



GEF Project “Enabling transboundary co-operation and integrated water resources management
in the Dniester River Basin”

Third Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC)

*15 April 2020
On-line meeting*

REPORT

Project

Introduction

1. The third meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) was held online (due to the coronavirus pandemic) on the Zoom platform on 15 April 2020. The meeting objectives included:
 - to review and approve the outputs and budget for the second year of project implementation;
 - to review and approve the work plan and budget for the third (last) year of project implementation.

The meeting agenda is provided in Annex 1.

2. 26 people (11 men and 15 women) attended the meeting. A list of participants is provided in Annex 2.
3. The PSC meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Radu Cazacu, Deputy Director of the Apele Moldovei Agency, and Mr. Vladimir Mamaev, Regional Team Leader and Regional Technical Advisor of the UNDP/GEF Water & Ocean Governance Programme, Istanbul Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS.
4. During the opening of the workshop:
 - Mr. Dorin Andros, State Secretary for Regional Development of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova, emphasized the importance of the Dniester River for the Republic of Moldova;
 - Mr. Volodymyr Holovatenko, Deputy Minister of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine said he only recently became familiar with the project and, therefore, he would ask questions;
 - Mr. Vladimir Mamaev expressed hope that the new - online - format of the meeting would be efficient and stressed the importance of the approval of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the Dniester River Basin by the two countries;
 - Mr. Kostiantyn Chyzhyk, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine, GEF Political Focal Point, underlined the importance of the project and expressed support for the development of the second project phase. He also

informed that the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine would provide comments on the project work, during the meeting, and also raised an issue regarding project changes due to the pandemic;

- Ms. Saule Ospanova, Senior Environmental Advisor, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, expressed hope that the countries would approve and sign the SAP and also thanked the project team for their work;
- Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor, Environment Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), drew attention to the importance of the continued work of the Dniester Commission, stressed the importance of the project for the Water Convention and underlined that it served as an example for a future project on the Western Bug and Neman River Basins. Ms. Radnaaragchaa also reminded that the Water Convention Secretariat was awaiting country reports on SDG indicator 6.5.2 by the end of June this year;
- Ms. Karin Roelke, Senior Project Officer, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, informed that the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine fully supported the Dniester project; she also stressed the importance of the project and expressed support for the second project phase;
- Mr. Radu Cazacu noted the importance of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and the continued work of the Dniester Commission and also informed that Mr. Dorin Andros would be in charge of the water policy at the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova.

Discussions on Component 1: In-depth analysis of the water resources, related ecosystems and their use

5. Ms. Kutonova, Regional Project Coordinator, highlighted that a detailed report on project outputs for the reporting period (January 2019 to March 2020), plans for its last period (April 2020 to May 2021) and questions to the PSC had been circulated in advance among the meeting participants, which is why she proposed to focus on key points and decisions.
6. Ms. Kutonova's key messages on Component 1:
 - the two countries approved the TDA, which is now in the layout stage and will be published on the website of the Dniester Commission (DC) by the end of May;
 - recommendations on the Draft Rules of Operation of Water Reservoirs of the HPP and PSPP Dniester Cascade with Buffer Reservoir NHL of 77.10 m, as well as two thematic reports (1) on the assessment of ecological services, and (2) an analysis of the impact of the Dniester reservoirs were submitted to the Dniester Commission (DC) and published on its website;
 - in May of this year, a summary of the inventory of 32 tailing storage facilities in the Dniester River basin will be published on the DC's website and detailed reports on each enterprise (including the Moldovan State District Power Plant) will be handed over to the project beneficiaries (not for wide distribution);
 - the meeting participants need to pay attention to the fact that transboundary accidents may happen at any time at the following three tailing storage facilities in the Dniester River basin: (1) SE Sirka, (2) Dombrovskiy quarry (Oriana-Eco Ltd) and (3) Polymineral Stebnyk Mining and Chemical Enterprise PJSC;
 - zones vulnerable to nitrate pollution were identified in both countries;

