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This document is prepared for the second Regional Assembly meeting, to be held in a virtual format on 22 September 2020, to reflect the discussion during the country consultations with Belarus (25 June 2020), in regard to the implementation of the current work plan.

The Tables 1-4 present, in a consolidated manner, the final plan of work in Belarus for Results 1-3 and 5 as part of the European Union for Environment Action (EU4Environment), as it was agreed in September 2019 – *subject to Programme registration*. It was prepared based on the discussions at the National information meeting in Belarus (9 April 2019, Minsk), the Inaugural EU4Environment Regional Assembly meeting (27-28 June 2019, Brussels) and takes into account the final comments received by 6 September 2019.

Annex 1 to the work plan presents key outcomes of the discussion during the country consultations with Belarus (25 June 2020), in regard to the implementation of the current work plan and proposals, if any, to adjust it. The Implementing Partners agreed to follow up bilaterally on the respective activities.

Given still highly uncertain situation with covid-19 pandemic, the current work plan, in particular its timeline, may be revised towards end 2020 – beginning 2021.

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List of acronyms

| | |
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| CAS | Compliance assurance system |
| CE | Circular Economy |
| DoA | Description of the Action |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| EPR | Extended Producers Responsibility |
| EU | European Union |
| EU4Environment | European Union for Environment Programme |
| EUR | Euros |
| GBR | General Binding Rules |
| GE | Green Economy |
| GGI | Green growth indicators |
| NFPs | National Focal Points |
| NIP | National implementation partner |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development |
| PEF | Product environmental footprint |
| RA | Regional Assembly |
| RECP | Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production |
| SDG | Sustainable development goals |
| SEA | Strategic Environmental Assessment |
| SMEs | Small and Medium Sized Enterprises |
| SMGP | Single Market for Green Products |
| SPP | Sustainable public procurement |
| UNEP | United Nations Environment Programme |
| UNECE | United Nations Economic Commission for Europe |
| UNIDO | United Nations Industrial Development Organization |
| WB | World Bank |

Introduction

This document is the final country-specific **Plan of Work in Belarus for 2019-2022** of the European Union for Environment programme (EU4Environment), as it was agreed in September 2019.¹ It consolidates the activities identified for implementation in Belarus with respect to the proposals specified in the Description of the Action (DoA) for **Results 1-3 and 5**. The regional activities, involving Belarus, are covered separately by the regional work plan.

The document does not include the work plan for **Result 4**, led by the World Bank, due to administrative procedures around the signatory contract between the European Commission and the World Bank, which made it difficult to conduct all the necessary country consultations and preparatory technical work. The work plan for Result 4 will be added after the completion of the contractual procedure.

It builds on initial commitments discussed at the EU4Environment national information meeting (9 April 2019, Minsk) and the follow-up consultations, including mapping exercise, and discussions at the EaP Panel on Environment and Climate Change (27 May 2019, Vienna) and at the EU4Environment Inaugural Regional Assembly meeting (27-28 June 2019, Brussels). It also takes into account the final comments received by 6 September 2019.

It accommodates, to the extent possible, the country requests taking into account feasibility and the resources available.

Table 1 below maps all activities agreed for implementation in Belarus. Tables 2-4 present more detailed planning under each Result, expected output targets and indicative timeline for the 2019-20 implementing period. A detailed description of each activity is available from the DoA. This work plan is kept flexible, to adjust, if necessary, in the course of implementation the timeline and activities, in case of any issues beyond Partners control.

The Annex 1, added to this document, presents the key outcomes of the discussion during the country consultations with Belarus (25 June 2020), in regard to the implementation of the current work plan and proposals, if any, to adjust it.

Given the unprecedented challenge brought in 2020 by the covid-19 pandemic, and still highly uncertain situation, the current work plan, in particular its timeline, may be revised towards end 2020 – beginning 2021.

About EU4Environment

The **general objective of EU4Environment** is to help the partner countries 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 EU4Environment programme is structured around **five Results**:

- **Result 1.** Greener decision-making (implemented by UNEP and UNECE, with coordination by UNIDO);

¹ Its implementation is subject to EU4Environment Programme registration.

- **Result 2.** Circular economy and new growth opportunities (implemented by UNEP and UNIDO, with coordination by UNIDO);
- **Result 3.** An environmental level playing field (implemented by OECD);
- **Result 4.** Ecosystem services and livelihoods (implemented by the World Bank);
- **Result 5.** Knowledge sharing and coordination (implemented by OECD, with input from all implementing Partners).

The total EU4Environment budget for four years (2019-2022) is about EUR 20 million, of which EUR 19 million were provided by the European Union.

The Programme implementation started in January 2019. During the first half of 2019, so called “mobilisation and inception phase”, the Partners formalized and operationalized Programme implementation in all six countries and started selected activities.

National Focal Points in Belarus

To support the Programme implementation, the Ministries of Environment and of Economic Development and Investments were invited to appoint **National Focal Points** (NFPs) of the EU4Environment. The NFPs aims to serve the coordination role and represent their respective countries during and between the annual Regional Assembly meetings.

