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**Meeting of the Inter-ministerial Working Group on the promotion of Sustainable
Development and Green Economy,**

National Implementation Committee (NIC) for EU4Environment

Republic of Moldova

Second meeting, 11 September 2020, 09.00-12.30

Virtual meeting

Working languages (Romanian and English) (translation)

Background:

The Inter-ministerial Working Group on the promotion of Sustainable Development and Green Economy – mark 5 years of activity (2015-2020).

The meeting of the Inter-ministerial Working Group on the promotion of Sustainable Development and Green Economy/National Implementation Committee (NIC) for EU4Environment take place within EU4Environment, as part of the Result 1, Greener Decision Making, Output 1.1: Green economy ownership, policy coherence and cross-sectorial coordination boosted, implemented by UN Environment Programme.

In the framework of the Project “Greening Economies in the EU EaP Neighbourhood (EaP GREEN)” (2014-2017), implemented in partnership by OECD, UN ECE, UN Environment and UNIDO was established the Inter-ministerial Working Group for the promotion of Sustainable Development and Green Economy, by the joint order of the Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Environment nr. 107/66 from 17 June 2015. In order to coordinate the implementation of the EaP GREEN in the period of 2015-2017 were organized quarterly meetings of the WG. The Members of the WG attended the Final Conferences of the EaP GREEN in Brussels and Chisinau in December 2017, coordinated the preparation of 4 editions of the National High-level Round Table “Green Economy. Made in Moldova”, participated in the development of the Program on the promotion of the green economy in the Republic of Moldova (GD nr. 160 of 21.02.2018), of the National Report on Green Growth Indicators (OECD, 2017) and of the mid-term report on the implementation of the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E, UN ECE, April-June 2018), participated in the preparation and discussion of the Concept of the EU4 Environment.

On 07 February 2019 the ordinary meeting of the WG took place, and by the joint Order of the Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure and Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment nr. 65/63 from 18 March 2019 was renewed the composition and adjusted the

functions of the Working Group with the major goal of coordination of the implementation of the EU4 Environment Action in Moldova and of other relevant activities.

The Regional Action EU4 Environment have the goal to help the six partner countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts. The Action will be implemented in the period of 2019-2022 with the total cost of above 20 million Euro for 6 countries and with 5 implementing partners (OECD, UN ECE, UN Environment, UNIDO and the World Bank).

The members of the WG participated in the preparations and attended the launching event of the EU4 Environment at the national level, which took place on 12 April 2019 in the House of the Government of RM, and in the period of 14 April - 01 May 2019 were involved in the Mapping national priorities for the regional and national level for EU4 Environment.

In the period of 27-28 June 2019 a number of members of the WG (Co-chair and NFP from MEI side, secretaries and members of WG and national experts) attended the First meeting of the Regional Assembly of the EU4 Environment, which took place at EC in Brussels, under the coordination of the DG NEAR and DG Environment and implementation partners (OECD, UN ECE, UN Environment, UNIDO and the World Bank) and presented and discussed the draft regional and country plans of actions.

On 08 August 2019 took place the ordinary meeting of the WG, at which a detailed presentation of the draft plans and selected actions for the regional and country level for each of the 5 results of the EU4 Environment, comments were sent by the country by September 06, 2019. The OECD on behalf of Implementing partners sent the final country work plan for 18 month and till the end of project at the end of November 2019.

By the official letter sent to EC and Implementing partners on September 06, 2019, was informed, that the **Inter-ministerial Working Group on the promotion of Sustainable Development and Green Economy will serve as National Implementation Committee (NIC) for EU4Environment in Moldova.**

The First meeting in 2020 took place on 14 February 2020, at which were presented the information about the start of implementation of EU4Environment in Moldova in the last Quarter of 2019, presentation of plans/activities under EU4Environment sub-components by implementing partner/implementing organizations for 2020, organisation of the process of implementation of the Program on the promotion of Green economy for 2018-2020 and of the EU4 Environment country work plan in partnership with the implementing partners for 2020. The Summary of the meeting and the report on the implementation of the Program on Green Economy were circulated to WG/NIC members.

On **29 Mai 2020** took place **EU4Environment Virtual Country Consultations** between EC, Implementing Partners and EU4Environment NFPs – State secretaries from MEI and MARDE. Was evaluated the state of implementation of the planned actions, formulated proposals for adjustment of terms and activities, which are reflected in the Summary of the consultations, circulated to WG/NIC members in June 2020.

The WG Members periodically received relevant information on the implementation of the EU4Environment and monthly newsletters. Information and data on the project implementation were placed on the web sites of the project.