- water samples, biota and sediments were screened for 40 thousand substances;
 - a web system for calculating the water balance was improved and handed over to the water agencies of the two riparian countries;
 - an overwhelming amount of work on this component has been completed; in 2020, the TDA will be published, press conferences will be held on the results of work on tailing dams (Ukraine) and on screening results (Moldova), and climate change scenarios will be updated;
 - the results of work on Component 1 significantly contributed to the implementation of a number of European water directives, which are binding on the two riparian countries, namely the Water Framework Directive, the Nitrate Directive, and the Mining Waste Directive.
7. Ms. Hanna Plotnykova, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE Water Convention Secretariat, presented project developments related to drafting the terms of reference for adaptation to climate change in Odesa region, noting that, thanks to the efforts of the project experts, the topic of the adaptation was included in the Development Strategy of the Odesa Region for 2021-2027, while the Action Plan for 2021-2023 for the implementation of the Strategy approved the funding of EUR 3.5 million from the regional budget for two climate change adaptation projects (developed by the GEF Dniester Project). In 2020, project proposals will be finalized and consultations will be held with potential donors.
8. The following decisions were made in respect of the Component 1:
- the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine informed that tailing storage facilities issues were within the competence of the Directorate of Environmental Safety, Waste Management and Formation of State Policy on Industrial Pollution Prevention;
 - the PSC members will inform the project of the organizations that may act as donors for project proposals on climate change (a transboundary problem of the so-called Moldovan bridge in the Lower Dniester floodplains);
 - the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine will consider allocating part of the state environmental fund for co-financing the climate change adaptation project, which was approved for funding by the Odesa Regional Administration. The Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine will (at the earliest opportunity) also consider including the project proposals for adaptation to climate change that are being developed by the project in other possible sources of funding;
 - beneficiaries from Moldova will provide the project with the final tasks to be completed in the Republic regarding nitrate pollution;
 - the project will take into account the work of FAO and the EU on forest belts (one of the three anticipated project proposals for adaptation to climate change) in order to avoid duplication of activities.

Discussions on Component 2: Development of the policy, legal and institutional set-up, mandate and capacities of the River Basin Commission for strengthened basin-level cooperation

9. Ms. Kutonova informed that the first draft of the SAP would be ready in the second half of May, whereupon a series of consultations with stakeholders would begin, and the final version would be ready in October of this year. Mr. Mamaev highlighted that the signing of the SAP at the highest possible level (ministerial) was a prerequisite for obtaining GEF funding for the second project phase, concerning the implementation of the SAP.
10. Ms. Kutonova also informed of the substantive and organizational support of the Moldovan-Ukrainian Dniester Commission: the organization of the second meeting of the Dniester Commission and meetings of two working groups, work with a professional mediator, numerous experience exchange trips and trips to workshops.
11. Ms. Nadejda Mazur, National Project Coordinator (Moldova), spoke about the organizational and substantive support to the national Dniester basin committees / councils (3 meetings). In particular, such project results TDA, screening, inventory of tailing storage facilities, and also the work of the Dniester Commission were presented and discussed at such meetings.
12. Ms. Mazur also spoke about a number of awareness raising activities supported by the project in 2019: the Dniester youth summer school, the Dniester-2019 kayak expedition, the basin art contest “Colours of the Dniester”, the Dniester Day, as well as project gender strategy activities.
13. In 2020, plans under Component 2 include further work on the SAP, support for the work of the DC and its working groups (possibly partially online), national basin committees / councils, summer school and Colours of the Dniester (subject to quarantine restrictions), installation of info boards, start-ups competition “Eco-Dniester”.
14. The following decisions were made in respect of this component:
 - countries will decide when, how and by whom (at the highest level) the SAP will be signed after they familiarize themselves with the first draft of the document;
 - the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine will, in a short time, inform of the appointment of a Co-chair of the Dniester Commission, whereupon it will be possible to discuss the date of the next meeting of the Dniester Commission (given the end of the quarantine and subject to the restriction on the organization of meetings and trips);
 - the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine will, in a short time, inform Moldova of the composition of the Ukrainian part of the legal working group;
 - the project will provide the beneficiaries with additional information about the cost of administering the website of the Dniester Commission and (www.dniester-comission.com), whereupon it will be discussed how countries will administer the website after the project ends;
 - during the second half of this year, the project will start a website operation training course for DC secretaries, as part of the process of website transfer to the beneficiaries after the project is over;
 - beneficiaries from Moldova will consider approaching businesses regarding possible financing of prizes for winners of the “Colours of the Dniester” contest (according to the list proposed by the project);

- “Eco-Dniester Start-up” competition may be held as part of / in conjunction with UNIDO projects to optimize the conduct of the “Eco-Dniester Start-up” competition;
- due to the quarantine, the Dniester Day will not be held in 2020;
- the Deputy Co-Chair of the Moldovan side of the Dniester Commission tentatively confirmed participation in the International Conference on the Dniester River Basin (Chisinau, tentatively in autumn 2020). Representatives of the Ukrainian side of the DC took note of such invitation;
- in late May, the project will provide information on the money saved on trips during quarantine (due to a restriction on organizing meetings and trips) and will discuss with the PSC both the redistribution of such funds and possible changes in the overall project work plan.

