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EU support to Central Asia in Water Sector

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REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

- **CAWEP Central Asia Water and Energy Program** (WB TF with EU contribution EUR 7 million)
- **European Union Water Initiative National Policy Dialogues, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe** (UNECE, EU contribution EUR 0.6 million)
- **EU-Central Asia Network on Water Science and Technology** (EU financing EUR 0.4 million)
- **Central Asia Water, Environment and Climate Change Cooperation** (WECOOP, EUR 3 million) aims to enhance environment, climate change and water policies in Central Asia through approximation to EU standards and to promote green investments in relevant sectors with the aim of contributing to measurable reductions in man-made pollution, including CO² emissions
- **Central Asia Nexus Dialogue Project: Fostering Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus and Multi-Sector Investment** (Phase II, EU contribution EUR 1 million, implemented by CAREC) Building on the achievements of Phase I (2016-2019), Phase II is aimed at institutionalising the Nexus approach in national and regional governance structures and investment decisions for water, energy and food security
- **Regional Water Monitoring System in Central Asia** (ISTC, EUR 3 million) Providing regional capacity of water monitoring system and laboratory capacities related to uranium legacy sites



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BILATERAL PROGRAMMES

KYRGYZSTAN

Since 2011, the EU has been supporting investments to ensure that safe drinking water supply, including sanitation and wastewater services are available across Kyrgyzstan.

So far the EU has granted over 50 Million Euros to address urgent infrastructure and rehabilitation needs in the water sector, through the Investment Facility for Central Asia (IFCA).

In cooperation with EBRD and EIB, these investments aim to:

- Provide the population with an economically sustainable, affordable service for safe and high quality drinking water and sanitation;
- Upgrade operations and maintenance equipment, together with the provision of wastewater services;
- Establish proper institutional and operational reforms for effective and rational use of water resources meant to reduce water-borne diseases and increase access to water.



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BILATERAL PROGRAMMES TAJIKISTAN

- **Provision of Technical Assistance to the Government of Tajikistan to build institutional capacity in IWRM and contribute to sustainable management and protection of water and land resources**

EU contribution: EUR 4 million; Implementation: Landell Mills Ltd

Description: The Programme will contribute to the reduction of poverty and inclusive growth in rural communities through the strengthening of institutions and capacity in strategic decision-making, planning, regulation, quality control and management in the water resources sector.

- **Zarafshon Irrigation Rehabilitation and River Basin Management Project (ZIRRB)**

EU contribution: EUR 15.600 million; Implementation: WB Trust Fund

Description: The objectives of the Trust Fund are to (i) strengthen the institutional base for irrigation planning and management in the Zarafshon sub-basin following IWRM principles and (ii) to improve the condition and management of irrigation and drainage infrastructure, as a means to improve the food security of rural people in the Zarafshon sub-basin and other adjacent sub-basins



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BILATERAL PROGRAMMES TAJIKISTAN

- **Kulob Water and Wastewater Project**

EU contribution: EUR 8.450 million; Implementation: Blending project with EBRD (IFCA, total cost EUR 16.4 million)

Description: The project works on water supply and sanitation, addressing directly or indirectly all the elements of the WaSH sector. The scope includes critical water supply improvements and selected wastewater management improvements in Kulob city including a water main, a water reservoir, and reconstruction of wastewater pumping stations, wastewater network improvements including a wastewater treatment plant, as well as operations and maintenance equipment.

- **Rural Development Program II**, Contribution Agreement with GIZ for EUR 20,5 million was signed in late 2020, EUR 5 million are dedicated to **support to water resources management**. The project is currently in its three months inception phase.
- Under the same **Rural Development Program II**, an Administration Agreement with the World Bank is under negotiation for a “**Tajikistan Resilient Irrigation project**”; envisaged EU contribution: EUR 17.5 million.



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BILATERAL PROGRAMMES UZBEKISTAN

- **Water Resources Management Component 1:** National policy framework for water governance and integrated water resources management and supply part (EUR 12 M; 2016-2020): To improve water supply and the efficiency of water resource management at national, basin and farm level. Implemented by GIZ.
- **Water Resources Management Component 2:** Technical Capacity Building (EUR 5 M; 2016-2021): To strengthen the technical capacities of the Basin Irrigation System Authorities, Water Users Associations, farmers, and provincial and local administrations in water resources management; Implemented by UNDP.
- **Water Resources Management Component 3:** Raising Awareness and Partnership for Sustainable Water and Environment Development in Uzbekistan (EUR 1.91 M; 2016-2021): To raise awareness on the strategic importance of water saving and conservation, and environmental protection under the conditions of climate change. Implemented by *Central Asian Regional Environmental Centre, CAREC*.



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- **Fergana Valley Water Resources Management Project** (EUR 14.5 M; 2018-2025): To improve the quality of irrigation and drainage service delivery to agricultural users and boost diversification of sustainable high productive agriculture. Implemented by the World Bank.
- **Water Services and Institutional Support Programme in Uzbekistan**. Phase 1 with EIB. Total EIB loan over EUR 290 M and IFCA EU grant EUR 11 M. The Programme's main development objectives are to: (i) improve coverage, quality and efficiency of WSS services in selected project areas in Uzbekistan and (ii) strengthen the capacity of sector institutions in Uzbekistan for improved water service delivery. The Project consists of four strategically designed components, financing key policy, institutional and infrastructure activities to address binding constraints in the water sector and enable sustainable water service delivery in Uzbekistan.
- **Sanitation Development Project in Uzbekistan** with AFD. Total AFD loan over EUR 109 M and IFCA EU grant EUR 9.4 M. Objective is to improve coverage, quality and efficiency of urban sewerage systems in selected areas; Reduced pollution discharge in rivers and groundwater in selected areas; strengthen organisation and institutional capacity of the regional public operators; and established centralised sanitation systems and associated sanitation services in two urban centres of Uzbekistan: Karmana and Kitab-Shakhrisabz



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