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Second Meeting of the EU4Environment Regional Assembly

DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE AGENDA

22 September 2020

10:00 – 13:00 (Paris/Brussels time)

by ZOOM

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Second meeting of the EU4Environment Regional Assembly 22 September 2020, by videoconference (Zoom)

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

Following the virtual EU4Environment consultations with the EaP countries in May-July 2020, a virtual Regional Assembly meeting will be organized on 22 September 2020, to replace the in-person event that was initially planned for the same date.

The EU4Environment Regional Assembly will discuss:

- the results and progress on the EU4Environment implementation,
- necessary adjustments to work plans for 2020-21, including those stemming from impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- progress on communication; and
- the EU Green Deal context and the EaP Ministerial Conference on Environment and Climate Change (planned for 22 October 2020).

Participants

The meeting will gather the National Focal Points from the Ministries of Environment and of Economy of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), representatives of European Union institutions (including the European Commission, the European External Action Service and EU Delegations), EU Member States, the EU4Environment Implementing Partners (OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and World Bank), as well as National Action Coordinators. Representatives of civil society will be invited as observers. The Regional Assembly will be chaired by the European Commission.

Supporting Documents

- Narrative Report for 2019
- Country and regional work plans for 2020-21
- Publications and communication materials

Practical Information

Virtual platform: Zoom, with English/Russian interpretation.

Logistical Note will be circulated in due time.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) Action aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, 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 is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022.

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Time	Item
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Connection by the participants</i>
10:00	<i>Video: EU4Environment</i>
10:00 – 10:15 (15 min)	<p>Chair: European Commission (DG NEAR)</p> <p>Item 1. Welcome, opening and adoption of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by the EC • Overall progress on environmental and green policy reform and implementation in the EaP countries and highlights of the measurable achievements of the Action by OECD and UNIDO, as lead Partners
10:15 – 10:20 (5 min)	<i>Online poll on programme relevance, efficiency and effectiveness</i>
10:20 – 10:50 (30 min)	<p>Item 2. Update on progress on the Action implementation, its impact and plans 2020-2021 – EaP county perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by the EaP countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Armenia ○ Azerbaijan ○ Belarus • Short time for immediate questions after each intervention
10:50 – 10:55 (5 min)	<i>Online poll on programme sustainability and horizontal issues</i>
10:55 – 11:30 (35 min)	<p>Item 2. Update on progress on the Action implementation, its impact and plans 2020-2021 – EaP county perspective (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by the EaP countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Georgia ○ Republic of Moldova ○ Ukraine • Intervention by the Civil Society Forum • Short time for immediate questions after each intervention
11:30 – 11:40 (10 min)	<p><i>Short break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Video on green economy (UNEP)</i> • <i>Video on SEA (UNECE)</i> • <i>Video on RECP – example of Ukraine (UNIDO)</i>
11:40 – 12:00 (20 min)	<p>Item 3. Update on progress on the Action implementation and plans for 2020-2021 – Regional activities</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by the Implementing Partners, with a focus on regional activities and components that were adjusted since beginning of the year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Result 1 (UNEP and UNECE) ○ Result 2 (UNEP and UNIDO) ○ Result 3 and 5.3 (OECD) ○ Result 4 (World Bank) <p>Reactions from the EaP countries/Civil Society after the presentations.</p>
<p>12:00 – 12:15 (15 min)</p>	<p><i>Item 4. Action governance, coordination with other programmes and cross-cutting issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on governance arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inter-ministerial dialogue on green economy and National Implementation Committees - UNEP ○ National Action Co-ordinators - OECD • Coordination with other programmes and cross-cutting issues – UNIDO
<p>12:15 – 12:30 (15 min)</p>	<p><i>Item 5. Online poll session on selected projects</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIA/SEA – two questions followed by a short presentation by UNECE • Green bonds – three questions followed by a short presentation by OECD
<p>12:30 – 12:45 (15 min)</p>	<p><i>Item 6. The EU Green Deal context and the EaP Ministerial Conference on Environment and Climate Change</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Green Deal and the preparations for the EaP Ministerial Conference on Environment and Climate Change planned for 22 October 2020 (key topics: green infrastructure and finance) – EC and Germany (TBC) followed by one instant poll question to the participants • Poll (one question) on green deal
<p>12:45 – 13:00 (15 min)</p>	<p><i>Item 7. Other business and closure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Regional Assembly meeting – OECD • Any other business • Closing remarks