

Annotated Agenda

6th Meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Use and Protection of the Dniester River Basin

Venue: Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, Hotel "Nadiya", 40 Nezalezhnosti Street;

Date: December 4–5, 2025

Interpretation will be provided in Ukrainian, Romanian, and English.

December 3, 2025 – arrival of the meeting participants in Ivano-Frankivsk.

The meeting participants arrive at the “Nadiya” Hotel in Ivano-Frankivsk (Ukraine), check into their rooms. From 19:00 to 22:00, dinner is available for the meeting participants in the hotel restaurant.

December 04, 2025 – Day 1 of the Meeting

1. Opening of the Meeting: Welcome Remarks and Adoption of the Agenda

Welcome remarks will be delivered by Ms. I. Ovcharenko – Deputy Minister of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine, Co-Chair of the Commission on Sustainable Use and Protection of the Dniester River Basin (hereinafter – the Commission). The representative of the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast’s State Administration, Mr G. Haider, the Minister of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova, Co-Chair of the Commission, as well as the OSCE representative, will provide welcoming remarks as well.

Under the chairmanship of the Ukrainian side, the draft agenda will be presented for consideration.

Participants will approve the agenda of the meeting.

2. Presentation of Information:

2.1. Reports by the Plenipotentiaries of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on the implementation of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on the Joint Use and Protection of Transboundary Waters.

Plenipotentiaries will inform participants about activities carried out under the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on the Joint Use and Protection of Transboundary Waters during the period between Commission meetings.

2.2. Institutional and personnel changes in the executive authorities responsible for implementing the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on Cooperation in the Field of Protection and Sustainable Development of the Dniester River Basin.

The Ukrainian representative will inform participants about changes in the Government of Ukraine. If necessary, the Moldovan representative will inform about institutional changes in the Republic of Moldova.

2.3. Reports by the Heads of Working Groups (hereinafter – WG) on activities carried out from December 2024 to the present.

WG Co-Chairs will report on the implementation of the annual work plan (December 2024 – November 2025) and present work plans for the upcoming year for Commission approval.

3. Update on the Implementation of National Dniester River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs)

Representatives of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova will report on the progress/status of implementing national RBMPs for the Dniester, focusing on measures addressing key water and environmental challenges. They will highlight obstacles encountered during implementation. Special attention will be given to synchronizing actions aimed at achieving environmental objectives, including potential involvement of the GEF-UNDP-OSCE-UNECE project “Advancing Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Dniester River Basin through the Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme.”

4. Update on the Implementation of National Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) in the Dniester River Basin

Representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine will report on the implementation of FRMPs and highlight challenges encountered. Special attention will be given to the implementation of specific measures, including those supported by the GEF-UNDP-OSCE-UNECE project “Advancing Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Dniester River Basin through the Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme.”

5. Update on the Implementation of the GEF-UNDP-OSCE-UNECE Project “Advancing Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Dniester River Basin through the Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme”

5.1 Project status update

Project representatives will brief participants on the project’s progress following the completion of its Initial Phase. The OSCE will provide an overview of ongoing activities and planned actions in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, focusing on two immediate priorities: development of the ecological flow methodology and the DniesterGIS system. The briefing will also cover management of the Commission’s website, including post-project ownership and associated hosting and domain costs.

5.2 Social and Environmental Standards / Environmental and Social Management Framework

Representatives of UNDP and OSCE will present the requirements for compliance with the Social and Environmental Standards (SES) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) throughout project implementation.

5.3 Activities on climate change in the Dniester basin

Representative of UNECE will present the current and future activities on climate change in the Dniester basin

6. Other Current Issues in the Dniester River Basin

6.1. Implementation of the Protocol of the 5th Meeting of the Commission held on November 28–29, 2024:

6.1.1. Information from the Ukrainian side on the establishment of a working group on the expected impact of the activities of CJSC "Moldavian State District Power Plant" on the environment and communities, and further possible actions on this issue.

The participants of the meeting will hear information from representatives of Ukraine regarding the creation of the mentioned above WG, posting relevant information on the Commission's website, and further possible joint actions on the issue.

6.1.2. Regarding the operative notification of the Republic of Moldova concerning significant instantaneous water releases from the buffer reservoir of the Nizhny-Dniester HPP to reduce the negative consequences for the population and natural ecosystems downstream.

The Ukrainian side will present an algorithm for promptly informing the responsible authorities of the Republic of Moldova about significant instantaneous water discharges from the buffer reservoir of the Nizhny Dniester HPP.

6.2. Information on the expansion of the capacity of the Dniester Hydropower Complex.
Information from the Ukrainian side on the established design capacity of the hydropower complex will be presented.

6.3. Identification of solutions to facilitate border crossing by the Moldovan side on the Dniester River to enable monitoring activities at the Unguri hydrologic station
Information from the Moldovan side about the unresolved question of cross-border water monitoring.

7. Public Initiatives to Promote Sustainable Management of the Dniester River Basin

7.1. Approval of amendments to the Regulations of the “Colours of the Dniester” contest.
*Presentations/information will be shared on public initiatives supporting sustainable management of the Dniester River Basin.
Representatives of civil society organizations from the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine will report on various initiatives involving schoolchildren and the public in the protection and sustainable use of the Dniester River Basin.*

7.2. Possible joint initiatives on nature restoration measures in the Dniester River Basin, based on the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2024 on nature restoration and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/869.
The representative of the Republic of Moldova informed the participants of the meeting about specific proposals on joint nature restoration measures in the Dniester River Basin, based on the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2024 on nature restoration and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/869”

8. Discussion and Drafting of the Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Commission

December 05, 2025 – Day 2 of the Meeting

9. **Special agenda item devoted to welcoming speech of representatives of UNDP.**
A representative of UNDP, as the organization responsible for the implementation of the GEF-UNDP-OSCE-UNECE project "Development of Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Dniester River Basin through the Implementation of the Strategic Action Program", will deliver a welcoming speech to the participants of the meeting.

10. **Continuation of the discussion and drafting of the Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Commission.**

11. **Determination of the Time and Venue for the 7th Meeting of the Commission**
Participants will determine the tentative time and venue for the next 7th meeting of the Commission.

12. **Closing of the Meeting**
The Co-Chairs of the Commission will ceremonially sign the Protocol of the 6th Meeting and officially close the meeting.

December 6, 2025 – breakfast at the hotel restaurant and departure of the meeting participants home