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# EU4Environment

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

## First meeting of the EU4Environment Regional Assembly

### DRAFT AGENDA

27-28 June 2019, Brussels, Belgium

**Venue:**

Room “Armstrong”  
Bedford Hotel \*\*\* & Congress Centre  
Rue du Midi, 135  
1000 Brussels, Belgium

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### Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

The EU4Environment Regional Assembly will:

- discuss the overall directions of the Action, its targets and expected results, governance arrangements, as well as key opportunities and challenges of implementation;
- take stock of the Action's baseline situation and lessons learned during the inception period;
- provide guidance on, and express commitments to, priorities and activities outlined in initial regional and country work plans for the Action implementation, and
- identify specific measures needed to fully use synergies with other initiatives in the Eastern Partner countries.

The first Regional Assembly meeting will conclude the six-month Inception Phase (January - June 2019), during which national launch events in each partner country enabled to identify and prioritise country needs, agree on national governance arrangements, and translate them into six initial national work plans.

Meeting materials will be circulated in due time. Coordination with meeting of the EU4Business General Assembly planned for 29 June 2019 in Brussels will be ensured.

### Participants

The meeting will gather around 60 participants, including the National Focal Points from the Ministries of Environment and of Economy of the Eastern Partner countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), the National Action Coordinators, representatives of European Union institutions (including the European External Action Service and EU Delegations), EU Member States, and the Implementing Partners (OECD, UN Environment, UNECE, UNIDO and World Bank). Representatives of civil society will be invited as observers. The Regional Assembly will be chaired by the European Commission.

### Practical Information

Venue: "Armstrong" Conference Room, Bedford Hotel & Congress Centre (rue du Midi, 135, 1000 Brussels, Belgium).

English - Russian interpretation will be provided during the meeting.

For further information see attached Logistical Note or contact: [EU4Environment@oecd.org](mailto:EU4Environment@oecd.org)

### 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, UN Environment, UNIDO and the World Bank. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022.

**Draft Outline of the Agenda**  
**Day 1, Thursday, 27 June 2019**

Time	Item
09:00 – 09:30	<p><b>Item 1. Welcome, opening and adoption of the agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jeroen Willems, Acting Head of Unit, DG NEAR, European Commission will welcome participants, introduce the agenda and invite the participants to suggest modifications to the agenda and then to adopt it.</li> <li>• <b>Video-message from Ms. Katarina MATHERNOVA, Deputy Director-General</b> in charge of Eastern Neighbourhood, Economic Transformation and Relations with IFIs, DG NEAR, European Commission (TBC).</li> <li>• Mr. Davor Percan, Head of Unit, European Commission, will address the participants on behalf of DG Environment (TBC).</li> </ul> <p><b>Action required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants will be invited to take note of the opening remarks and adopt the agenda, including any agreed amendments.</li> </ul>
09:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Item 2. Regional outlook: stock taking of the baseline situation and brief introduction of initial regional and national implementation plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair, European Commission, will introduce the agenda item.</li> <li>• Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, Senior Programme Manager, OECD, will present the Action objectives and expected results. He will also outline the baseline situation in the region and presents findings from the kick-off events. Finally, he will briefly introduce the initial regional and national work plans.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants will be invited to ask questions for clarification or comment on the presentation.</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:15	<p><b>Item 3. Greener decision-making (Result 1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will introduce the agenda item.</li> <li>• Ms. Rie Tsutsumi, UN Environment, will briefly introduce the status of work plans related to Outputs 1.1, 1.2. and 1.4 of the Results 1.</li> <li>• Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, UNECE, will briefly introduce the status of work plans related to Output 1.3 of the Result 1.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants will be invited to provide feedback after each introduction on draft work plans, including confirming their commitments, identifying short- and long-term priorities.</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>

