



MEETING MINUTES

of the National Coordination Committee (NCC) of the EU Environmental Protection of International River Basins Project

Aarhus Centre of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine
12 February 2016

Participants:

Mr Mykhailo Tomahin, the Director of the of the Natural Resources Protection Department of the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Head of NCC

Mr Oleksandr Bon', Head of Water Ecosystems and Resources Division of the Natural Resources Protection Department of the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, NCC member

Mr Oleksandr Tarasenko, Head of European Integration Department of the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, NCC member

Ms Nataliia Pyshna, the Head of the Groundwater Inventory Department of "GeoInform" SE of the State Service of Ukraine for Geology and Mineral Resources, NCC member

Ms Olena Boyeva, the Chief of international division of the State Water Agency of Ukraine

Ms Galyna Serova, the Director of the Aarhus Centre

Mr Oleksander Klitko, Sector Manager, Environment, Operation Section 3 - Energy, Transport and Environment

Mr Timothy Turner, the Team Leader of the international expert's team of the EU Environmental Protection of International River Basins Project

Ms Nataliia Zakorchevna, the National River Basin Management Expert of the EU Environmental Protection of International River Basins Project

Mr Evgenii Grigorenko, the Office Manager of the EU Environmental Protection of International River Basins Project

Mr Oleksiy Yaroshevych, national water expert of EU project 'Support to Ukraine in approximation of the EU environmental *acquis*'

Mr Mykhailo Tomakhin opened the National Coordination Committee Meeting and welcomed the meeting participants and gave wishes for success for continued project work on behalf of the acting Minister Ms Hanna Vrons'ka.

Mr Oleksander Klitko highlighted the importance of the final phase of the project. He also urged the committee members to read the draft report on EPIRB activities in Ukraine and give their suggestions for the plan of activities for the remaining period. At present, there are three international projects operating in Ukraine, which are dealing with the water resources issues. There are 'Environmental Protection of International River Basins Project', 'Support to Ukraine in approximation of the EU environmental *acquis*' and 'Improving Environmental Monitoring in the Black Sea' and there should be the regular contacts between them. The new EUWI+ water project, consisting of 2 components will start soon it is a continuation of the EUWI and EPIRB project and will assist the beneficiaries in the implementation of the EPIRB products.



Mr Timothy Turner, Team Leader of EPIRB project, made a presentation on the overview of EPIRB project progress and the two project tasks, the strengthening of monitoring systems and tools and development of River Basin Management Plans (RBMP). He reported that the project was on programme and to budget and that it had now entered an extension period from February-October 2016. He presented the support that has been provided by EPIRB project to the countries in meeting their obligations under the UNECE Water and Danube Conventions; informed about the development of WFD monitoring programs and ecological status classification systems in the project countries, guidance on monitoring of salty waters in accordance with the WFD and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, development of WFD data management tools and the next steps to finalize the web-based GIS database system for the project countries. He reported on the RBMP process and progress achieved summarized the implementation results, including seven national public consultation meetings being held in the pilot basins in February-May 2015. The plans are now in the final draft versions and are to be adopted in the next 6 months during the extension phase. Mr Turner the gave a general introduction to pilot projects implemented within the EPIRB project.

Ms Nataliia Zakorchevna, River basin Management Expert of EPIRB project presented the practical results of EPIRB activities during the last year in Ukraine such as the preparing of the RBMPs for Upper Dnieper and Prut river basin, processes of public consultation, share the lessons learned from the pilot projects.

Representatives of UNEGO 'MAMA 86', contractor of EPIRB project for preparing RBMPs, **Mr Anna Tsvietkova** and **Mr Marta Korchemlyuk** presented the main outputs of RBMPs of Upper Dnieper and Prut river basins.

Mr Mykhailo Tomakhin noted that the project had shown good results in Ukraine and moved beyond its preliminary assignments, studying the ecological status of rivers in the pilot basins.

Mr Oleksandr Bon` asked the contractor to prioritize the Plans measures proposed in RBMPs for its privilege implementation.

Mr Timothy Turner made the presentation about the project activities and plans for the extension period under the two project tasks. There are no new activities just extension of existing activities which have been designed to link in with EUWI+. Mr Turner presented the extension budget and programme and described the management arrangements.

Ms Nataliia Zakorchevna presented the EPIRB extension activities to be implemented in Ukraine in 2016.

Mr Oleksander Klitko emphasized further the need for close cooperation among international projects and asked for support in organising Danube Day celebrations as the annual ICPDR tradition on the tenth anniversary.

Ms Mykhailo Tomakhin wished success for the remainder of the project and expressed hope for continued close co-operation EPIRB projects and the Ministry.



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Mr Timothy Turner thanked to all participants for a productive meeting.

Meeting was closed.



Draft AGENDA

5th National Coordination Committee (NCC) Meeting

Kyiv, Ukraine
12 February 2016

Venue: Aarhus Centre in the building of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine (the entrance to the Aarhus Centre is the left edge of the building).
Vasilya Lipkivs'kogo Street 35, Kyiv.

Objectives:

- to report to the NCC members and other national and international stakeholders on the results of the EPIRB project;
- to present planned activities for the next extension period;
- to inform the NCC of next project steps and timetable.

Languages: Ukrainian and English, consecutive interpretation will be provided.

NCC Meeting Program

11:00 - 11:05	REGISTRATION
11:05 - 11:10	Welcome - Opening Remarks Mr Myckailo Tomakhin, <i>Director of the of the Natural Resources Protection Department of the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Head of NCC</i> Mr Oleksander Klitko, <i>EU Delegation to Ukraine</i> Mr Timothy Turner, <i>TL/KE1, EPIRB Project</i>
11:10 - 11:30	EPIRB Project General Overview Mr Timothy Turner, <i>TL/KE1, EPIRB Project</i>
11:30 – 11:40	EPIRB Project Ukraine Specific Activities Overview since 4rd NCC meeting (May 2015), Ms Nataliia Zakorchevna, <i>RBME, EPIRB Project</i>
11:40 - 12:00	Presentation of the RBMPs for Upper Dnieper and Prut 'MAMA 86'
12:00 - 13:30	Discussion and comments All NCC participants



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13:30 - 13:50

Steps and objectives for the extension period of EPIRB Project

Mr Timothy Turner, *TL/KE1, EPIRB Project*

Ms Nataliia Zakorchevna, *RBME, EPIRB Project*

13:50 - 14:15

Conclusions and closing remarks

Mr Michailo Tomahin, *Director of the of the Natural Resources Protection
Department of the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Head of
NCC*

Mr Oleksander Klitko, EU Delegation

Mr Timothy Turner, *TL/KE1, EPIRB Project*

14:15 - 15:00

Lunch at venue



5th NCC meeting

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