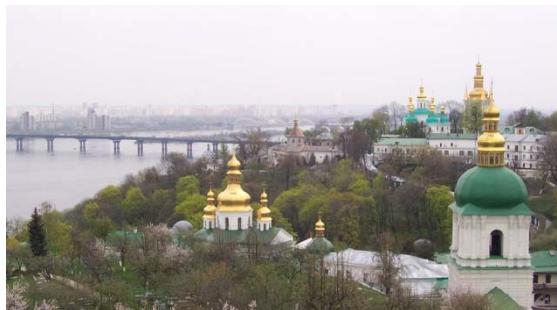




PROJECT INFORMATION

State as at the end of the project (February 2011)

Assistance for the water and sanitation sector in the Ukraine



Dnepr river in Kiev (Ukraine), Photo: OECD

Background

There is increasing recognition that the decentralisation of responsibilities for water supply and sanitation has made it difficult for utilities and municipalities of Ukraine to fully exploit economies of scale, to retain and develop adequate capacity to run the sector, and to generate the necessary resources to finance capital investments. This transfer of responsibilities has sometimes led to excessive fragmentation of water supply and sanitation systems. The Ukrainian government is considering alternative ways of organising water services, including the creation of regional utilities.

Project

The goal of the project was to identify ways in which municipalities can cooperate to achieve economies of scale in the context of a highly decentralized water sector in Ukraine, as well as to develop a roadmap of reforms that would need to be implemented to achieve this goal.

The project consisted of two main activities. One was assistance to the Ministry of Housing

and Municipal Services of Ukraine in developing a roadmap for reforms aimed at overcoming the negative consequences of excessive fragmentation of water supply and sanitation services in Ukraine. The roadmap provides a comprehensive picture of potential policy packages. These policy packages serve as a point of reference for decision-making. The other activity was the organisation of a high level workshop to discuss the roadmap and provide comments. The workshop took place on October 21st, 2010 in Kiev. It involved national, local and international stakeholders and experts, who discussed the draft roadmap of reforms. Comments on the roadmap of reforms were provided, with suggestions on an implementing strategy.

The Government of Ukraine has adopted the Roadmap, which identifies the issue of decentralization and over-fragmentation as one of the key aspects for improvement of water and sanitation services delivery in the country. It calls for a more systematic and detailed investigation of the issue, as well as sets a range of activities in this direction to be undertaken by the Government jointly with international community.

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