Discussions on Component 3: Strengthening of water resources and biodiversity monitoring and conservation, and information exchange in the Dniester River Basin

15. Ms Anna Zhovtenko, National Project Coordinator (Ukraine), spoke about project outputs related to floods:
- a list of 103 areas (3,753 km long in total) with a potential significant risk of flooding in the Ukrainian part of the Dniester River basin was prepared;
 - measurements and hydrological calculations of 87 cross-sections of river beds and adjacent areas were carried out;
 - raster maps of 5 selected areas were prepared, and a possibility of developing a bilateral joint flood-related plan was discussed;
 - Dniester River floods simulation was undertaken according to observations for 1998 to 2014.
- Plans for 2020 include: developing flood hazard maps and flood risk maps, preparing a draft national Flood Risk Management Plan for the Dniester River basin in the territory of Ukraine, developing a draft summary of transboundary sections of the Flood Risk Management Plans for the Dniester River basin (Moldova and Ukraine, if desired by the parties), and comprehensive testing of the reservoir inflow forecasting model for the Dniester reservoir.
16. Ms. Zhovtenko also spoke about the progress on the demo project on restoration of the small Iahorlyk river: the pilot river section was fully surveyed, engineering geodetic and hydrogeological surveys were collected, an EIA was initiated, consultations with stakeholders were conducted. Plans for 2020 include: developing and carrying out an environmental impact assessment for the pilot project; removing a dam and clearing the river bed; preparing and printing publications (1) “Methodology for Restoration of Small Rivers in Arid Zones” and (2) “Recommendations for Restoration of the Entire Iahorlyk River Basin”; conducting a communication campaign for local residents; holding a sustainable agriculture workshop for local farmers; and organizing a press tour for local journalists and a presentation of the pilot project outcomes.
17. Ms. Nadejda Mazur informed about key developments on the transboundary demo project on fish biodiversity in the Lower Dniester River, including the assessment of amateur fishing pressure on fish stocks, the assessment of the status of ichthyofauna (including Red Book and invasive species), the collection and analysis of fish larvae, and a press conference conducted on the filed study results. Plans for 2020 include a series of workshops on the Red Book species of the Dniester River to be held in Moldova and Ukraine, the assessment of the status of the rare species of mudminnow, the development of a biotechnology for artificial propagation of mudminnow in aquariums and the purchase of materials for this purpose, awareness raising activities, and the development of

recommendations for the spring ecological reproductive flow release regime that is optimal for fish populations.

18. Ms. Kutonova informed that, as a result of discussions with the hydrometeorological centres of the two countries and the United Nations World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the possibility is now being evaluated of conducting an on-line WMO course in hydrology, and, if the pandemic-related bans are lifted, organizing a study tour.
19. As a result of the discussions, it was decided:
 - to confirm the decision (a letter from the regional project coordinator to the PSC members of 4 June 2019) on abandonment of *Activity 3.1.2. Improvement of short-term forecasting of flash floods on the Dniester tributaries*. Funds earmarked for this task were redirected to *Activity 2.9.3. Participation in conferences*;
 - to confirm the decision (a letter from the regional project coordinator to the PSC members of 21 June 2019) to change the deliverable of *Activity 3.2.1. Application of a water quantity modelling for the cascade of Dniester reservoirs* from modelling to developing technical specifications for such work and estimating its cost, such changes to be made for implementation in the next project phase. The funds earmarked for this task were redirected to screening, completion of the inventory of tailing dams, completion of flood-related work;
 - The PSC took into account the need to replace two tasks of demo project No. 5 (1) "Mapping the spawning grounds in selected areas of the Dniester River" and (2) "Installing nests for the propagation of phytophilic fish species" with the activities under task (3) "Awareness raising of the protection of water resources."

