



MEDIA INVITE

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National Dialogue on Water Policy Towards the National Water Strategy: Water Sector Reforms in Ukraine

On November 28, 2017, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine will hold a second meeting of the National Dialogue on Water Policy (NPD).

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine initiated the creation of a national level discussion platform in a form of the National Dialogue on Water Policy, in order to ensure coordination, transparency, support and wide-ranging expert discussion on the state water management system reforming process, based on European principles and approaches.

The National Dialogue focuses on the topical issues of the reform of the water policy of Ukraine:

- preparation of the National Water Strategy and legislative and institutional changes in Ukraine in the field of water policy
- reforming the water monitoring system in Ukraine,
- Water and Sanitation: discussion of the Draft "Basic Situation Analysis" and development of proposals for revision of the national targets of the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health
- Water and Agriculture: strengthening inter-sectoral cooperation on the implementation of the EU Nitrates Directive
- Coordination of international projects and organizations in support of water sector reforms' implementation.

This important meeting will bring together representatives from central executive authorities of Ukraine, international organizations, international projects, research institutes, NGOs and other stakeholders. Distinguished speakers include:

- **Mr. Ostap Semerak**, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine (MENR)
- **Mr. Mykola Kuzio**, Deputy Minister for European Integration, MENR
- **Mr. Georges-Stavros Kremlis**, Head of Unit, DG Environment, European Commission (tbc)
- **Ms. Iryna Ovcharenko**, Head of the State Agency of Water Resources of Ukraine
- **Ms. Tatiana Efimova**, OECD
- **Mr. Michael Sutter**, Team Leader of EUWI+EaP project, Austrian Environmental Agency

The MENR, with the support of the EU Water Initiative Plus project, assumes the leading role in initiation and organization of the NPD communication process. The MENR calls for active cooperation of all stakeholders involved in the dialogue. Any interested organizations can join the NPD process to participate in the preparation and implementation of the Water Strategy of Ukraine.

Journalists interested in covering this event are invited to attend the first half of the meeting (from 09:00 till 13:00). Simultaneous translation will be provided.

The meeting will take place in Kyiv, Ukraine, at the Conference Hall of the Hotel "President" (12 Hospitalna Str.).

For any additional information, please contact the Department of Land and Water Protection tel. (044) 206 31 76; 206 31 36 (contact person is Mr. Oleksandr Bon) and the EUWI+ project (contact Nataliia.Zakorchevna@euwipluseast.eu).

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