



# SUPPORT TO UKRAINE IN APPROXIMATION OF THE EU ENVIRONMENTAL ACQUIS

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This reporting period consists of two phases. First phase covers three months of the Inception period. Second phase covers three months of the Implementation period. Accordingly, activities were concentrated first of all on:

- identification of situation and needs;
- planning of implementation actions;
- delivery of outputs in particular with regard of planning of transposition activities and training activities.

Part of outputs were presented with the Inception report and therefore both report and in particular annexes to the reports have to be considered in order to develop full picture of the activities implemented and deliverables presented.

*Inception period (Oct – Dec 2015).*

EU financed project “Support to Ukraine in approximation of the EU environmental *acquis*” (the Project) started 1st of October 2015. The team of Key Experts (KE 1: Team Leader Mr Arunas Kundrotas, KE2: Senior Legal Expert Mr Dmytro Skrylnikov, KE 3: Senior Water Expert Ms Eleonora Bartkova, KE 4: Senior Environmental Expert Mr Jan Seffer) was mobilised within the inception phase, which lasted from 1st of October until 31st of December 2015.

The Inception Report was considered by the Steering Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2016. The Project Steering Committee voted to approve the Report with comments presented during the meeting and in written form after the meeting. Received comments have been accommodated in the Inception report and additionally consider during two meetings in the Ministry of Ecology and Natural resources (25<sup>th</sup> of February and 22<sup>nd</sup> of March).

Following main activities were implemented during the inception phase:

- Logistical Preparations & Mobilization;
- Coordination with Stakeholders;
- Project Baselineing;
- Project Work Plan;
- Participation and Training Plan;
- Pilot Projects Planning;
- Visibility and Publicity Plan;
- NKEs Recruitment Plan;
- Inception Reporting.

*Implementation period (Jan – March 2016).*

As it was foreseen in the work plan for 2016, activities during the implementation period were mainly concentrated on:

- Approximation analysis and development of Brief Legal Plans;
- Institutional Analysis & development of Stakeholders Involvement Plans (SIP);
- Support for negotiations of draft legal acts, in particular horizontal and water sectors;
- Assessment of training needs and development of Training Plan;
- Support in organising activities of the Working Groups;
- Preparation for Training Workshops;



- Component specific activities preparing for legal drafting, in particular in nature and water components.

Main outputs developed during the reporting period include:

- Transposition:
  - List of baseline sectoral legislation has been updated (Inception report);
  - 'Long list' of legal acts which are to be developed in order to transpose 12 directives: about 90 legal acts have to be developed/ amended in order to ensure full transposition of 12 directives (Inception Report);
  - 'Priority list' (forty two legal acts) and the list of proposed legal acts to be developed by the Project (Inception Report);
  - Revised template for the Tables of Concordance (Inception Report);
  - ToCs for 12 directives (1st Interim Report);
  - Draft Brief Legal Plans for 12 directives (1st Interim Report);
  - Support to the the MENR in the process of negotiations, consent and approval of the Draft law on EIA and the Draft law on SEA including necessary communication in the Verkhovna Rada;
  - Support to the MENR and SAWR in the process of negotiations, consent and approval of the draft Law of Ukraine amending the Water Code of Ukraine to support the transposition of the WFD and FD;
  - English translation of the final draft Law on EIA (as registered in the Parliament # 2009 a-d);
  - Preparation for transposition of Birds and Habitats directives - development of draft annexes of Habitats and Birds Directives focused on species (1st Interim Report).
- Institutional cooperation:
  - List of stakeholders: one hundred names, most of them present in 6 working groups that have been established for approximation activities (Inception Report);
  - Support in establishment of WG on the implementation of the Public Participation Directive and the Directive on Access to Environmental Information, WG meetings;
  - Draft Stakeholders Involvement Plan (1st Interim Report).
- Training:
  - Preliminary training plan (Inception Report);
  - Training Plan: in total 33 events foreseen, lasting 84 days and including over 700 trainees: (1st Interim Report);
  - Agenda, list of participants, budget for the first workshops in nature and water sectors developed and agreed, materials (including 3 guidance documents) developed.
- Preparation for implementation:
  - Methodology for Pilot Project Planning and Selection (Inception Report);
  - Selected pilot projects (Inception and 1st Interim Reports);
  - Communication and Visibility Plan for 10/2015 – 12/2016

NK STEs selection procedure implemented and experts selected for the following positions:

- Water Policy Expert;
- Legal Expert (water and nature);
- Bird expert;
- Emerald Network expert;
- Fauna expert;
- Habitat and Flora expert;



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- Stakeholders expert;
- Water Framework Directive Expert;
- Floods Directive Expert;
- Drinking Water Directive Expert.