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Final consolidated plan of work in Belarus for Results 1-3 and 5

Table 1. Mapping of selected activities in Belarus for Results 1-3 and 5.

| Activities | Belarus |
|--|---------|
| RESULT 1. Greener decision-making | |
| 1.1: Green economy ownership, policy coherence and cross-sectorial coordination (UNEP) | |
| Activity 1.1.1: Survey and large-scale training of public sector employees | V |
| Activity 1.1.2: Fitness tests of relevant policy documents and policy proposals | V |
| Activity 1.1.3: Facilitation of National Policy Dialogues on Green Economy | V |
| 1.2: Sectoral investment planning and comparative analysis of costs and benefits (UNEP) | |
| Activity 1.2.1: Investment needs assessment in priority sectors | X |
| Activity 1.2.2: Development of investment strategy proposals or action plans | X |
| 1.3: Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment (UNECE) | |
| Activity 1.3.1: Assistance for finalizing the legal reforms on SEA and on transboundary EIA | V |
| Activity 1.3.2: Comprehensive capacity and institutional building | V |
| 1.4: Awareness, education and public acceptance of the Green Economy transition (UNEP) | |
| Activity 1.4.1: Implementation of educational courses | V |
| Activity 1.4.2: Awareness raising campaigns for general public | X |
| RESULT 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities | |
| 2.1: Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production and eco-innovation among SMEs (UNIDO) | |
| Activity 2.1.1: Eco-industrial parks feasibility | V |
| Activity 2.1.2: Supporting RECP Clubs | V |
| Activity 2.1.3: Promoting Circular Economy – Waste mapping in municipalities | O |
| Activity 2.1.4: Training national experts | V |
| Activity 2.1.5: Additional RECP Assessments | V |
| Activity 2.1.6: Raising awareness and sharing knowledge | V |
| Activity 2.1.7: Further institutionalising RECP | X |
| 2.2: Concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products initiative (UNIDO) | |

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| Activity 2.2.1: Mapping of existing practices and barriers for existing labelling schemes | X |
| Activity 2.2.2: Awareness and understanding of SMPG opportunities and benefits | V |
| Activity 2.2.3: Piloting product environmental footprint (PEF) in selected industries | V |
| 2.3: Green Public Procurement and complementary tools (UNEP) | |
| Activity 2.3.1: Assessments/advisory services to establish SPP and eco-labelling policies | O |
| Activity 2.3.2: Capacity development of business sectors to respond to public tenders/eco-labelling | X |
| 2.4: Use of strategic approaches on waste management (UNEP) | |
| Activity 2.4.1: Developing draft action plan for waste management (national or municipal level) | X |
| Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility schemes | V |
| 2.5: Reforms in priority green economy sectors (UNEP) | |
| Activity 2.5.1: Identify priority sectors for policy reform, suitable policy instruments and support needs | V |
| Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustment of enabling policies and policy tools in priority sectors | V |
| 2.6: Ecological value-chain and product innovation (UNEP) | |
| Activity 2.6.1: National trainings on sustainable production/eco-innovation for companies and governments | V |
| Activity 2.6.2: Market assessment and policy analysis of eco-innovation potential in selected sectors | X |
| Activity 2.6.3: Assess SMEs/companies' potential for eco-innovation & provide advisory services for business strategy review/development | X |
| Activity 2.6.4: Awareness raising activity among business sector and government | X |
| RESULT 3. An environmental level playing field | |
| 3.1: "Smart" regulation of environmental impacts (OECD) | |
| Activity 3.1.1: Reforming regulatory regimes for large emission sources, including State Owned Enterprises | V |
| Activity 3.1.2: Greening Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) | V |
| 3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes (OECD) | |
| Activity 3.2.1: Strengthening of Compliance Assurance Systems, Instruments, and Tools | V |
| Activity 3.2.2: Reform of high impact enforcement and compliance promotion instruments, including environmental liability | V |
| Activity 3.2.3: Networking and capacity building | X |
| 3.3: Domestic public finance, subsidy reforms, public-private partnerships and private finance for green investment (OECD) | |
| Activity 3.3.1: Greening public expenditure | O |

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|---|---|
| Activity 3.3.2: Review of selected national funding entities | O |
| Activity 3.3.3: Reforming energy subsidies | O |
| Activity 3.3.4: National and regional policy dialogues on green finance and investment | V |
| 3.4 Administrative capacity for environmental management (OECD) | |
| Activity 3.4.1: Assessment of existing and required administrative capacity in the environmental sector | V |
| Activity 3.4.2: Provision of Expert Support to the Ministries of Environment and or Economy | V |
| RESULT 5. Regional knowledge sharing and coordination | |
| Activity 5.3: Monitoring of progress at the economy-environment nexus | V |

Notes: V – selected; O – for possible implementation at a later stage – subject to funds availability and discussion with the country; X – not selected.

