

EU-Central Asia Enhanced Regional Cooperation on Environment, Climate Change and Water

Tailor-made support for environmental project identification and preparation for consideration by IFIs: regional workshop

InterContinental Hotel Almaty, Kazakhstan

13-14 September 2018

WORKSHOP AGENDA

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the WECOOP Regional workshop are to:

- Review findings of the tailor-made support activity in the countries of the region;
- Present and discuss the pre-selected investment and technical assistance project concepts with International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and other potential donors;
- Discuss a common grid of future selection and evaluation of project ideas, based on international environmental requirements and environmental indicators;
- Agree on the next steps to be taken in implementing the selected project proposals.

BACKGROUND

The EU-CA environmental cooperation priorities are based on the Joint Declaration of the EU-CA High Level Conference in Milan (October 2015) and reflected in the Action Plan, which was endorsed by the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (WGECC) in December 2016 (see <http://wecoop2.eu/events/wgecc-gathers-in-brussels>).

The Action Plan foresees improving access by the countries of Central Asia to international funds for climate resilient environment/water infrastructure, green finance and eco-innovation. The second phase of the Regional Coordination and Support for the EU-Central Asia enhanced Regional Cooperation on Environment, Climate Change and Water (WECOOP) project was launched in August 2016. WECOOP's key objective is defined as "Assistance in translating policies into investment". The first Workshop on access to IFIs investment in water, energy efficiency and waste management was held on 23-24 November 2017 in Almaty. The 7th and 8th meetings of WGECC amplified the call for a closer cooperation with IFIs, donors and partners to adopt international best practices and translate policies into concrete investment projects in line with the countries' development priorities (see <http://wecoop2.eu/events/7WGECC> and <http://wecoop2.eu/events/8WGECC>).

WECOOP has identified a need for aligning the priorities as understood by the national stakeholders, and priorities as seen by the financial institutions and other donors. Project activity "Tailor-made support for investment project identification and preparation for consideration by IFIs" has resulted in in-depth analysis of common environmental priorities in the countries of the region and pre-selection of priority project concepts for international funding, which will be discussed with potential donors at this workshop.





Day 1: Thursday, 13 September 2018	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration of the participants
Opening Session Chair: Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, Head of Cooperation Section, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan	
9:30 – 10:10	<p>Opening of the workshop and welcome addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, Head of Cooperation Section, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan • Alessandra Fidanza, Sogesid – Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Italy • Abbas Ofarinov, EBRD • Giovanni Capannelli, Country Director, Kazakhstan Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank • Manon Pascale Cassara, The World Bank
Plenary Session 1: Background and context of the Workshop Moderator: Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, Head of Cooperation Section, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan	
10:10 – 11:30	<p>Adoption of the agenda Overview of the tailor-made support activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 min presentation by Valts Vilnītis, Team Leader, WECOOP <p>Q&A</p> <p>EU Environmental Acquis and MEAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The framework of the Acquis Communautaire and the major MEAs for Central Asia – 15 min presentation by Jūlija Doktorova, Senior Expert, WECOOP • Climate Action – 15 min presentation by Alessandra Fidanza, Sogesid – Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Italy • Circular Economy and Waste Management – 15 min presentation by Māris Bremšs, Senior Expert, WECOOP
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee and group photo
12:00 – 13:00	<p>EU Environmental Acquis and MEAs (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment – 15 min presentation by Alessandra Fidanza, Sogesid – Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Italy • Biodiversity – 15 min presentation by Valts Vilnītis, Team Leader, WECOOP • Air Quality Management – 15 min presentation by Jūlija Doktorova, Senior Expert, WECOOP <p>Open discussions and Q&A Instruction for the breakout session</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch

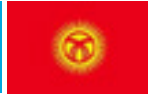




Breakout Session 1: Discussion of the pre-selected project ideas Moderator: Valts Vilnītis, Team Leader, WECCOOP	
14:30 – 16:00	Breakout – work in groups (facilitated by EU/WECCOOP) Discuss several project ideas per group and prepare 5 min report from each group
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	Breakout groups reporting in plenary Evaluation of Day 1
19:00 – 22:00	Buffet dinner

Day 2: Friday, 14 September 2018	
Breakout Session 2: Lessons learned and the next steps Moderator: Alessandra Fidanza, Sogesid – Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Italy	
9:30-11:30	Reflection on the outcomes of Breakout Session 1 CA countries IFIs EU Breakout groups reporting in plenary (5 min report plus 5 mins Q&A per each group)
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break. Press briefing
Plenary Session 2: Summary of the outcomes Moderator: Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, Head of Cooperation Section, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan	
12:00 – 13:30	Wrap up and discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opinions of IFIs • opinions of the CA countries • opinions of EUDs
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00-16:00	Results of the workshop and next steps Final Remarks and closure of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, Head of Cooperation Section, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan • Alessandra Fidanza, Sogesid – Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Italy
16:00 – 17:30	6th Partners Coordination Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by separate invitation only





BREAK-OUT SESSIONS (subject to some changes)

Topic	Waste management (Local scale projects)	Waste management (Regional scale projects)	Air quality	Biodiversity
Moderator	Anatoly Krutov	Māris Bremšs	Jūlija Doktorova	Valts Vilnītis
Room	Astana 1	Astana 3	Astana 2	Astana 2