The main objectives of the Second WG/NIC meeting in 2020 are the following:

- Presenting the information about the implementation of EU4Environment in Moldova in 2020 and plans (with contribution from Implementing Partners);
- Discussion and general approval of the priority domains for the update of the policy documents in the field of green economy, evaluation of costs and green investments needs and partner actions for 2021-2022 (ex.: eco-innovation for SMEs, eco-labelling etc);
- Organisation of the process of preparation for the Second Regional Assembly of the EU4Environment, 22 September 2020, virtual conference, with the participation of the State secretaries, EU4Environment NFPs;
- Presentation of the preparations for the EU Green Week 2020, 19-23 October 2020, partner actions – 14.09 – 26.10.2020;
- Ensure synergy with other projects/actions under implementation and informing development partners about the possibilities and needs within the implementation of the EU4 Environment in RM;
- Other discussion issues.

Participants:

State secretaries (NFPs and Co-chairs from MEI and MARDE), Members of the WG on SD and GE/NIC of EU4Environment in Moldova, representatives of governmental agencies, MEI, MARDE, ODIMM, APP, AEE, academic sector, environmental NGOs, DG Environment, Delegation of the EU in RM, representatives of Implementing Partners (OECD, UN Environment, UNECE and UNIDO).

AGENDA

08.45 - 09.00	Registering of participants/connections
09:00 – 09:15	Opening statements: Co-chairs of the Working Group/NIC: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Lilia PALII, General Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, NFP for EU4 Environment from MEI side;• Mr Maxim POPOV, State secretary for environmental protection, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, NFP for EU4 Environment from MARDE side.• Mr Gintautas BARANAUSKAS, Deputy Head of Operations, the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova Presentation of the agenda (Andrei Isac, NAC, EU4Environment)
09.15 – 11.15	Presenting the information about the implementation of EU4Environment in Moldova in 2020, presentation of plans/activities under EU4Environment sub-components by implementing partner/implementing organizations for September-December 2020 and general plans for 2021

	<p>Presentation of actions under the Result 1: Greener Decision Making Presentation of actions under the Result 2: Circular economy and New Growth Opportunities Presentation of actions under the Result 3: An Environmental level Playing Field Presentation of actions under the Result 5: Knowledge Sharing and Coordination</p> <p>Andrei Isac, NAC, EU4Environment with contribution from IP and participation of the involved institutions and beneficiaries. Alex LESHCHYNSKY, Technical Officer, UN Environment Programme Andrei ISAC, NAC, EU4Environment on behalf of Leonid KALASHNYK, Project Coordinator, UNECE Tatiana CHERNYAVSKAYA, Project Coordinator, UNIDO Krzysztof MICHALAK, Senior Action Coordinator, OECD</p> <p>Q/A after each partner presentation per results, moderated discussion on the priority actions and plans for the presented activities/results.</p> <p>5-10 minutes break (to be coordinated with Co-chairs and participants)</p>
11.15 – 11.30	<p>Discussion and general approval of the priority domains for the update of the policy documents in the field of green economy, evaluation of costs and green investments needs and partner actions for 2021-2022 (ex.: eco-innovation for SMEs, eco-labelling etc)</p> <p>Andrei Isac, NAC, EU4Environment Alex LESHCHYNSKY, Technical Officer, UN Environment Programme</p> <p>Moderated discussion.</p>
11.30 – 11.45	<p>Organisation of the process of preparation for the Second Regional Assembly of the EU4Environment, 22 September 2020.</p> <p>Krzysztof MICHALAK, Senior Action Coordinator, OECD Andrei Isac, NAC, EU4Environment</p> <p>Q/A.</p>
11.45 – 12.00	<p>Presentation of the preparations for the EU Green Week 2020, 19-23 October 2020.</p> <p>Andrei Isac, NAC, EU4Environment Based on the Draft Concept of the EU Green Week 2020 in Moldova (to be distributed in advance)</p>
12.00 – 12.30	<p>Conclusions, next steps and closure.</p> <p>Co-chairs of the Working Group/NIC, DG Environment, EUD, OECD, UNEP</p>

Note:

Simultaneous translation (Rom/Eng) will be on-line provided.

The meeting took place in the **Green Meeting/paper less event** – all discussion and information documents will be circulated electronically.

Additional information:

Web-sites of EU4 Environment (OECD): <http://www.oecd.org/site/eu4environment/>

EU4Environment in Moldova: <https://www.facebook.com/EU4EnvironmentMoldova/>

EC: <https://www.euneighbours.eu/en/east/stay-informed/projects/eu4environment>