



European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership



17th MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE IN WATER SECTOR OF ARMENIA

19 October 2018

Venue: "Ani" Conference Hall, "Ani Plaza Hotel", 19 Sayat-Nova Ave., 0001, Yerevan

The objectives of the meeting are as follows:

- to provide updates on the status of development of road map for implementation of 5 water Directives in Armenia under the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement;
- to discuss progress and next steps in implementing the European Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+) programme in Armenia and to receive feedback from the national stakeholders;
- to provide a platform for coordination of donor activities in the water sector in Armenia, and enhance the international cooperation with partner organizations.

AGENDA

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 - 10.00	Opening and welcoming statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Edgar Pirumyan, Head of the Water Resources Management Agency, Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia, Co-Chairman of the Steering Committee</i>• <i>Ms. Inessa Gabayan, Chairperson of the Water Committee, Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia, Co-Chairman of the Steering Committee</i>• <i>Mr. Gonzalo Serrano De La Rosa, Head of Cooperation Section, EU Delegation to Armenia</i>• <i>Ms Tatiana Efimova, OECD Water Manager</i> Adoption of the Agenda

Session 1	Progress under Result 1 of the EUWI+ Project
10:00 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement: Recommended Actions for Implementation</i> – Ms. Stella Mikayelyan, National Expert, Mr. Arsen Karapetyan, National Expert – <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
	Continuation of Session 1
11:30 –12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming “Harmful” Irrigation Subsidies in Armenia</i> – Vahagn Tonoyan, EUWI+ Project Representative in Armenia – <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
	Continuation of Session 1
13:30 –15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Revision of targets in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health and work on Equitable Access to Water Supply and Sanitation in Armenia</i> – Tigran Oganezov, National Expert, Emma Anakhasyan, National Expert – <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
15:15 - 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 2	Progress under result 2 and 3 of the EUWI+
15:30 –16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on Laboratory Development, and Surface and Groundwater Monitoring</i> – Mr. Michael Sutter, Project Leader, EU Member States Consortium (Austria, France) • <i>Development of River Basin Management Plans in Armenia</i> – Ms. Florence Pintus, RBMP Thematic Leader, EM Member States Consortium (Austria, France) – <i>Q&A followed by discussion</i>
16:45-17:00	<i>Other updates, decisions and way forward</i> <i>Decisions by the NPD Steering Committee and closure of the meeting</i>