19. At the time of writing, the following highlights are planned for Moldova:



Regional activities

- Under Moldovan presidency of ICPDR, the authorities plan to push the project of reinforcing the international cooperation framework in the 3 countries sharing the Prut rivers: Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. An international meeting was planned around the celebration of the water day on 22 March 2020, but had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis.



Improving water management capacities

- The Stakeholder Consultation Meeting to discuss the revision of the National Programme to implement the Protocol on Water and Health until 2025 is postponed and expected to take place in summer 2020.
- The postponed equipment training with local lab staff at EAM is now planned for autumn 2020. The expert support and quality management for re-accreditation continues.
- Surface water surveys planned for this spring are postponed due to the pandemic. However, preparations will continue regarding site selection, logistics and contracting.
- Conceptual preparations for introducing investigative monitoring are under way.
- Until summer, new equipment for biological monitoring of surface waters will be delivered.
- Data management work will support the integration and visualisation of groundwater data from the Agency of Geology and Mineral Resources/Geofond.
- Online training courses will be ensured in May-June 2020, as far as possible.



Fostering involvement

- Online public consultations are planned for May-June 2020. An online information campaign will be devised to involve the wider public.
- A final EUWI+ event will most probably be held in autumn 2020, to celebrate the main achievements of the project in the Republic of Moldova.

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