



The EU-funded programme European Union Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+) has supported Belarus in water policy reforms since 2016. The Republic of Belarus is sufficiently supplied with water resources and is also less dependent on inflow from transboundary rivers than other Eastern Partnership countries. However, the water resources are not evenly distributed and are vulnerable to impacts of climate change, this is especially visible in the south of Belarus. In this context Belarus had taken some steps to harmonise its water legislation and practices with relevant EU practices, for the benefit of a coherent and results-oriented water policy. EUWI+ has worked in partnership with key stakeholders on thematic areas including legislation, policy development and institutional capacity building; integrative river basin.\*

### NATIONAL INTER- AGENCY COMMITTEE

Establishment of national-level coordination platform in 2018

Supported policy coherence through [3 meetings](#) with over 90 participants with representation including natural resources and environmental protection, water, statistics, health, housing and utilities, with an average 39% female representation.

### TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION

In line with the UNECE Water Convention, EUWI+ supported further [transboundary water cooperation](#) with Latvia, [Lithuania](#) and Ukraine

Transboundary coordination of groundwater bodies and of the groundwater monitoring network with Ukraine in the Pripyat basin

### IMPROVED DATA MANAGEMENT

Better collection of data and indicators

Integration of the data into a new management platform for both operational and analytical uses

[Visualisation tools](#) (dashboard, maps) to meet the information needs of different end users

*\*Since August 2020 the EU reviewed its relations with Belarus. In line with the Council Conclusions of 12 October 2020, bilateral cooperation with the authorities at central level has been scaled down and cooperation with non-state stakeholders, notably civil society, has been intensified.*

### LEGEND

#### Water policy reforms and international cooperation



National Water Strategy with targets aligned on SDG 6, SEA, monitoring framework and pilot studies  
Capacity building on economic instruments



Series of EUWI+ steering committee meetings



Revised targets under the Protocol on Water and Health



Western Dvina/Daugava basin: advanced cooperation with Latvia  
Neman basin: advanced cooperation with Lithuania

#### River basin management



RBMP Dnieper, RBMP Pripyat



RBMP consultations in the districts



Sub-basin management plans: Uza river, Mogilev urban rivers

#### Water monitoring and data management



New lab and sampling equipment; diverse trainings and quality control QM/QC



Series of surface and groundwater surveys



Server and data valorisation

### WATER MANAGEMENT AT THE RIVER BASIN LEVEL

Two [River Basin Management Plans for the Dnieper \(2nd cycle\) and Pripyat](#) developed and adopted (respectively 63,700 km<sup>2</sup> and 50,800 km<sup>2</sup>, 4.8 and more than 1 Million inhabitants), Dnieper being the first RBMP officially approved in Belarus Western Bug RBMP adopted.

Sub-basin management plans for [Uza river](#) and [Mogilev urban water courses](#) initiated in the vast Dnieper river basin and pilot flood-risk map prepared for a tributary to Pripyat

20 Belarusian experts involved in RBMP development, 6 Basin Council meetings with more than [100 participants](#) including 50% women. More than 30 comments incorporated in the draft RBMP

Pilot actions taken at local level in Kopyl raion to help

implement the Water Strategy: introducing of new water use and wastewater discharge norms at 3 most water-intensive enterprises (adopted with immediate effect), developing recommendations on rational Master plan for potable water supply; recommendations on the use of water for irrigation and revitalisation of wetlands in Gomel oblast

With the experience gained during RBMP planning, production of 2 guidance documents: Requirements for the development of [RBMP](#) closer to EU Water Framework Directive, [estimation of diffuse sources pollution](#)

### EXTENDED WATER MONITORING NETWORK

Purchase of new high-end analytical equipment for sampling, sample preparation, field measurement, and analysis of WFD priority substances, physico-chemical and biological parameters

9 field surveys for surface and groundwater covering more than 200 sites

18 national and regional staff trainings on monitoring, sampling and quality management

Renovation of the national laboratory

[15 technical reports on water monitoring + 3 translations, including surface water and groundwater monitoring development plan](#)

