

Introduction to the workshop, format of the workshop and main outcomes expected



Context

- In June 2014, the EU and Georgia signed the Association Agreement
- ENI **SEIS II** East project (2017 – 2019): Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles and practices in the Eastern Partnership countries
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
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- to support the SEIS implementation at the country and regional level
- to improve the technical capacity in Georgia to 1) better respond to the national, regional and international environmental agenda; and to 2) use environmental statistics, data and information in support of decision-making

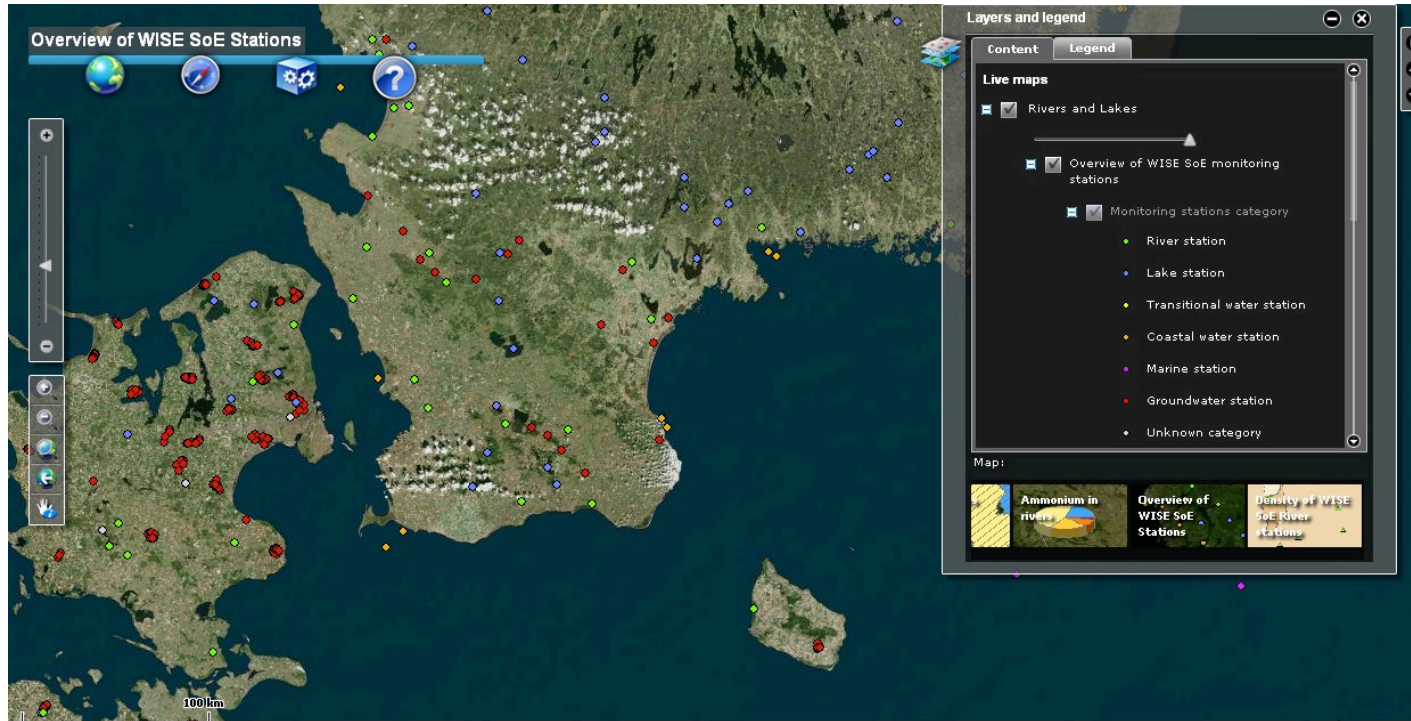


Support to Georgia by ETC/ICM

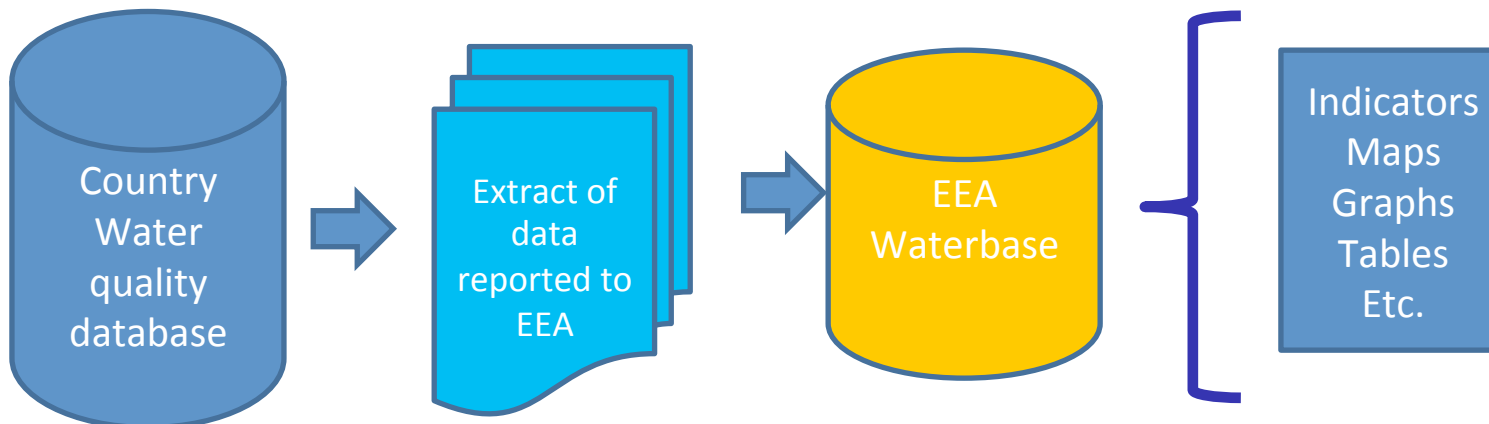
- A service contract (2017 – 2018) has been established by the European Environment Agency (EEA) with the European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine waters (ETC/ICM) to provide expertise to Georgia on
 1. data harmonization
 2. indicator implementation and indicator-based assessment
 3. IT aspects of national portal of water information system.



ETC expertise: Water quality based on national information



We have expertise in development of water information system: data collection, database, indicators, interactive maps, data viewers etc. based on harmonised data collections.



Thematic national work plan on freshwater

- Outlines actions to support Georgia in implementing respective indicators and assessment proposed by the UNECE Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA) and Joint Task Force of Indicators.
- Expected main outputs:
 - Production of regionally comparable indicators in accordance with EEA and UNECE implementations
 - Supporting development of national portal of water information system for promoting SEIS principles



Actions

1. Online survey on data catalogues for selected indicators
2. Thematic workshop (2 days, strategic) in Georgia on concepts and methods for online data and indicator management, identification of country specific needs, roles and responsibilities of institutions, data exchange practice.
3. Hands-on-training (5 days, practical) in Georgia of 1) national water experts on implementing indicators and 2) Information Technology (IT) experts on developing a national water information system
4. Helpdesk support (continuous) to Georgian national experts (water and IT)



Format of the workshop

- Short presentations, lots of room for discussions and questions, with the aim to define a strategic roadmap for the implementation of the Thematic work plan on freshwater
