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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**2st National Coordination Committee (NCC) Meeting for Ukraine
14 October, 2013, Ministry of ecology and Nature Resources of Ukraine
35 Metropolit Vasyl Lipkivsky., Kyiv 03150, Ukraine**

Agenda

Time	Thematic Item	Presenter
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome by the Head of International Department of the MoE and the team leader of the EPIRB project	Michael Kamasa <i>(Head of Department MoE)</i> Timothy Turner <i>(EPIRB Project Team Leader)</i>
10.05 – 10.30	EPIRB project outcomes (reporting period)	Timothy Turner <i>(EPIRB Project Team Leader)</i>
10.30 – 10.50	Discussion and Comments on the EPIRB project current results	All
10.50 – 11.20	Next period EPIRB project aims and steps	Timothy Turner <i>(EPIRB Project Team Leader)</i> Nataliia Zakorchevna <i>(EPIRB Project RBM Expert)</i>
11.20 – 11:30	Key conclusions, next steps and wrap-up	EPIRB Project/ MoP

Participants

NCC Members, Representatives of the Ministry, Water Agency of Ukraine, projects others

Camasa Michael - Head of the International Department of the MEP , Chairman of the National Coordination of the project

Bon Oleksandr - Head of water resources and ecosystems MEP , member of the National Coordinating Council project

Sakevich Arkady - Head of the Dnipro basin management, State Water Agency Ukraine

Alexander Klitko - Manager of the EU Delegation in Ukraine

Timothy Turner - Head of a group of international experts of the EU project "Environmental protection of international river basins "

Zakorchevna Nataliia - expert on river basin management of the EU project "Environmental protection of international river basins "



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Yaroshevich Aleksey - Head group of international experts of the EU project " Further support for the MoE program sector budget support "

Summary of Discussions

Introduction and Opening

The EPIRB NCC meeting was organized by Ministry of ecology and nature resources of Ukraine. The meeting was opened by Michael Camasa - Head of the International Department of the MoP, Chairman of the National Coordination of the project and **Mr Timothy Turner**, Team Leader of Environmental Protection of International River Basins (EPIRB), an EU funded project implemented by Human Dynamics Consortium, where they focused on the overall objectives of the meeting and expected outcomes of it.

Mr Timothy Turner presented the project objectives and results of activities undertaken from the beginning of the project (Inception Phase) to the first and second reporting period. He summarized the outcomes, including findings of the existing monitoring systems in the beneficiary countries, as well as the selection and confirmation of the project pilot basins in the project countries. Further Mr Turner presented in details activities and achievements of the Implementation phase. In his presentation Mr Turner above all praised role of the beneficiary institutions for providing access to the existing (although scarce) data and information necessary for turning the RBA study to primary source for subsequent phases of the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for the pilot basin.

Mr Michael Camasa: The last six months failed to collect the National Coordination Council due to changes in its members, as well as in connection with the change of the project Team Leader. The project regularly inform us about the state of affairs, sends monthly reports and other project materials. National Project Coordinator in constant contact with us.

Mr Alexander Bon: There were communication problems with the project at the beginning of the project, a lot of time wasted. Now there is still no regular meetings, but today's meeting, we hope, will start closer contacts. There should be regular meetings and the next meeting in December to appoint. It is very important to get the Ministry of Natural Resources Management Plans for selected river basins, especially for the Prut. About the proposed pilot project on the Dnieper reservoirs further consultation was needed.

Mr Arkady Sakevich: Proposal for selection as a pilot project of the Kiev reservoir, namely the study of its capacity, the thickness and composition of sediments, floods flood zones at different reliability - due to social, environmental and economic effects of its implementation.

Mr Alexander Klitko: MoP second time met on the NCC. There is progress in the project. Regularly receives reports from the coordinator. Now it is important not only to prepare management plans for selected pilot projects, but also provide trainings in all major areas of activity for the preparation of plans . The purpose - to train specialists - those who continue to do so for other river basins. It is also necessary to prepare materials - manual with step by step instructions on preparation of the Management Plan . Also requested the project - Support for national experts from Ukraine (16 persons), working on the ICPDR in their work in the working groups.



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Mr Alexei Yaroshevich - The EU project "Further support for the MoP program of sectoral budget support" have been developed a number of draft legislative documents relating to the approximation of the water legislation of Ukraine with the European - additions to the Water Code of Ukraine, the position of the typology of water bodies. This process is relevant in the wake of signing the Association Agreement with Ukraine and EU. EPIRB project could take on the development of secondary legislation.

Also ICPDR experts from Ukraine do require support from the EPIRB project to fulfill its functions, in particular, attend meetings of the working groups. Experts ICPDR has their passwords to fill databases without agreement with them, the information prepared in the framework of the project on the Prut River will not flow to the server Secretariat. Besides, the project should pay attention to the format in which prepared the draft of the management plan for the Ukrainian part of the basin Tisza and Danube Delta and its use for the preparation of the Management Plan for the Prut.

Ms Nataliia Zakorchevna and Mr Timothy Turner answered questions and commented wishes from NCC members and the representative EU delegation in Ukraine.