Project implementation plan, budget and administrative issues

20. Ms. Kutonova showed the interconnection of all project components, highlighting that all project outputs and outcomes were / will be included in the TDA and SAP, and they, in turn, are the key strategic documents of the Dniester Commission. She also informed the participants of the project work plan up to the project end (Annex 3).
21. Ms. Kutonova presented an expenditure report for the second reporting period (Annex 4, column B) and a budget plan up to the end of the project (Annex 4, column D). The PSC meeting participants approved this document. Mr. Chyzyk requested detailed explanations on the budget line "Contractual Services" (Component 3 in the budget for the planned period). Following the discussion of this request with the OSCE leadership, the project asks the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine to send such request in writing to the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine and to the OSCE Secretariat.
22. Ms. Kutonova also reminded the PSC members that all project costs were approved in several stages: the substantive part is approved by Ms. Dana Bogdan, Environmental Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, and by Ms. Karin Roelke, while its financial part was approved by the Director, Finance and Administration, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.
23. Ms. Saule Ospanova informed that, at the request of the UNDP, the OSCE Office of Internal Oversight (OSCE Secretariat, Vienna) would conduct a financial audit of the project this year. Audit results will be provided to the PSC.
24. Ms. Dana Bogdan informed the meeting participants that the project had submitted a package of documents for project extension (without increasing the budget), taking into account the following considerations:

- the project actually started in November 2017 (according to the official documents – August 2017);
- a recommendation of the project mid-term independent evaluation on the need to extend the project;
- the coronavirus pandemic and related restrictions on the activities requiring physical meetings and field trips.

The project team will work until the completion of all the project tasks, within the available budget.

25. Ms. Bogdan also informed that the OSCE submits quarterly progress reports (QPR) to UNDP (Istanbul) and an annual project implementation report (PIR). The next PIR, for July 2019 to June 2020, will be prepared in summer this year.
26. Ms. Kutonova reported that an independent mid-term project evaluation had been carried out in April-June 2019 and a report with conclusions and recommendations is available on the website of the Dniester Commission. The project asks the meeting participants to consider the evaluation proposals (Appendix 5) within a period of two weeks and inform whether they agree with the proposals or provide their comments.

Sustainability of project outcomes after project completion, future prospects

27. Ms. Kutonova showed the interconnection of all project components and also thanked the beneficiaries, direct project participants, UNECE, and the project team for the efforts made and future efforts to be made to ensure that the project outcomes are applied and are sustainable after the project is over.
28. Mr. Mamaev once again emphasized the importance of signing the SAP as a prerequisite for submitting a funding request to the GEF for the second project phase, concerning the implementation of the SAP.
29. Ms. Hanna Plotnykova informed about the activities of the UNECE Water Convention, which may be useful to the PSC members / project, namely:
 - the development of a guidance on equitable and sustainable distribution of water resources and a regional workshop on its preparation (September 2020, Budapest);
 - a thematic session on the inclusion of water resources and transboundary cooperation in climate documents and river basin management plans (autumn 2020, Geneva);
 - a global workshop on adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins (emergencies and health, autumn 2020, Geneva);
 - a global workshop on transboundary agreements (28-29 July 2020, Geneva);
 - a global workshop on financing transboundary water cooperation (16-18 December 2020, Geneva);
 - the second round of reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 (transboundary cooperation), in respect of which countries must submit information by 30 June 2020. The Convention welcomes the discussion of draft basin reports; and
 - national water policy dialogues (EUWI+).

Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting

1. The representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine noted the importance of the project for the countries and positively assessed the project outcomes. The countries expressed interest in the second project phase (to implement the joint action programme) and also supported the preservation of the organisational structure for the implementation of the second project phase.

2. The meeting participants approved project deliverables and expenditures for January 2019 to March 2020 as well as plans and budget for April 2020 to May 2021.
3. The PSC endorses the project's intention to extend the project (without additional budget) until May 2021. Documents with an extension request are pending approval by the GEF Secretariat.
4. The signing of the SAP at the highest possible level (ministerial) is a prerequisite for funding the second project phase, concerning the implementation of the SAP. The decision on when, how and by whom the strategic action programme will be signed will be made after reading the first draft of the SAP.
5. The PSC accepted mid-term project assessment proposals to amend a logical framework matrix of the project document (current project).
6. The meeting participants agreed that cooperation and synergy between all projects (ADA/SDC, UNIDO, EUWI+, UNDP Moldova, FAO, EU Delegations, etc.) implemented in the basin are needed to achieve the common goal of the Dniester Commission and the future strategic action programme.
7. The project team will distribute the draft PSC meeting report within two weeks after the meeting. Comments on the same should be presented within two weeks after its receipt and included into the final version of the meeting minutes, following which the work plan and the budget for Year 2 will be considered finally approved for implementation. The meeting materials will be posted at <https://dniester-commission.com/proekt-gef/vstrechi/>.
8. The next meeting of the PSC will be held in the first quarter of 2021. The meeting venue will be specified.



