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EU4Environment in the Republic of Moldova:

Progress in January – August 2020, plans for September –
December 2020 and general plans for 2021
(prepared by the NAC and IP for NIC meeting, 11.09.2020)

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Result 1. Greener decision making (1.1, 1.2, 1.4 - UNEP)

Progress in 2020 (January - August)



Plans for 2020 (September – December)

- ✓ Regular support for organization/logistics of **inter-ministerial dialogue on Green Economy (GE)**: GG/NIC meeting (14.02.2020); country consultations (29.05.2020); development and coordination of ToRs etc;
- ✓ Academy of Public Administration to host, promote and deliver an **introductory GE course**: signed the **Memorandum between MARDE and APA** (05.06.2020); draft roadmap on GE and SEA courses integration;
- ✓ Nomination of candidates from various government bodies for participation in an **in-depth Green Economy (GE) policy-making course**: 12 candidates nominated; learning needs assessment conducted among all nominated trainees: June-July 2020 (UNITAR);
- ✓ **Awareness raising campaigns**: 5th National High Level Round table “Green Economy. Made in Moldova” (31.01.2020); WED2020 (05.06); EUSEW2020 (22-26.06);

- ✓ Continued **inter-ministerial dialogue on GE and overall oversight of EU4Environment GG/NIC meeting** (11.09.2020); coordination of on-going work, approval of ToRs and reports; annual reporting/coordination meeting (preparations: end 2020 – early 2021);
- ✓ Translation, hosting, promotion and **delivery of the introductory GE course among various civil servants**: launching of the online GE course (October 2020);
- ✓ Delivery of a tailored, interactive **GE webinar training to nominated participants** (from all EaP countries): November-December 2020;
- ✓ **Investment needs assessment**: priority sectors identified (discussed at NIC meeting, 11 September);
- ✓ Partnership within the **National campaign on EUGreenWeek2020** with MARDE, MFAEI and MEI, NGOs and EU projects (14.09 – 23.10.2020);



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Result 1. Greener decision making (UNEP)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ **Continued inter-ministerial dialogue** on GE and overall oversight of EU4Environment: GE/NIC meetings and EU4Environment coordination activities; synergies with EU4Climate, EU4Moldova, EU Focal Regions Moldova;
- ✓ **GE course integrated in the ongoing programs at the APA** (policy development, strategic planning etc); dissemination of the course at other universities;
- ✓ **Fitness tests/analytical documents of relevant policy documents** and policy proposals: analysis of at least 2 sectoral policies by trained civil servants after in-depths GE course and necessary skills obtained (ex.: Environmental Strategy, **Program on the promotion of green economy**);
- ✓ Development of **investment strategy proposals** or action plans: as part of the Action Plan in the process of updating the Program on the promotion of green economy for 2021-2023;
- ✓ **Awareness raising campaigns for general public**: 6th National High Level Round table “Green Economy. Made in Moldova”, national and global campaigns, in synergy with the activity 5.2 on communication;



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Result 1. Greener decision making (1.3 - UNECE: SEA/EIA)

Progress in 2020 (January - August)



Plans for 2020 (September – December)

- ✓ Legislative assistance (in progress)
 - **review of EIA and SEA legislation (Q1 and 2);**
 - two review reports finalized and presented (UNECE-MARDE on-line consultation meeting , 03.07.2020);
 - Recommendations of the review presented to the recently established Working Group on Legal Development (05.08.2020);
 - ✓ Preparation for the development of two Methodologies/Guidelines on (1) Quality Control of SEA Documentation, (2) Quality Control of transboundary EIA Documentation;
 - ✓ Initiated the communication and collaboration with the Academy of Public Administration (in synergy with activity 1.1.1 of UNEP (Memorandum) for the possible integration of the **course on SEA** in the ongoing programmes.
- ✓ Legislative assistance (cont'd) – **legislation amendments development** (draft ToRs for local and international experts, contracting) (Q3, 2020 – 2021);
 - ✓ **Guidelines on Quality Control** of SEA and EIA Documentation (Q3, 2020 – Q2, 2021);
 - ✓ **Training on Quality Control** of SEA and EIA Documentation (late 2020 or early 2021 tbc);
 - ✓ Development of **SEA course for public servants** + support in development of **university-level course** on SEA and transboundary EIA (Q4 2020- Q3 2021 tbc);
 - ✓ Development of **awareness-raising materials** (October-December 2020);
 - ✓ **Regional event:** Virtual Workshop on SEA and transb. EIA for six EU4Environment beneficiary countries (26-27 October, 2020).



