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EU support to Central Asia in Water and Energy Sector

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REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

- **CAWEP Central Asia Water and Energy Program** (WB TF, EU contribution EUR 7 million)
CAWEP promotes water security, energy security and the water-energy nexus at the national and regional level in Central Asia also including Afghanistan.
- **Central Asia Water, Environment and Climate Change Cooperation** (WECOOP, EUR 3 million) The current phase of WECOOP focuses on facilitating the development of green infrastructure projects, through the **EU-CA Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (WGECC)**.
- **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). Phase II is aimed at institutionalising the Nexus approach in national and regional governance structures and investment decisions for water, energy and food security
- **Sustainable Energy Connectivity for Central Asia (SECCA)** (AAP 2020 – EU contribution EUR 8 million) will work on sustainable energy (EUR 8 million) in all 5 countries. It can be considered the first initiative under the EU Green Deal priority within the Regional Programme.



BILATERAL PROGRAMMES 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:
- 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.



BILATERAL PROGRAMMES KYRGYZSTAN

- **Kyrgyzstan Sustainable Energy Efficiency Financing Facility - Extension (KyrSEFF II)**
- EU contribution: EUR 9.24 M
- Implementation: EBRD
- Description: KyrSEFF II aims to exploit the potential for energy efficiency, carbon reductions and sustainable energy investments in the industrial and residential sectors of Kyrgyzstan.

- **Oshelectro Rehabilitation Project**
- EU contribution: EUR 1.1M
- Implementation: EBRD
- Description: The project aims to improve reliability of electricity supply in the South of Kyrgyzstan.



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BILATERAL PROGRAMMES

TAJKISTAN

- **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

Description: The Programme will contribute to the reduction of poverty and inclusive growth in rural communities through the strengthening of institutions and capacity in the water resources sector.

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

EU contribution: EUR 15.6 million

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.



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BILATERAL PROGRAMMES TAJIKISTAN

- **Sebzor Hydropower Plant Construction Project**

EU contribution: EUR 20 million; 10 MEUR from BMZ/KfW. Implementation: contribution agreement with KfW

Description: Sebzor hydropower plant (HPP), with a capacity of 11 MW, will be strategically placed on the Shokhdara River in Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO).

- **Khatlon Energy Loss Reduction Project**

EU contribution: EUR 15.2 million; Implementation: Blending project with EBRD (IFCA, total cost EUR 36.4 million)

Description: The Project will replicate and scale-up the successful Sugd Energy Loss Reduction Project (closed in 2019) in Bokhtar and Kulob regions.



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.



BILATERAL PROGRAMMES UZBEKISTAN

- **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.
- **“Hydropower Sector Development Program in Uzbekistan – Phase 1 (12/2019-2024)** This is a blending contract with AFD, consisting of EU-IFCA EUR 2.78 M contribution to AFD 59.8 M loan. Project aims to rehabilitate and improve safe operation of Charvak dam.
- **“Technical Assistance for Uzbekistan Energy Efficiency Framework Loan”**, project was contracted in late 2019 (implementation by 2024), contributing EUR 2.25 Million from EU-IFCA for TA to EIB loan. The Uzbekistan Energy Efficiency Loan would support investments in energy efficiency and environmental protection implemented by industrial enterprises of any size across Uzbekistan.



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