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Mission Report
Fact Finding Mission to Belarus

Dates: 12 May, 2012

Venue:

Republican Center for Radiation Control and Environmental Monitoring, 110A Nezavisimosti Avenue, Minsk

Participants:

EPIRB Project Team

Ms Tatjana Kolcova, KE4-Hydro-morphology Expert

Mr Bernardas Paukstys, KE5-Groundwater Expert

Mr. Aliksandr Stankevich, CWM Belarus

Participants from Belarus:

EU/UNDP project “Support to the development of a comprehensive framework for international environmental cooperation in the Republic of Belarus”

Mr. Kanstantsin Tsitou, Thematic consultant on water management ;

State enterprise BelNIIGRI

Ms. Olga Vasniova - hydrogeologist;

Central Research Institute for Complex Use of Water Resources

Mr. Vladimir Korneev - Head of Department

State Water Cadaster of the Republican Hydrometeorological Centre

Mr. Jurij Lesnychij - Head of Division of Hydrology

1. Objective and task of the mission, and project activity/ies to which the mission will contribute

Objectives: Objective of the mission was to explore existing monitoring infrastructure and technical capability of the local institutions for regular environmental monitoring. More specific objective of the mission was to assess ability and methodology for collecting, analyzing and processing physical-chemical, hydro-morphological groundwater monitoring data in Belarus, number and location of existing monitoring points, accessibility of water quality and quantity data, etc.

Project activities: Fact finding mission will contribute to the Task 1.1.2 of the Activity 1.1 – Assess the current monitoring activities in the beneficiary countries

2. Results from the mission

Meetings/field visits:	Findings/results:
Republican Center for Radiation Control and Environmental Monitoring	Mr. Aliksandr Stankevich presented information on the existing water monitoring systems in Belarus and described functions of the Republican Center for Radiation Control and Environmental Monitoring. Mr. Kanstantsin Tsitou and Mr. Vladimir Korneev presented existing hydromorphological monitoring, Ms. Olga Vasniova, described groundwater monitoring and Mr. Jurij Lesnychij provided detailed information of hydrological monitoring.



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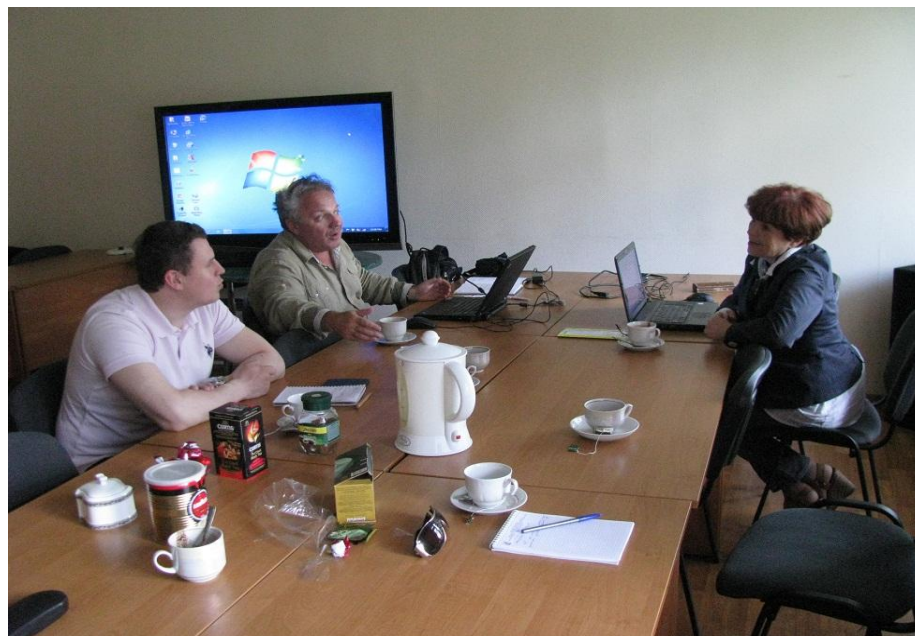
3. Recommendation / Proposed next steps

Results of the mission will be included in the Activity 1.1 report as a brief review of the existing monitoring systems and tools for assessing data. Comparing with other Project countries water monitoring system of Belarus is quite comprehensive and well maintained. It consists of 137 surface water and 363 groundwater monitoring stations. After some transformation and improvements it would be possible to adapt existing system to the requirements of the WFD.

Photos:



Ms. Vasniova, Mr. Korneev and Mr. Tsitou (photo by Bernardas Paukstys)



Mr. Korneev, Mr. Tsitou and KE4 Tatjana Kolcova (photo by Bernardas Paukstys)