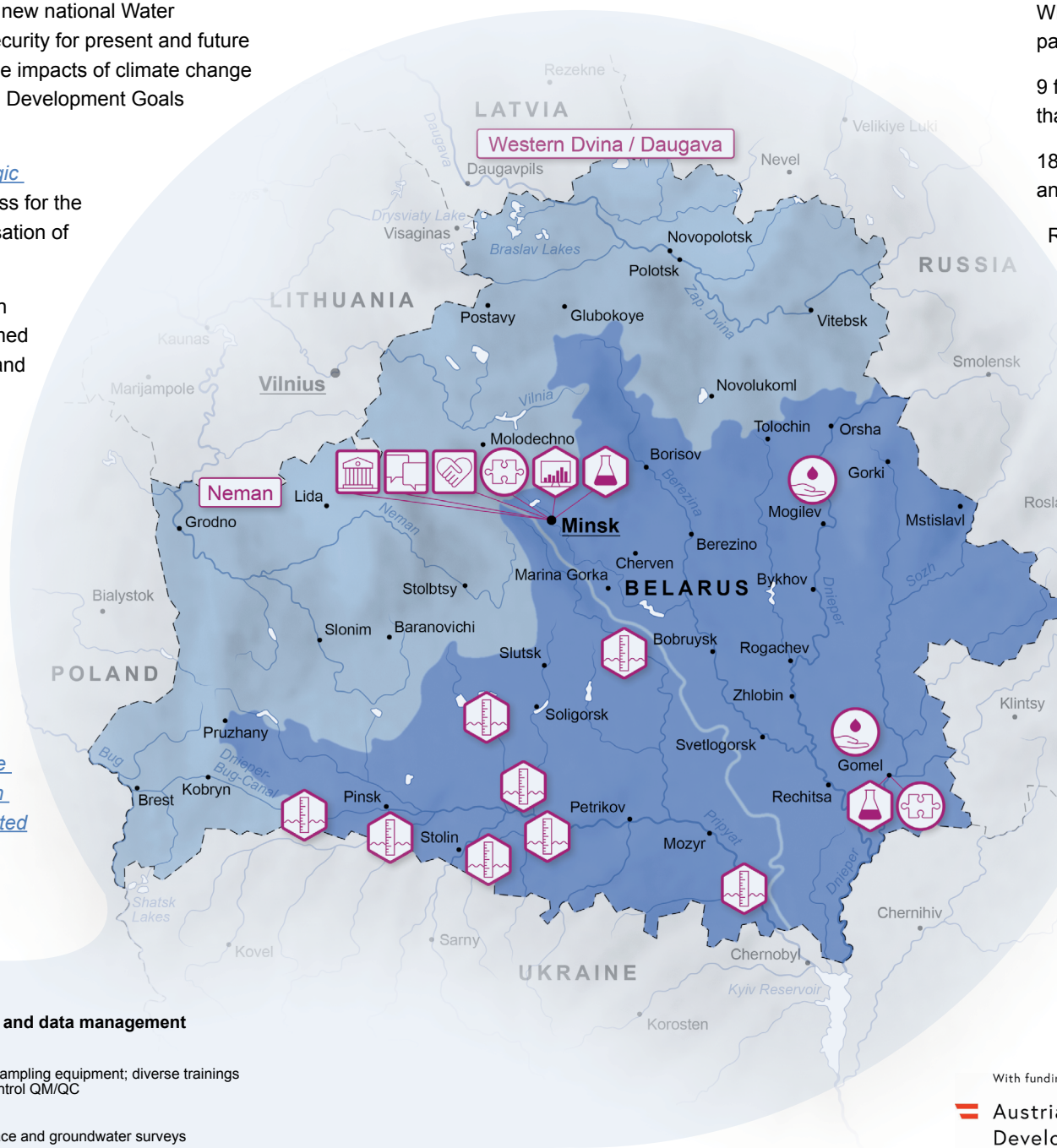
### PUBLIC AWARENESS

6 outreach events (EU for youth on EU Days 2019, numerous events in the framework of the campaign "Tell us about your Springs" under the Ministry)

2 campaigns on social media (phosphate pollution in 2019, Tell us about your Springs in 2020)

More than 1150 people reached

42 press releases and web news, 3 newsletters, 16 videos



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