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Water and landscape in Ukraine

Policy and practice relating to Water and Landscapes in Ukraine

Ukraine has gradually approximated its legislation to European Union law and policies in the field of protection of the environment and natural resources management, in accordance to its commitments under articles 363 and 365 of the EU-Ukraine association agreement.

Among others, Ukraine is implementing the European Union Water Framework Directive, including elements relating to water and landscapes, in particular:

- in 2016 the Parliament of Ukraine adopted the amendments to the Water Code of Ukraine relating to integrated river basin principles of water resources management;
- in 2017 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the Order of Development of River Basin Management Plan (Decree of 18 May 2017 № 336) and;
- the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources approved the Standard Regulation on Basin Councils (Order of 26 January 2017 № 23).

Since then, according to the above Regulation 13, Basin Councils have been established in Ukraine, in particular for the rivers Dnipro, Danube, Bug, Prut, Dniester, Tysa.

Each Basin Council consists of representatives of regional governmental bodies, municipalities, scientific institutions, civil society organisations, the private sector and other key stakeholders.

The main tasks of the Basin Council are:

- participation in development of River Basin Management Plan (RBMP);
- co-ordination and facilitation the implementation of RBMP, as well as plans, programmes and projects relating to sustainable development of river basin territories;
- facilitation of the development and implementation of technical assistance programmes and projects, fund raising and attracting investment for improvement of the ecological status of river basin;
- assessment of the RBMP implementation.

Currently, several international projects are being implemented in Ukraine to support the national policy relating to integrated water resource management. Among them is European Union-funded project “Support to Ukraine in approximation of the EU environmental acquis”.

It is envisaged that these projects will support the elaboration and implementation of nine RBMPs, as well as 18 River Sub–Basin Management Plans (RSBMPs). According to the newly developed and updated national legal framework, these RBMPs are to include provisions on Water and Landscapes.