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(A link will be sent separately)

Agenda

Moderators: Mr. Radu Cazacu, Apele Moldovei Agency / Deputy Head and Mr. Vladimir Mamaev, Regional Team Leader and UNDP Regional Technical Adviser.

Meeting objectives: 1) to review and approve outputs and budget of the second year of the project implementation; 2) to review and approve the work plan and budget for the third year of the project implementation.

Time (Kyiv, EET)	Items for discussion	Documents
14.00 – 16.30	Moderator – Mr. Radu Cazacu	
14.00 – 14.05	Technical questions (Ms. Anna Zhovtenko, National Project Coordinator)	
14.05 – 14.20	Opening, welcoming remarks, meeting objectives and approval of the work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministry of Energy and Environment Protection of Ukraine ▪ Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova ▪ Mr. Vladimir Mamaev, UNDP/GEF Water & Ocean Governance Programme / Regional Team Leader and Regional Technical Advisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on project outputs (Jan 2019 – Mar 2020) and plans for the remaining period ▪ Project budget ▪ PSC’s first and second meeting reports

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Saule Ospanova, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities/Head of the Environmental Co-operation Unit; Senior Environmental Affairs Adviser ▪ Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE / Regional Advisor on Environment ▪ Ms. Karin Roelke, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine / Senior Project Officer 	
14.20 – 14.40	<p>Component 1: activities and outputs (Ms. Tamara Kutonova, GEF Dniester Project Regional Coordinator /OSCE, Ms. Anna Zhovtenko, National Project Coordinator / OSCE and Ms. Hanna Plotnykova, Environmental Affairs Officer / UNECE):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TDA and thematic reports ▪ Nitrate Directive ▪ Water balance ▪ Climate change ▪ TDA and SAP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on project outputs (Jan 2019 – Mar 2020) and plans for the remaining period ▪ Thematic reports
14.40 – 15.20	<p>Component 2: activities and outputs (Ms. Tamara Kutonova, Ms. Anna Zhovtenko and Ms. Nadejda Mazur, National Project Coordinators):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAP ▪ Support to the Dniester Commission ▪ Support to national basin committees / councils ▪ Communication and stakeholder involvement strategies and plans ▪ Awareness raising activities ▪ Gender strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on project outputs (Jan 2019 – Mar 2020) and plans for the remaining period ▪ Media monitoring
15.20 – 15.40	Break	
15.40 - 16.20	<p>Component 3: outputs and plans (Ms. Anna Zhovtenko, Ms. Nadejda Mazur, Ms. Tamara Kutonova):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flood protection ▪ Reservoirs modelling ▪ Demo projects ▪ Other issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on project outputs (Jan 2019 – Mar 2020) and plans for the remaining period
16.20 – 16.30	General discussion on the Project (including cooperation with other projects)	
16.30 – 18.00	Moderator – Vladimir Mamaev	

16.30 – 16.45	<p>Project budget (Ms. Tamara Kutonova):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report for the second reporting period; ▪ Plans for the remaining period of the Project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project budget with expenditure report (2d period) and a plan for the final period
16.45 – 17.15	<p>Administrative issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial audit (Ms. Saule Ospanova, Senior Environmental Affairs Adviser / OSCE Secretariat) ▪ Project extension and staff (Ms. Dana Bogdan, Environmental Programme Officer / OSCE Secretariat) ▪ Reporting (quarterly reports (QPR), annual report (PIR) (Ms. Dana Bogdan) ▪ Mid-term and End of the Project evaluation (Ms. Tamara Kutonova) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mid-term Project evaluation with recommendations
17.15-18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sustainability of Project’s results after its completion and perspectives (Ms. Tamara Kutonova) ▪ Other issues ▪ Conclusions and closing of the meeting 	

