BASIC DIRECTIONS ON REFORMATION OF THE UKRAINIAN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Surface water resources availability in Ukraine

70% of Ukrainian territory has annual water resources availability less than 1700 cub. m per capita
In such terms in Ukraine we have two basic legal documents, which regulate water relations:
- Water code
- The Law of Ukraine on the State Program of water management development
The water management system of Ukraine is built on the principle of regulator authorities of MEP and administrative authorities of SCWM.

Consequently, Ministry of environmental protection co-ordinates activity of committee, however basic work which is related to introduction of basin principle of water management is fixed exactly on a committee.
FIRST STAGE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF BASIN PRINCIPLES OF WATER MANAGEMENT

- MEP
- SCWM
- OTHER Ministries
- BASIN COUNCIL (RADA)
- REGIONAL RADAS (Parliaments)
- REGIONAL STATE ADMINISTRATIONS
- DISTRICT AND CITY RADAS
- TERRITORIAL ORGANS OF OTHER MINISTRIES AND STATE COMMITTEES
- WATER USERS
- SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS AND NGOs

Co-operation
Participation
Subordination

CREATED STRUCTURES
RIVER BASINS OF UKRAINE
STATE COMMITTEE ON WATER MANAGEMENT OF UKRAINE

BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

EXISTING

DNIEPER BWMO
DNIESTER-PRUT BWMO
SOUTHERN-BUG BWMO
SIVERSKIY-DONETS BWMO
CRIMEA BWMO
DESNA BWMO
WESTERN-BUG BWMO

PLANNING

UPPER-TISZA BWMO
BLACK SEA BWMO
LOWER-DANUBE BWMO
PRIPYAT BWMO
Existing situation

- Water resources are a common asset in Ukraine, ‘national property of the people’
- Water managed by public authorities on behalf of people
  - Mainly MEP + SCWM; BWMO (BUWR) for some basins
- Basin planning not required by water code, instead this law declared necessity of:
  - Sectoral programmes
  - Water balances & schemes for complex water use & protection
- Principle of basin management stated in Water Code but not full implemented
Main directions:

- To balance potentially conflicting development interests and protection requirements (now expressed in terms of programmes & schemes)
- To guarantee that water maintains a certain quality
- To protect water-dependent ecosystems
HOW IT MAY BE ACHIEVED?

The above may be achieved through:

- an integrated river basin management plan (easier to quantify resources, uses and needs within the basin)
- an approach following EU WFD principles, reflected in national legislation
- an international legal framework in line with UNECE Water Convention and enabling cooperation in planning
- the designation of institutions responsible for basin
  - national (competent authority)
  - international (joint body)
- stakeholder involvement
WHAT IS DONE IN UKRAINE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS?

- All the rivers basins are really covered by basin organizations;
- The existing hydroeconomic organizations are being transformed into the basin organizations;
- Parliament of Ukraine is in process of examination of the proposal on the improvement of the Water code taking into account the basin principles as a priority;
- Ukraine intensively co-operates with international projects. A result of this is a basis for practical introduction of methodology of river basin management planning based on the best experience of the EU countries.
IN GENERAL, WE HOPE THAT IN THE NEAREST TIME THE LEGAL AND METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE EFFECTIVE INTRODUCTION OF THE BASIN MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES IN UKRAINE WILL BE CREATED
Instruments

- Institutional
- Legislative regulatory
- Technical

BASIN PLANNING AS AS PART OF IWRM
## Implementation of the financial and economic scheme for basin planning and water resource management

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<td><strong>Short term</strong></td>
<td>* Current legislative regulatory base maintained&lt;br&gt;* 100% of the payment for use and pollution accumulated in the state and regional budgets</td>
<td>Optimisation of the use of existing funds</td>
<td>Integrated basin planning&lt;br&gt;Co-financing&lt;br&gt;Basin Council as an advisory body</td>
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<td><strong>Medium term</strong></td>
<td>* First amendments to the legislative regulatory base&lt;br&gt;* A percentage of the water taxes is directed to the State level</td>
<td>Subsidies to the River basin from State Fund or Budget Line</td>
<td>Single (common) basin request to the State Budget&lt;br&gt;Basin Council as a representative body</td>
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<td><strong>Long term</strong></td>
<td>* The adapted legislative and regulatory base&lt;br&gt;Application « water pays water » principle&lt;br&gt;Target river basin tax</td>
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