



## **Cooperation between Russian Federation, Republic of Belarus and Ukraine in the field of transboundary water monitoring and integrated water resources assessment in the Dnepr River Basin**

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Cooperation between Russian Federation, Republic of Belarus and Ukraine in the field of transboundary water monitoring and integrated water resources assessment in the Dnepr River Basin is designed in the frame of UNDP-GEF Dnipro Basin Environmental Program during 2000-2003 y. This Program is designed to develop a system of measures and their respective implementation mechanisms in order to sustainably protect the Dnepr transboundary river. Progressive degradation of the Dnepr basin ecosystem became apparent by the early 1990s, especially in the middle and lower reaches of the river. The main results of Programme are:

- a revised and updated Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis;
- a Strategic Actions Programme and National Actions Plans;
- establishing of international Dnepr thematic centres;
- equipment and training;
- creation of the regional Dnepr River environmental database with proposed approaches for integrated water resources assessment;
- Priority Investment Portfolio etc.

The good example of cooperation between Republic of Belarus and Ukraine in the field of transboundary water monitoring and integrated water resources assessment in

Dnepr River Basin is the implementation of TACIS project “Transboundary river basin management. Phase II for Pripjat” which started in 2006 y. The overall objective of this project is to help maintain the impetus for water management improvement in Belarus and Ukraine including on the *integrated water management*, using the Water Framework Directive (WFD) as a general reference framework. It will work to further the development of a bilateral understanding on a common management approach for all parts of the basin, based on the WFD and further detail in the management plan and programme of action based on that common understanding, with costs.