

GEF / UNDP / OSCE / UNECE DNIESTER PROJECT OVERVIEW APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2020 AND PLANS UNTIL THE END OF 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the project activities (for instance, the Dniester Commission WG meetings and the Dniester Conference) were transformed into an online mode, and the project as such was extended until May 10, 2021.

Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and Strategic Action Programme (SAP)

Results

- ✓ The final version of the TDA / part 1 of the transboundary RBMP of the Dniester River is posted at the website of the Dniester Commission <https://dniester-commission.com/en/news/the-transboundary-diagnostic-analysis-for-the-dniester-river-basin-issued/>.
- ✓ The draft Strategic Action Programme posted online for public consultation at <https://dniester-commission.com/en/news/discussion-of-the-strategic-action-programme-for-the-dniester-basin/> Comments accepted until 15 October 2020.
- ✓ Summary of a large-scale inventory of 31 tailing storage facilities (TSF) in the Dniester River Basin has been published - <https://dniester-commission.com/en/news/large-scale-study-on-the-state-of-tailings-storage-facilities-in-the-dniester-basin/>. Implementation of the summary-based recommendations was discussed with the Head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee for Environmental Policy and Environmental Management, as well as with the heads of the Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk regional administrations.
- ✓ The “Analysis of the goals, limitations, and opportunities for optimizing the regime of spring ecological reproductive release from the Dniester reservoir” (hydrological part) was published – please see <https://dniester-commission.com/en/news/the-experts-examined-optimization-options-for-spring-ecological-reproductive-release-from-the-dniester-reservoir/>.



Plans

- Signing of the SAP (date tbc).
- Development of recommendations for optimizing the regimes of spring ecological reproductive releases from the Dniester reservoir from a hydrobiological point of view.
- Press conference on the results of the TSF inventory - December 2020.

Dniester Basin Commission

Results

- ✓ Four online meetings of the heads of the Dniester Commission working groups were held (June-July).

Plans

- Working groups operate in an online mode.

Floods Directive

Results

- ✓ The recalculation of the peak water discharge during rainfall floods for 0.2%, 1.0% and 10.0% probability of exceedance, factoring in the climatic changes, was conducted for the Dniester, the

Turunchuk, the Stryi, the Opir, the Bystritsa, the Bystritsia-Nadvirnyanskaya, and the Bystritsia-Solotvinskaya rivers; moreover, the peak spring flood discharge was determined for 0.2%, 1.0% and 10.0% probability of exceedance (PE), taking into account the climatic changes for the Kuchurgan River.

- ✓ The digitization of the relief of the selected territories continues based on 1: 10,000 topographic maps.
- ✓ The first interview "Flooding in Western Ukraine: causes, lessons learned, and potential to avoid harmful future effects" was prepared. Read more: <https://dniester-commission.com/en/news/flooding-in-western-ukraine-causes-lessons-learned-and-potential-to-avoid-harmful-future-effects/>.

Plans

- Development of flood hazard and flood risk maps for the following extreme hydrological scenarios: 10% PE (once every 10 years), 1% PE (once every 100 years), 0.2% PE (once every 500 years) - by December 2020.

Public awareness

Results

- ✓ A youth summer school for participants from around the Dniester River Basin was held this year in an online format.

Plans

- Installation of 69 information boards in the Dniester River Basin (October-December).
- An international conference "European Integration and Management of the Dniester Basin" will take place online on October 8-9: <https://dniester-commission.com/en/news/call-for-participation-at-the-international-conference-eu-integration-and-management-of-the-dniester-river-basin/>.

Demo projects

Results

- ✓ Within the framework of a demonstration project on the Iahorlyk River restoration, a working draft for conducting restoration work in the pilot area has been developed; the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure is nearing completion.
- ✓ On July 2, a seminar "Conservation agriculture in the water conservation zone of the Iahorlyk River" for farmers in Odesa region was held, and a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Okny Village Council and the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

Plans

- Launching a tender procedure for conducting restoration work in the pilot area (September-November).
- Presenting guidelines on small river restoration in arid conditions (November).



Best regards and stay healthy,
GEF / UNDP / OSCE / UNECE Project Team