

EAP CSF RE-GRANTING 2019 (WG3)

ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO HYDROPOWER: FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EUROPEAN REQUIREMENTS TO DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROPOWER SECTOR IN EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

The overall objective of the project is to facilitate integration of ecosystem approach and consideration of ecosystem services into sectoral economic activities (namely, hydropower development and integrated water resources management), stimulated by the horizontal EC Directives and the relevant Conventions, to which the EaP states are parties.

Considering current state of the rivers and hydropower development in the EaP states, the Project's participants call for full stop of any further attempts to build new hydropower plants on the freely flowing rivers of EaP countries.

The project team conducted an expert study of the state of their country's legislation, relevant EU experience, developed proposals for the implementation of the ecosystem approach in SEA and EIA procedures. Issues and suggestions were discussed at 3 national workshops and at the final conference of the project involving a wide range of stakeholders (government, business, civil society). Close transnational cooperation within the project allowed to share positive experiences of the Eastern Partnership countries, in particular the experience of successful cooperation of NGOs from Moldova and Ukraine in the Dniester basin, which facilitated the creation of the Commission on Sustainable Use and Protection of the Dniester River Basin. Such close cooperation between NGOs in the region is the key to positive changes in the EaP countries.

Representatives of public authorities responsible for water management were involved in each event of the project. This made it possible to disseminate knowledge about ecosystem services to representatives of public authorities in all target countries of the project.



The Project's partners during the Kyiv workshop decided to continue working together and to focus on ecosystem approach and services concepts and assist local communities to value ecosystem services in order to withstand pressures from the hydropower advocacy.

“Freely Flowing Rivers
for the Future”



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