EUWI+ WEEK: European Union project supports water management with a week of high-level peer-to-peer exchange in France

Paris, France, 25 November – A week of learning and exchange on water management best practices is being organised by the European Union-funded project "European Union Water Initiative Plus for Eastern Partnership Countries" (EUWI+) from 25 to 28 November 2019.

Over the last ten years, the European Union has provided significant technical and financial support to improve water policies for the benefit of citizens and the environment in the Eastern Partnership region. Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine have partnered with peers in the European Union through European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership (EUWI+) and peer-to-peer learning and exchange. The six countries are working to align their national policies and strategies with the EU Water Framework Directive.

The aim of the EUWI+ week is to steer progress of the EUWI+ project and inform high-level representatives of the six countries on recent developments regarding water policy and integrated water management. Study visits and a workshop organised during this week present opportunities for further exchange and experience-sharing between project partners and French practitioners.

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting brings together the Programme's implementing partners (UNECE, OECD and an EU-Member State Consortium of Austria, Umweltsbundesamt Austria, and France, International Office for Water), government officials, delegates and economists from the six Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine), the European Commission and French authorities (ministries, Water Agency).

PROGRAMME

- 25 November: High-level study visit with the French authorities. More on EUWI+ website
- 26 November: 3rd regional EUWI+ Steering Committee Meeting. More on OECD website
- 27 November: Regional Capacity Building Event on economic instruments for strengthening water management. More on OECD website
- 28 November: Study visit to an inter-municipal body, the Lille Metropole and Artois Picardy Water Agency. More on EUWI+ website

Background

Through the European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership (EUWI+), six of the partnership countries are aligning their national policies and strategies with the EU acquis to achieve sustainable water management. In 2020, a major key output of the project is the new river basin management plans developed in eight pilot river basins in the six countries, including an upgrade of water laboratory and water monitoring equipment. The guiding document and new equipment capacities ensure a global and integrated approach in water management, considering various economic, social and ecological issues to guide the development of appropriate sustainable water management strategies.

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