

PROPOSALS FROM CENTRAL ASIA NGOS

For the process Enhancing Environmental co-operation between the EU and the Central Asian countries:

EUWI for the EECCA with focus on Central Asia:

(High Level Conference, Almaty, 2006 April 5-6).

Central Asian NGOs appreciate highly enhancing of co-operation in water and human health protection and contribution to implement of Agenda 21 (Chapter 18 on Water Resources).

We also appreciate: experience exchange with various countries, Joint Process EUWI - EU Water Framework Directive itself, development of the process of EC Water Initiative in Central Asia, and Central Asia countries water initiative for sustainable development.

Throughout the previous suggestions (NGOs recommendations - under the aegis of European EcoForum, and also in the process of developing Water Initiatives for EECCA and CA) we insist on:

1. expansion of reforming water sewerage (WSE) sector on the whole which implies:
 - reforming water supply and drainage in rural area;
 - analysis of rural WSE under the point of Almaty principles;
 - preparation of practical recommendations.
2. working out the strategy of Integrated Water resources management and plans on effective managing water use in EECCA countries (according to World Summit on Sustainable Development for Millennium Goal by WSSD till 2015).
3. performing the recommendations on reforming water sector to be in the documents of consulting meeting of the ministers in Almaty (2000);
4. implementing recommendation on increasing the role of civil society and NGOs in solving problems of urban and rural water supplying to have been submitted at the conference at minister level on financing water supply and water drain sector in the EUCCA countries (Yerevan, November, 2005);

All the projects in the frame of Enhancing Environmental co-operation between the EU and the Central Asian countries for EUCCA, should be aimed at specific activities:

in cooperation with public organizations from CA to develop and to carry out the program of increasing the potential of non-governmental organizations on effective participation in developing and realizing of The National Plans on Transition to the Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Supply, and of active participation of NGOs in sessions of Basin councils;

- to generalize the work on hand on the integrated water resources management at governmental level and among CA NGOs and to distribute gained experience to EUCCA countries;
- to prepare the program of institutional development of CA NGOs on the water supply reform, including the technical help, trainings, wide circulation of methodical materials and manuals on expansion of public participation, working out the strategy and plans of actions, searching financial means etc.;

- to promote development of a network of the partners EUWI -EUCCA, including the technical, information and financial help;
- to promote more effective participation of CA NGOs in realization of "bocks", including the projects and guideline in the frameworks of EUWI -EUCCA.

The document is prepared (on the basis of CA NGOs opinions) by coordinators and participants of processes under the Water Initiative of the of East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and EUCCA countries, European Eco-Forum for representation at the top-level conference, devoted to enhancing environmental co-operation between the EU and the Central Asian countries (Almaty, April 5-6, 2006).

On the eve of the High-level Conference on Environment - Almaty 5-6 April 2006

The proposals from CA NGOs were distributed to an open forum water-eecca@yahoogroups.com. and also to some CA NGOs for discussion.

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