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Result 1. Greener decision making (UNECE: SEA/EIA)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ **Legislative assistance** (to be continued) – **legislation amendments development** (draft Law on amendment of EIA, SEA and relevant laws) (by Q3, 2021);
- ✓ **Legislative assistance to amend secondary legislation** (to be initiated following the adoption of the amendments to the Laws on EIA and SEA if adopted in 2021);
- ✓ **Guidelines on Quality Control** of SEA and EIA Documentation (in Q2, 2021);
- ✓ **Training on Quality Control** of SEA and EIA Documentation (late 2020 or early 2021 tbc);
- ✓ Development of **SEA course for public servants (APA)** + support in development of **university-level course** on SEA and transboundary EIA (expected completion in Q3 2021);
- ✓ Development of **awareness-raising materials** (as necessary, through 2021);
- ✓ **Awareness raising event** on SEA and transboundary EIA and SEA (II) (period TBD);
- ✓ **Pilot project** on transboundary SEA *or* on transboundary EIA (draft plan, programme or project area and period TBD);
- ✓ **Model for a SEA on-line database**; a register of undergoing SEA/transboundary EIA procedures for public information (period TBD);



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities

(2.1, 2.2 - UNIDO)

Progress in 2020 (January - August)



Plans for 2020 (September – December)

- ✓ **Consultations with NFPs** and other stakeholders on identification of the National Implementing Partner (NIP); draft NIP ToR development and coordination (July - August 2020);
- ✓ **Tender launched to identify the RECP NIP** (August-September 2020);
- ✓ Presentation of UNIDO activities and work plan related to SMEs at the **Conference on Launching of the Program on Greening SMEs**, organized by ODIMM (03 June 2020);
- ✓ **Identified synergies with the GREEN SMEs Country Program** led by ODIMM in order to contribute to a joint work plan development and implementation (in synergy with OECD and UNEP activities, April-June 2020);
- ✓ **Contracting** of the NIP (September 2020), Inception report (December 2020);
- ✓ **Kick-off meeting** and establishment of RECP stakeholders group (November 2020);
- ✓ **Training** of 15 RECP experts (from December 2020);
- ✓ **RECP assessment** of 15 SMEs (from December 2020);
- ✓ **Launch of 2 new RECP Clubs** (December 2020);
- ✓ Development and coordination of **ToR for EIP methodology application to IPs and FEZ** (Eco-industrial parks feasibility)(September 2020);
- ✓ Contract the expert(s) for EIP methodology for IPs and FEZ , **conduct the assessment** (October - December 2020).



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNIDO)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ Report with **initial RECP site reviews** of 28 companies (Q1, 2021); Progress report on training activities for industry staff and trainees with progress on at least 15 RECP assessments (Q2, 2021); Set of full technical reports of RECP assessments (in English and national language)(Q3-4, 2021); RECP Action Plans approved by companies for implementation (Q4, 2021);
- ✓ **2 new RECP Clubs activities** (synergy with EU Focal Areas Moldova); Progress report on 2 RECP clubs activities for member SMEs (Q2, 2021); Two evaluation reports for two RECP clubs prepared (Q4, 2021);
- ✓ **RECP Stakeholders group meeting/First National RECP/CE conference** conceptualized and organized (Q4, 2021);
- ✓ **Raising awareness and sharing knowledge on RECP** (according to the NIP ToR): communication plan, web presence, awareness raising events and materials (during the year);
- ✓ Finalize the EIP assessment in IPs and FEZ **and present recommendations** (Q3, 2021).
- ✓ Awareness about **concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products** initiative in view of national eco-labelling practices (Q3, 2021).