Annex 2



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Annex 3

Work plan of GEF / UNDP / OSCE / UNECE project “Enabling transboundary co-operation and integrated water resources management in the Dniester River Basin”

THIRD (FINAL) YEAR OF THE PROJECT

* - start of procurement, x – meeting

	2020										2021				
	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	01	02	03	04	05	
Component 1: Analysis of the water resources, related ecosystems and their use															
1.1.1 Data collection for TDA* – done															
1.2.1 Water balance - done															
1.3.1 Project proposals study of the projects for adaptation to CC															
Component 2: Development of the policy, legal and institutional set-up, mandate and authority of the Commission on the river basin to promote cooperation at the level															
2.1.1 Preparation and approval of the SAP									X ?						
2.2.1 Rules of procedure of the Commission - done															
2.3.1 Basin councils / committees - tbc															
2.4.1 Improvement/development of the nat. RBMP															
2.5.1 Bilateral working groups –tbc															
2.6.1 Stakeholder involvement mechanism - done															
2.7.1 Twinning with other basins - done															
2.8.1 Communication strategy of the project															
2.8.2 Summer school		*		X											
2.8.3 Kayak expedition - done															
2.8.4 Colours of the Dniester				*			X								
2.8.5 Info boards along the Dniester River															
2.8.6 Dniester Day		*		X											
2.8.7 Start-ups competition - tbc															
2.8.8 Gender equality															
2.9.1 Maintaining project website, its transfer to Dn. Commission															
2.9.2 GEF IW:Learn tracking – done															

	2020										2021				
	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	01	02	03	04	05	
2.9.3 Participation in conferences – done															
Component 3: Improved water and biodiversity monitoring (resources and their sustainable use) and information exchange in the Dniester River Basin															
3.1.1 Floods simulation - see 3.2.3															
3.1.2 Flash floods forecast – cancelled															
3.1.3 Inflow forecast															
3.2.1 Reservoirs modelling															
3.2.2 Flood risk MP															
3.2.3 Platform for Hydromet (website) - done															
3.2.4 Fundraise for stations - done															
3.3.1 Training of hydromet - tbc															
3.4.1 Demo projects															
3.5.1 Dniester conference								X							
3.5.2 Media engagement								X							
Project management															
Meetings of the Project Steering Committee										*		X ?			
Mid-term and terminal evaluations / project audit										*		X ?			
Coordination and management															

Annex 4

Project Budget

	Expenditure category	A Expenditure 2017-2018 (EUR)	B Expenditure 2019 (EUR)	C Total expenditure 2017-2019 (EUR)	D Budget plan 2020-2021 (EUR)	E Total project budget (EUR)
Component 1	International consultants	62,257.99	27,300.00	89,557.99	10,000.00	99,557.99
	National consultants	145,483.23	129,271.53	274,754.76	22,266.59	297,021.35
	Travels	24,498.64	5,061.51	29,560.15		29,560.15
	Various operational costs	85.84		85.84		85.84
	Audio and video materials, printing	59.25	34.10	93.35		93.35
	Miscellaneous			0.00		0.00
	Office supplies			0.00		0.00
	Trainings, workshops and conferences	28,216.09	3,079.34	31,295.43		31,295.43
	Total Component 1	260,601.04	164,746.48	425,347.52	32,266.59	457,614.11
Component 2	International consultants	11,179.17	14,520.00	25,699.17	48,000.00	73,699.17
	National consultants	31,759.60	50,414.09	82,173.69	71,726.00	153,899.69
	Various operational costs	27,054.05	34,425.05	61,479.10	35,614.83	97,093.93
	Audio and video materials, printing		60.90	60.90		60.90
	Miscellaneous	2,268.43	12,860.04	15,128.47	3,000.00	18,128.47
	Office supplies	672.26	89.61	761.87		761.87
	Trainings, workshops and conferences			0.00		0.00
	Various operational costs	52,437.40	59,623.85	112,061.25	43,705.09	155,766.34
	- Contractual services - Companies	10,286.30	20,120.00	30,406.30	11,000.00	41,406.30

