



Non-EU Members Visit in Slovakia regarding Water Related Environmental Issues

Water Research Institute, Bratislava

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- **Venue of the meeting** – Water Research Institute, Bratislava, Slovakia
- **Participants – Moldova**
 1. Mr Vasile Grama, Basin Water Management Authority of Moldova (BWMA)
 2. Mr Alexandru Tabacaru, Project Management and International Cooperation of BWMA
 3. Ms Domina Calancea, Legal Adviser at BWMA
 4. Mr. Iuri Tronza, National Institute of Research and Ecological Design
- **Participants – Ukraine**
 1. Mr Matviy Kadar, Trans Carpathian Investment Agency
 2. Mr Mike Nagorkin, Trans Carpathian Investment Agency
 3. Mr Igor Kopyn, Water Supply and Treatment Company of Mukachevo City
 4. Mr Josyp Galajda, Water Supply and Treatment Company of Beregovo City
 5. Mr Mykola Fedelshak, Water Supply and Treatment Company of Uzhgorod City



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- **Participants – Slovakia**

1. Representatives of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
2. Representatives of the Slovak Water Management Enterprise
3. Representatives of the Water Research Institute

- **Topics of the meeting**

1. Legislation in Water Sector
2. Waste Water Treatment
3. Drinking Water Supply
4. Waste Water Discharge and Related Fees
5. Projects/Problems in Ukraine
6. Projects/Problems in Moldova
7. Discussion on Mutual Cooperation Possibilities in Water Sector



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- **Conclusions and discussion points of the meeting**

1. Moldova is an agricultural country and there are very many agricultural areas. Slovakia is very similar to Moldova when it comes to climate and the number of rivers. Moldovan guests were interested in the principle how waste water treatments plants are built in agricultural areas of Slovakia and which problems are crucial in this field. Moldova was interested in the preparation of the feasibility study regarding drinking water supply.
2. Moldovan participants wanted to know if the whole Slovakia was proclaimed as the vulnerable territory. At the time of the accession of the Slovak Republic to the European Union there was agreed that the whole territory of Slovakia was proclaimed to be the vulnerable area. Some European countries have only some areas proclaimed to be vulnerable and only these areas are subject to the requirements of the European Union for nitrogen and phosphorus removal.
3. Both countries Moldova and Ukraine have very bad status concerning water quality and drinking water supply or waste water treatment. Therefore, there is the whole scale offering the mutual cooperation, e.g. preparation of concepts, methodologies, and harmonization with the EU legislation.
4. Ukraine needs to invest a lot into the infrastructure, there exists the European Neighbourhood Instrument (fund) where Moldova and Ukraine are eligible applicants.



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- Excursion to the waste water treatment plant which is located in Bratislava, part Petržalka. The plant was recently reconstructed and the participants had a chance to see the technology in practice.