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (2.3 – 2.6 - UNEP)

Progress in 2020 (January - August)



Plans for 2020 (September – December)

- ✓ Consultation with national partners on **Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)** (Public Procurement Agency)(process of hiring SPP International and National Experts for reviewing the progress on SPP since 2017 and of International Legal Expert to support Moldova is at its final stage) and **eco-labeling** (MADRE and PA EcoContact (contract signed and started work on eco-labeling assessment and road map on eco-labelling system) (February – August 2020);
- ✓ **Inputs to the Program on Greening SMEs** (Launching conference (03.06.2020), indicators etc);
- ✓ Consultations with Organization for the Small and Medium Enterprise Sector Development (ODIMM) to assist with **eco-innovation promotion and training** (July – September 2020);
- ✓ Initiated and coordinated the support for the **Use of strategic approaches on waste management** (March – September 2020) – development of the **Program on waste management (PWM)**;

- ✓ Finalize **eco-labelling assessment and draft road map on eco-labelling system** (September 2020);
- ✓ Draft **regulation on eco-labelling** (Draft, end October 2020, first public hearings, by 30.11.2020)
- ✓ Draft **guidelines on development of eco-labelling criteria** for different product categories (31.12.2020);
- ✓ **Review progress and conduct webinars on SPP (TBD)**
- ✓ Draft **SPP guidelines** for priority product groups (**TBD**)
- ✓ Preparation of **infographics on SPP (TBD)**
- ✓ Conducting **eco-innovation policy review and trainings in priority SME sectors** (October 2020 – Q1, 2021);
- ✓ Participation in a **regional experience sharing event on eco-innovation for SMEs** (October-December 2020);
- ✓ Initiation of the process of development of **PWM** (ToR, local partner contracted (September-November 2020);



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNEP)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ Draft **regulation on eco-labelling** (final draft – 30 June 2021);
- ✓ **Trainings for the business community** and competent authorities **for eco-labelling** (May and September 2021);
- ✓ A revised system for the **monitoring of SPP contracts and SPP policy**; updated **SPP Manual and procurement Guidelines** for first priority products; Two **workshops for capacity building** on SPP; **SPP tenders are conducted** for the new products (timing - according to the ToR);
- ✓ Conduct a **market assessment and policy/policy instrument analysis of the eco-innovation** landscape in priority sectors/sub-sectors in Moldova; Organize a national validation workshop (Q1, 2021); Provide technical assistance the development or revision of at least 8 (eight) SMEs' business strategies and underlying business models on a case-by-case basis, following the steps outlined in UNEP's eco-innovation manual (Q 2-3, 2021);
- ✓ **Identify priority sectors for policy reform**, suitable policy instruments and support needs (as part of the process of updating of the Program on the promotion of Green Economy for 2021-2023);
- ✓ Development of the **Program on waste management** and Action Plan (Q1-Q4, 2021);



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Result 3. Environmental level playing field (OECD)

Progress in 2020 (January - August)



Plans for 2020 (September – December)

- ✓ Mission and preparatory work (draft ToR) for a follow-up (capacity development) project on the designed **Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme**; **Project launched** (OECD message 31.08.2020);
- ✓ Assistance with developing a **self-assessment tool for SMEs** and assistance with the development of **metrics for measuring SME greening** nationally (March – May 2020);
- ✓ Reviewing and reforming the current set-up of the **National Ecological Fund**: assessment, ToR for local expert (March-July 2020); Call for applications (August);
- ✓ **Draft estimates of fossil-fuel subsidies for 2016-2019** for the OECD-IEA Fossil-fuel subsidies database;
- ✓ Launch of **preparatory work on green finance and investment (green bonds)** project (draft ToR);
- ✓ Launch of **preparatory work on administrative capacity** for environmental management project (consultations with SIGMA, draft ToR, outline and concept note) (under Activity 3.4.1) and discussions on ad-hoc **expert support to the Environmental agency** upon request during country consultations (under Activity 3.4.2)