	Total Component 2	135,657.21	192,113.54	327,770.75	213,045.92	540,816.67
Component 3	International consultants	11,740.00	11,384.28	23,124.28	67,315.70	90,439.98
	National consultants	7,050.00	41,358.90	48,408.90	85,104.18	133,513.08
	Travels	3,223.35	7,761.16	10,984.51	33,806.71	44,791.22
	- Contractual services - Companies		22,475.80	22,475.80	86,519.56	108,995.36
	Equipment and furniture			0.00		0.00
	Grants			0.00		0.00
	Audio and video materials, printing		99.46	99.46	15,709.03	15,808.49
	Miscellaneous		2.34	2.34	29,950.58	29,952.92
	Office supplies			0.00		0.00
	Trainings, workshops and conferences	4,849.43	19,304.04	24,153.47	34,920.35	59,073.82
	Total Component 3	26,862.78	102,385.98	129,248.76	353,326.11	482,574.87
Component 4 (project management)	International consultants			0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
	National consultants	41,535.65	43,275.96	84,811.61	690.77	85,502.38
	Travels		970.19	970.19	2,000.00	2,970.19
	Communication equipment	5,960.85		5,960.85		5,960.85
	Equipment and furniture		247.00	247.00		247.00
	Rental expenses	3,936.43	6,195.70	10,132.13	10,122.60	20,254.73
	Office supplies	149.67	276.70	426.37		426.37
	Various operational costs	11,082.84		11,082.84		11,082.84
	Audio and video materials, printing			0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
				0.00		0.00
	Total Project management	62,665.44	50,965.55	113,630.99	27,813.37	141,444.36
TOTAL	485,786.46	510,211.55	995,998.01	626,451.99	1,622,450.00	

Annex 5

Mid-term project evaluation suggestions on updating the logical framework of the project document (current project)

Suggestions are highlighted in red below.

- The Project Objective should be expanded to read “To strengthen **institutional cooperation and** sustainable development, through the update of the TDA development and endorsement of the SAP and initiation of its implementation”. The project focusses on improving sustainable development through the strengthening of the institutional architecture within the basin;
- Under the Project Objective, the end of project target should be changed to “MD/UA **approve the** ~~initiating implementing actions agreed in~~ SAP and progressing with finalizing EU RBMP”. It is overly ambitious to place as a target the implementation of SAP actions, rather it should be that the SAP is “approved” as the measurement of success;
- Under Project Objective the mid-term targets for the “Operational bi-national river authority” should include “**Expert WGs established**”, the end target should include “**EWGs make recommendations for SAP**”. The targets should include functioning and effective EWGs;
- Under Outcome 1, 3 – the PSC changed the activity from developing “local climate change adaptation strategy” to a “feasibility study for local adaptation projects”.¹ The Mid-term and end of project targets should reflect this accordingly. The mid-term target should read “The ~~strategy~~ **feasibility study** is developed ...” And the end of project target should read “at least 2 funding sources are found for implementing **feasible projects**”, and “15 private sector organisations are involved”;
- Under Outcome 2, there should be an end of project target “**3 scenarios for future water demand and climate change modelled**”. Different future water use projections with climate change will help decision-makers understand the implications of current water use planning in the basin;
- Under Outcome 4, the final target should be “Rules for the exploitation of Dniester reservoirs ~~agreed upon~~ are **discussed in the DBC with an agreed process for finding a solution**”. It may be too ambitious to have determined operating rules for the Dniester HPC, rather a process and timeline for arriving at an acceptable solution within the Commission (that includes adaptive management) should be agreed upon;
- Outcome 6 – the targets for stakeholders related to “increased % over the baseline” should be removed, as the baseline is zero. The following should be the mid-term target: Number **and variety of sectors** of stakeholder organisations involved, and the end of project target should be: **Meaningful (sufficient and consistent) multi-sectoral stakeholder involvement in basin councils and DBC**. The main goal of stakeholder involvement in decision making is to provide a broad perspective of interests and expertise to enhance decision-making;

¹ 1st PSC Meeting Minutes.

- Outcome 6 – the end of project target should read “3 meetings of the National River Basin councils”;
- Under Outcome 8 – the end of project target should read “~~Approved~~ **Recommended** framework for flood forecasting and early warning”, and “Warning procedures adopted tested for use by bi-national river authorities”, and a new one added, “**Flood Hazard Maps and Flood Risk Maps approved (for EU-FD Flood Protection Plan).**” It is ambitious to have an approved framework for flood forecasting and early warning within the timeframe of the project, the EU indicates a 6 year process which the countries are following;
- Outcome 9 – the mid-term and end of project targets for the pilot demonstration projects should be changed from 3 to 2, as the SC decided to reduce the number.