

Group II: Supplementary Measures

Results of the breakout group work

**Conducted during the public consultations as of May 05 2015 in
Chişinău, Moldova**

on PRUT RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN (2016 - 2021)

Methodology:

The discussions within the breakout group were structured according to 5 questions suggested by EPIRB project managers, and were facilitated by an external facilitator.

The answers and the results of the breakout group work were noted down on a flipchart by the facilitator and were presented in the plenary session by a reporter from the breakout group.

The questions and answers were the following:

- 1. Do you agree with the goals/objectives and level of improvement set in the plan?**

The breakout group considered that the objectives are sufficiently ambitious, and had no objections to them. If reached, the situation in the Prut River basin will improve.

- 2. Are there other important measures that have not been considered?**

To those 3 supplementary measures that are already in the plan, other 3 additional supplementary measures were suggested by the group, as follows:

- Measures for improving the condition of leisure and swimming waters;
- Measures for management of nutrients;
- Measures for management of pasturing.

Alongside with the supplementary measures from the above the members of the breakout group suggested including in the plan some additional actions, like:

- ✓ Introduction of the alarm system for natural calamities;
- ✓ Improvement of the practices of irrigated lands management;
- ✓ Coordination of all efforts on implementing and financing of different activities in this area.

Note: The Ukrainian guests, that were present in the breakout group, brought into discussion the idea that the supplementary measures would be more of a local nature, as they were suggested by their Ukrainian experts back home. However, the members of the breakout group were quite reserved in relation to this idea, as the supplementary measures included by the authors in the draft Prut RBMP can be considered as of national importance as well (like, for example, drought risk mitigation measures, or flood risk control). When it comes to implementation, though, of course concrete tasks have to be carried out by specific local public authorities.

3. Do you agree with the prioritization of measures? If not, what would you change, please justify.

The breakout group members considered that ***the Measures to mitigate drought risk*** should be attributed ***priority I*** (one), for the reason that this influences economic development.

It was also suggested that the set of ***Measures for the management of nutrients*** should be attributed ***priority II*** (it has effects on food security and public health).

The measures initially established in the plan, as well as the other 2 newly suggested, may remain/stay under priority III.

4. Which are those measures or initiatives that you or your organization can help deliver?

The Agency “Apele Moldovei”, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Hydrometeo Service can contribute to the implementation of ***Measures to mitigate drought risk***.

The Agency “Apele Moldovei” and the Hydrometeo Service can contribute to the implementation of ***Flood risk management***.

The Ministry of Agriculture, the State Ecologic Inspectorate and the Institute of Ecology and Geography can contribute to the implementation of ***Measures for water conservation in the agricultural sector***.

The Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Environment, the Agency “Apele Moldovei”, the LPA (local public authorities) can contribute to the implementation of ***Measures for improving the condition of leisure and swimming waters***.

The Institute of Ecology and Geography, the State Ecologic Inspectorate, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Agency for Food Security can contribute to the implementation of ***Measures for management of nutrients***.

The LPA and the Ministry of Agriculture can contribute to the implementation of ***Measures for management of pasturing***.

5. **What suggestions do you have for ensuring funding for the Program of Measures?**

Funding can be secured from the State Budget, from the National Environmental Fund and from Trans-boundary Collaboration Programs.

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