- ✓ Comments on the **draft law on IED** and support on its implementation (Q 3-4, 2020);
- ✓ **An assessment report**: on the compliance assurance system and on administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance (Q3-4, 2020);
- ✓ Development of the Operational Manual of the **National Ecological Fund** (final draft version – December 2020);
- ✓ Analytical report on **fossil-fuel subsidies**, including Moldova;
- ✓ **Collection of data on energy-related taxes (TBD)**;
- ✓ Fact-finding mission on **green bonds project (TBD)**;
- ✓ Analytical report on **existing/required administrative capacity in the environmental sector (TBD)** and ad-hoc expert support;
- ✓ **Regional meetings on: green finance** (October 2020);
 - ✓ **BAT** (November 2020);
 - ✓ **SME greening** (Q4 2020);
 - ✓ **Compliance assurance** (Q4 2020);



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Result 3. Environmental level playing field (3.1 – 3.4 - OECD)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ Proposal to enlarge this activity with the **transposition of the Directive 2004/35/EC on Environmental Liability** (Summary of Country consultations, 29.05.2020) **(TBD)**;
- ✓ Expert support to on the application of **General Binding Rules** (for a specific sector) **(TBD)**;
- ✓ Capacity development project for implementing the designed **Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme**;
- ✓ Organise and conduct the **training of staff** on procedures laid out in the **Operational Manual of the National Ecological Fund** (January – March 2021);
- ✓ In-depth review of **compliance assurance system** (based on CAS analysis);
- ✓ Support to reform of the **systems of administrative sanctions**, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance - development of legislation regulating damage compensation;
- ✓ **Reforming energy subsidies**: Assistance to a pilot country to design a tax expenditure reporting methodology;
- ✓ National-level analysis to **support green investment (green bonds)**, identification of key challenges/ways forward to align financial mechanisms with policy reforms;
- ✓ **Development of a roadmap for improving administrative capacity in the environmental sector, training design and provision of Expert Support** to the Ministries of Environment (**Environmental Agency**) and or Economy (**subject to further discussion**).



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Result 5. Monitoring progress at environment-economy nexus (OECD) (5.3. Green growth indicators)

Progress in 2020 (January - August)



Plans for 2020 (September – December)

- | Progress in 2020 (January - August) | Plans for 2020 (September – December) |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Overview of available green growth indicators in the OECD database for the Republic of Moldova and initial internal discussions on its extension and update;✓ Propose integration of the GGIs in the Program of statistical works for 2021 and placement on the NBS and other related sites (August - September 2020);✓ Country profile (developed and disseminated). | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Update green growth indicators (October-December 2020); Placement on sites;✓ Video on green growth indicators (regional);✓ New edition of the country profile with key green growth indicators (GGIs);✓ Launch of updating a current set of GGIs. |



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Result 5. Monitoring progress at environment-economy nexus (OECD) (5.3. Green growth indicators)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ Update of the **Green Growth Indicators** Report (2017): enlarge, if possible, the number of **green growth indicators**, identifying new ones, publishing online data, ensuring synergy with Moldova 2030/SDGs objectives and targets, SoER of Moldova and updated Program on the promotion of green economy for 2021-2023, considering integrating data into the OECD stat base;
- ✓ Development of the third edition of the GGIs-based **country profile**.



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Result 5: Co-ordination (Result 5.1)

Progress in 2020 (January - August)

- ✓ **EaP country virtual consultations** (Republic of Moldova - 29 May 2020): participation of NFPs, DG NEAR, DG Environment, all IP; Summary of the event developed and circulated.
- ✓ **Consultations with NFPs on specific activities** (OECD, NEF, June 2020);

Plans for 2020 (September – December)

- ✓ **Second Regional Assembly meeting:**
 - ✓ **Virtual (Zoom) RA meeting** on 22 September 2020, taking stock of the progress and presenting main adjustments to the work plan, as necessary;
 - ✓ **in-person meeting** in November-December 2020, if travel restrictions lifted, possibly in Kyiv, Ukraine, **or in the beginning of 2021.**



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Result 5: Co-ordination (Result 5.1)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ **Third Regional Assembly (TBD)**
- ✓ Regional events as per work plan under all results **(TBD)**
- ✓ Considering organising a joint **OECD/UNECE meeting on green growth indicators**, similar to one in 2015, following an expression of interest from the countries



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Result 5: Communication (Result 5.2)

Progress in 2020 (January - August)



Plans for 2020 (September – December)