- What is a roadmap? → who is doing what with whom and when (e.g. names of Georgian experts whom we will work with using data), time table of common work of Georgian experts/ETC, expected outputs in line with Georgian needs
- **Clarification with participants from Georgia, where support would be needed, where the focus of training and helpdesk should be.**



Agenda of the workshop – day 1

1. Opening
2. Introduction and main outcomes
3. Setting the scene: thematic work plan (EEA/ETC), water resources management in Georgia (Georgia), International indicators (ETC), Existing data exchange and processing in Georgia (ETC/discussion)
 - **Out put: common consensus on 1) implementation of indicators, 2) national portal of Water Information System (WIS)**
4. Supporting the development of the national portal of water information system as a national pilot: components of water information systems (ETC), country perspective and discussion in working groups (optional) to define the data sets and data providers in Georgia and their responsibilities, aspects to be considered for data exchange (ETC)
 - **Output: Elements needed to draft a technical protocol and rules for data sharing among national institutions**



Agenda of the workshop – day 2

5. Development of the roadmap for the implementation of the water component of the ENI SEIS II project:

- Example of a roadmap (slide by ETC) followed by discussion,
- Discussing data needs in water quality and water quantity indicators in Georgia,
- Discussing needs for the national portal of water information system
- Drafting the operational roadmap: identifying national experts on water quality, water quantity, IT, who will participate in the training
- communication with helpdesk

➤ **Output: Elements needed to draft an operational roadmap for the implementation of the national portal of water information system and water indicators.**



Conclusion on purpose of the workshop

- Aligning common conceptual understanding on developing the national portal of water information system and implementation of regionally comparable indicators.
- Elaborate different aspects of the three SEIS components i.e.
 - institutional cooperation for data and information sharing,
 - prioritisation of the content of data and information in line with the selected indicators as well as
 - designing IT infrastructure for the data exchange.



Materials of the workshop will be on this website:

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Georgia: thematic workshop on the implementation of the water component of the ENI SEIS II East project

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