11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Item 4. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (Result 2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will introduce the agenda item.</li> <li>• Ms. Carolina Gonzales, UNIDO, will briefly introduce the status of work plans related to Outputs 2.1 and 2.2 of the Result 2.</li> <li>• Mr. Alex Leshchynskyy, UN Environment, will briefly introduce the status of work plans related to Outputs 2.3-2.6 of the Result 2.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants will be invited to provide feedback after each introduction on draft work plans, including confirming their commitments, identifying short- and long-term priorities.</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>“Buffet” lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:15	<p><b>Item 5. An environmental level playing field (Result 3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will introduce the agenda item.</li> <li>• Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD, will briefly introduce the status of work plans related to Outputs 3-1.3.4 of the Result 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants will be invited to provide feedback on draft work plans, including confirming their commitments, identifying short- and long-term priorities.</li> </ul>
15:15 – 16:30	<p><b>Item 6. Ecosystem services and livelihoods (Result 4)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will introduce the agenda item.</li> <li>• Mr. Tuukka Castrén, World Bank, will briefly introduce the Result area and work planning priorities related to Outputs 4.1-4.4 of the Result 4.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants will be invited to discuss priorities and the way forward, options for regional and cross-border collaboration and synergies with other Result areas.</li> </ul>
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:45 – 17:15	<p><b>Item 7. Monitoring progress at environment-economy nexus (Result 5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will introduce the agenda item.</li> <li>• Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD, will briefly introduce the status of work plans related to Outputs 5.3 of the Result 5.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants will be invited to provide feedback on draft work plans, including confirming their commitments, identifying short- and long-term priorities.</li> </ul>
17:15 – 17:45	<p><b>Item 8. Action governance, communications and visibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will introduce the agenda item.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD, will briefly introduce the proposed regional level arrangements (Regional Assembly and Partners Coordination Board).</li> <li>• Ms. Rie Tsutsumi, UN Environment and Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD, will briefly present proposals for the national level arrangements and country presence (National Implementation Committees, National Focal Points, National Action Coordinators and Technical Topic Managers).</li> <li>• Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD, will briefly present key elements of the Action Visibility and Communication Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants will be invited to provide feedback after each presentation on draft work plans, including confirming their commitments, identifying short- and long-term priorities.</li> </ul>
17:45 – 18:00	<p><b>Item 9. Feedback and closure of Day 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Angela Bularga, DG NEAR, European Commission, will briefly summarise the discussions during the day.</li> </ul>
18:00 – 20:00	<p><i>Cocktail</i></p> <p>The participants will be invited to a cocktail reception in the hotel.</p>

### Day 2, Friday, 28 June 2019

9:00 – 09:15	<p><b>Item 10. Brief introduction to Day 2 agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will welcome the participants and introduce the agenda of the day.</li> </ul>
9:15 – 10:45	<p><b>Item 11. Strengthening Capacities of the EaP Country Government for Greening the Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will introduce the agenda item.</li> <li>• Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD, will provide an overview of the situation in the region with regard to the institutional capacity development for greening the economy.</li> <li>• Representatives of Moldova, Armenia and Ukraine will be invited to share their experience from recent initiatives that build capacities of their governments for greening the economy.</li> <li>• Ms. Ritva Heikkinen, European Commission, will share the experience from on the European Union work on strengthening the governance systems.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants will be invited to share their experience, possibly answering the following questions:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– What is the current administrative capacity in the environmental sector?</li> <li>– What are the key needs and challenges?</li> <li>– What can the Implementing Partners do to help the Ministries build their capacity for greening the economy?</li> </ul>
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Item 12. “Small group” session to discuss and complete the work plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This session will provide an opportunity for informal discussions on the completion of the work plans, and specific short-term priorities.</li> <li>• There will be six country tables in the meeting room to which the Partner organisations will come for a limited time (30 minutes) discussion. After each round, the Partners will move for a discussion with the next country.</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>“Buffet” lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Item 12. (cont.) “Small group” session to discuss and complete the work plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second round of countries -Partners discussion (30 min per country).</li> </ul>
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 16:00	<p><b>Item 13. Summary and closure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will invite the participants to share feedback from the “small group” sessions.</li> <li>• Ms. Angela Bularga, DG NEAR, European Commission and Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD, will summarise the decisions made during the meeting, including dates and location of the next meeting.</li> <li>• The Chair will make the final remarks and close the meeting.</li> </ul>

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## Annex A. List of key meeting documents

### **Folders:**

- Draft annotated agenda (ENG and RUS)
- Initial consolidated plans of work for Results 1-3 and 5 (ENG)
- EU4Environment Description of the Action (DoA), *short version* (ENG)
- EU4Environment leaflet (ENG)<sup>1</sup>
- EaP GREEN brochure (ENG)

### **Publication stand:**

- EU4Environment leaflet in English and national languages
- Summaries of EU4Environment six in-country kick off missions (ENG)
- EaP GREEN brochure (ENG and RUS)
- Key regional publications under EaP GREEN (ENG), *for display only*
- GREEN Action Task Force publications brochure (ENG)

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<sup>1</sup> Also available in the national languages at the publication stand.