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Annex I

SECOND REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

18-19 September 2013

Venue: Conference Hall "Lile"
Hotel Sheraton Metechi Palace
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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

DAY 1: 18 September 2013

09:00 - 09:30 Registration, Conference hall

Session 1: Opening, Welcome and Introduction

- 09:30 - 09:45 Welcome address by host country, EU representatives and Project Director:
- *Ms Nino Tkhadadze, Environmental Policy and International Relations Department of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia. Senior Specialist. Member of the Black Sea Commission*
 - *Mr Stephen Stork, Deputy Head of Operations Section, EU delegation to Georgia*
 - *Mr Nicola Di Pietrantonio, Programme Manager, European Commission*
 - *Ms Ivan Davidov, Project Director, Human Dynamics*

- 09:45 - 10:00 Introductions
- Countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine)
 - Project Team
 - Other (USAID, UNDP, REC)

10:00 - 10:20 Approval of Chairperson and agenda and introduction of meeting objectives

10:20 - 11:00 Coffee break

Session 2: Overall project progress and management issues



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- 11:00 - 11:30 Project outline, objectives and results of the activities undertaken since the start of implementation phase (August 2012 - July 2013); project management issues
- *Mr Timothy Turner, Project Team Leader*
 - *Mr Zurab Jincharadze, Deputy Team Leader, KE2 - River Basin Management Expert*
- 11:30 - 11:45 Presentation by EPIRB sister project - "Improving Environmental Monitoring in the Black Sea": objectives, expected results, links with the EPIRB
- *Vasiliy Kostushyn, Project Manager*
- 11:45 - 12:00 Plenary discussion
- Session 3: Presentations of project activities and plans for the next period: RESULT - 1**
- 12:00 - 12:40 **Activity 1.2:** Support to UNECE and Danube Conventions: results of Minsk workshop and proposed activities for the next reporting period (months 19-24) under priority 1 and 2
- *Ms Birgit Vogel, Senior Non Key Expert, RBM Solutions, Austria*
- 12:40 - 13:00 Plenary discussion on Activity 1.2 results and proposals for the next reporting period
- 13:00 - 14:30 Lunch**
- 14:30 - 15:15 **Activity 1.3/1.4:** Development of WFD monitoring programmes and classification systems; Draft JFS results and plans for the next reporting period - proposing classification system for **Surface Waters**: biological/ecological, physical-chemical, hydromorphological monitoring systems; OECD classification scheme for physical-chemical parameters of surface water monitoring
- *Mr Svetoslav Cheshmedjiev, Ecology and Biology Key Expert, EPIRB*
 - *Ms Tatjana Kolcova, Hydro-morphology Key Expert, EPIRB*
 - *Mr Paul Buijs, Monitoring Programme Development NKE, EPIRB*
- 15:15 - 16:00 Plenary discussion on Activity 1.3/1.4 results and proposed classification/assessment systems for monitoring of Surface Waters
- 16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break**
- 16:30 - 17:00 **Activity 1.3/1.4:** Development of WFD monitoring programmes and classification systems for **Groundwater**; Draft JFS results and plans for the next reporting period
- *Mr Bernardas Paukstys, Groundwater Key Expert, EPIRB*
- 17:00 - 17:15 Plenary discussion on Activity 1.3/1.4 results and proposed classification/assessment systems for Groundwater Monitoring to be developed during the next reporting period (s)



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- 17:15 - 17:45 **Activity 1.5/1.6:** Laboratory Analytical Quality Control and capacity building training for the project beneficiary countries
- *Mr Michael Jackman, Laboratory and Chemical Analysis NKE, EPIRB*
- 17:45 - 18:00 Plenary discussion on Activity 1.5/1.6 results and recommendations to be implemented in the next reporting period (months 19-24)
- 18:00 - 18:15 Summary of Day-1 and validation of decisions. Meeting closure
- *Meeting Chairperson*
- 20:00 - 22:00 Welcome dinner for workshop participants at restaurant "Shadow of Metekhi"**

DAY 2: 19 September 2013

- 09:00 - 09:30 Assembly and review of previous day's discussion
- Session 4: Presentations of project activities and plans for the next period: RESULT - 2**
- 09:30 - 09:45 **Activity 2:** River Basin Planning overview and process; team building and national plan ownership; plan consistency; steps forward planned for the next reporting period
- *Mr Timothy Turner, Project Team Leader*
- 09:45 - 10:30 **Activity 2.1:** River Basin Analysis in the selected pilot areas: presentations of current project activities and plans for the next reporting periods by national teams: South Caucasus
- *Mr Vahagn Tonoyan, CWME for Armenia*
- *Mr Rafiq Verdyiev, CWME for Azerbaijan*
- *Mr Zurab Jincharadze, DTL/KE2 - River Basin Management Expert*
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Activity 2.1:** River Basin Analysis in the selected pilot areas: presentations of current project activities and plans for the next reporting periods by national teams: Eastern Europe
- *Ms Natalia Zakorchevna, River Basin Management Expert, Ukraine*
- *Mr Alexandr Stankevich, CWME for Belarus*
- *Mr Victor Bujac, CWME for Moldova*
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break**
- 11:30 - 12:00 Plenary discussion on Activity 2.1 results and proposal for the next reporting period for deeper analysis to identify pressures/impacts in the delineated water bodies: Caucasus and Eastern Europe



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- 12:00 - 12:30 **Activity 2.2:** Water body identification and typology - preliminary delineation of Surface- and Groundwater Bodies in the pilot basins of the Caucasus and Eastern Europe and plans for finalization during the next reporting period
- *Ms Tatjana Kolcova, Hydro-morphology Key Expert, EPIRB*
 - *Mr Bernardas Paukstys, Groundwater Key Expert, EPIRB*
- 12:30 - 13:00 Plenary discussion on Activity 2.2 results and follow-up recommendations
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch**
- 14:00 - 14:40 **Activity 2.3/2.4:** Analysis of baseline situation and JFSs to cover the gaps: plans for follow up to JFS-II during the next reporting period (s) (summer 2014); Development of GIS database system based on the preliminary classification results
- *Mr Svetoslav Cheshmedjiev, Ecology and Biology Key Expert, EPIRB*
 - *Ms Tatjana Kolcova, Hydro-morphology Key Expert, EPIRB*
 - *Mr Bernardas Paukstys, Groundwater Key Expert, EPIRB*
 - *Mr Zurab Jincharadze, DTL/KE2 - River Basin Management Expert*
- 14:40 - 15:00 Plenary discussion on Activity 2.3/2.4 results and plans for the follow-up activities
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Activity 2.5/2.6:** Development of national and basin-wide programmes of measures: Road Map to introduce WFD compliant monitoring and assessment of surface and groundwater; Implementation of selected measures (pilot project criteria)
- *Mr Paul Buijs, Monitoring Programme Development NKE, EPIRB*
 - *Mr Timothy Turner, Project Team Leader*
- 15:30 - 16:00 Plenary discussion, involving representatives of national beneficiary institutions, on proposed activity to develop specific programmes of measures for the selected pilot basins
- 16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break**
- 16:30 - 17:00 **Activity 2.7:** Public involvement and awareness rising; Project web-site and newsheet; Communication strategies and plans; Coordination with RBM planning process
- *Ms Imola Coszta, Public Involvement Expert,, The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)*
- 17:00 - 17:30 Inter project coordination and beneficiary feedback
- 17:30 - 17:45 Summary of Day-2 and validation of decisions
- 18:00 Conclusions and meeting closure