- ✓ Promotion of EU4Environment on national web sites: MEI (Green Economy/EU4Environment) and MARDE (EU4Environment);
- ✓ **Web site** (OECD domain):
<http://www.oecd.org/site/eu4environment/>
- ✓ **Newsletter**, reaching subscribers* and disseminated to 300 persons within networks;
- ✓ **Videos** “[About EU4Environment](#)” and “[About the Inaugural Assembly meeting](#)”
- ✓ Use of **social media** (YouTube, Flickr, EU4Environment Facebook page for Moldova, existing Twitter channels);
- ✓ Generic **totems** for meetings (EU4Environment, SEA);
- ✓ Participation at **Eastern Partnership Panel on Environment and Climate Change** (24 June 2020);

* Please sign-up for EU4Environment newsletter [here](#)

- ✓ **Newsletter** on a monthly basis (extension of the list of subscribers) (end of each month);
- ✓ Development and launch of a **new web site** (more interactive features) (**September 2020**)
- ✓ Production of **new videos** (Regional Assembly, thematic videos, interviews) (**TBD**)
- ✓ Use of **Social media and** EU4Environment Facebook page for Moldova on a regular basis;
- ✓ Promotion at **national and international** events (incl. the EaP Ministerial, 22 October 2020, Luxembourg, EU Green Week 2020);
- ✓ Reinforced **coordination with other programmes** (i.e., OPEN Programme, EU4Climate, EU4Business, EU4Moldova; EU Focal Regions Moldova etc.)



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Result 5: Communication (Result 5.2)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ **Newsletter** on a monthly basis (extension of the list of subscribers) (end of each month);
- ✓ Provide data and information for the **new web site** (more interactive features)
- ✓ Production of **new video(s)/translate to national language** (for national level)
- ✓ Use of **Social media and update** EU4Environment Facebook page for Moldova on a regular basis;
- ✓ Promotion at **national and international** events (WED 2021, ministerial conferences);
- ✓ Continued **coordination with other programmes** (i.e., OPEN Programme, EU4Climate, EU4Business, EU4Moldova; EU Focal Regions Moldova etc.)



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Green Economy: priority investment sectors

Proposed priority sectors for 2021-2022 (for discussion)

1.2: Sectoral investment planning and comparative analysis of costs and benefits (UN Environment):

Activity 1.2.1: Investment needs assessment in priority sectors (Q4 2020 – 2021-2022)

- ✓ To be carried out as part of the development/update of the Action Plan of the Program on the green economy – in 2021 (according to the country work plan and PAG 2020-2023).
- ✓ **New Priority sectors** to be considered/coordinated by the WG/NIC/NFPs, as part of ongoing EU4Environment support:
 - 1. eco-labelling;**
 - 2. eco-innovations;**
 - 3. other sectors?**



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EU4Environment Regional Assembly, 22 September 2020

Meeting objectives and agenda

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

The EU4Environment Regional Assembly will:

- ✓ • update on progress on the Action implementation, governance arrangements and communication issues, including impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- ✓ • discuss adjusted regional and country work plans for 2020-21;
- ✓ • agree on in-person Regional Assembly meeting towards end 2020 - beginning 2021.

<https://www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/second-eu4environment-regional-assembly.htm>



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EU Green Week 2020 in Moldova, 19-23.10.2020

Draft Concept of the national campaign

National environmental and biodiversity conservation communication and information campaign on EU Green Week 2020 (<https://www.eugreenweek.eu/en>)

Key topics: biodiversity conservation and EU Green Deal for Moldova

- ✓ **Launching event** for the EU Green Week 2020 in Moldova (MARDE, MFAEI, MEI, **EUD (HoD)**, **EU4Environment**, partners and NGOs (date TBD (15-19.10.2020));
- ✓ **Placement of information**, videos and materials related to EUGreenWeek 2020 on all partners websites and in social media (daily, during the week according to a coordinated plan);
- ✓ **Presentation of the major results of the projects** in the field of environment, funded by EU and EU Member States;
- ✓ **Special TV and Radio programmes** on EUGreenWeek and EUGreenDeal for Moldova;
- ✓ **Launching the separate collection of wastes** (paper, plastic, glass, WEEE) at **MARDE and MFAEI with ABS recycling**;
- ✓ **Awareness campaign** (NGOs, MARDE and partners) etc.



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