Table 2. Presentation of selected activities in Belarus for Results 1

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments |
|--|-----------|----|----|------|----|----|----|---------|--|---|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | 2021-22 | | |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| RESULT 1. Greener decision-making | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.1: Green economy ownership, policy coherence and cross-sectorial coordination (UNEP) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 1.1.1: Survey and large-scale training of public sector employees | | | | | | | | | | |
| – General training courses on Green Economy (GE) | | | | | | | | | Online course, translated into the national language, delivered on a regular basis to government officials via a national academic/public training institute | Development, translation and delivery of an introductory GE course, in close collaboration with a nominated national public/academic body |
| – Training civil servants from line ministries to apply GE concepts | | | | | | | | | Tailored webinar delivered to nominated public servants from line ministries, with regular assignments and supervision by an international expert | Capacity-building trainings for civil servants to improve GE knowledge, establish necessary pre-requisites for GE introduction, and be able to carry out GE policy fitness tests (activity 1.1.2). Civil servants may also be brought to meetings in other countries. |
| Activity 1.1.2: Fitness tests/analytical documents of relevant policy documents and policy proposals | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Fitness tests/analytical documents of relevant policy documents and policy proposals | | | | | | | | | Analysis of at least 2 sectoral policies by trained civil servants | |
| Activity 1.1.3: Facilitation of National Policy Dialogues on Green Economy | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Support for interministerial and cross-sectorial policy coordination meetings | | | | | | | | | At least 4 meetings conducted/supported | Post-2020, the inter-ministerial body could help in monitoring progress and developing a programme for the following 5 years, with leadership from the Ministry of Economy |
| – Establishment of a functional green planning and decision-making system | | | | | | | | | | Please clarify if new mechanism needs to be established or if we can support an existing one |

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments |
|---|-----------|----|----|------|----|----|----|---------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | 2021-22 | | |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| 1.3: Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment (UNECE) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 1.3.1: Assistance for finalizing the legal reforms on SEA and on transboundary EIA | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Review of current legislation on SEA and EIA | | | | | | | | | 1 review SEA, 1 review EIA | |
| – Workshop/roundtable for discussing the rationale for amending SEA and EIA legislation | | | | | | | | | 1 event | |
| – Assessment of institutional basis for SEA and EIA incl. recommendations for its possible optimization | | | | | | | | 2021 | 1 set of recommendations | |
| – Legal drafting (to amend SEA and EIA legislation) | | | | | | | | | legislative amendments | |
| – National awareness raising event to promote adoption of amendments to SEA and EIA legislation | | | | | | | | | 1 event | |
| Activity 1.3.2: Comprehensive capacity and institutional building | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Pilot project on SEA | | | | | | | | 2021 | 1 pilot project | sector/topic subject to the confirmation by the country |
| – Guidelines for Application of SEA in Urban Planning | | | | | | | | | 1 set of guidelines | sector/topic subject to the re-confirmation by the country |
| – Awareness raising event for specific target groups (e.g. local or sectoral authorities) | | | | | | | | | 2 events | *subject to the confirmation by the country; the first event, ideally to be organized once EU4Environment already registered, would build on outcomes and lessons learnt of the current SEA pilot on Water Strategy |
| – Developing other awareness raising materials on SEA and transboundary EIA to provide good practice examples | | | | | | | | 2021 | 1 set of awareness raising materials | leaflet on good practice in SEA/transboundary EIA; a brochure on the role of public participation in this area |
| – A model for a SEA database (including a roster of SEA/EIA practioners, a register of undergoing | | | | | | | | | roster + register | |

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments | |
|---|-----------|----|----|------|----|----|----|---|---|---------|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | | | 2021-22 |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| SEA/transboundary EIA procedures and identification of measures to sustain SEA/EIA databases) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.4: Awareness, education and public acceptance of the Green Economy transition (UNEP) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 1.4.1: Educational courses (on-line and/or lecture series) | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Educational courses (on-line and/or lecture series) | | | | | | | | School and/or university lecture series developed and delivered | Particularly interested in GE courses raising awareness to change lifestyle/behavioural choices on waste management and valorisation. Ministry of Education could be involved also. | |

Table 3. Presentation of selected activities in Belarus for Results 2

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments |
|---|-----------|----|----|------|----|----|----|---------|------------------------|--|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | 2021-22 | | |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| RESULT 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1: Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production and eco-innovation among SMEs (UNIDO) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 2.1.1: Eco-industrial parks feasibility | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Analysis of existing industrial parks | | | | | | | | | Report | Collaboration with Great Stone IP and other FEZs and Technoparks to be confirmed jointly with the MinEconomy |
| – A set of recommendations to “green” existing parks | | | | | | | | | Report on 2-3 parks | |
| Activity 2.1.2: Supporting RECP Clubs | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Identifying and recruiting Clubs Facilitator | | | | | | | | | 1 facilitator | |
| – Recruiting municipalities for RECP Clubs | | | | | | | | | 2 municipalities | |
| – Identifying and recruiting companies-members of RECP clubs | | | | | | | | | around 20 SMEs | |
| – Delivery of replication programmes | | | | | | | | | 2 programs | |
| – Evaluation of replication programme | | | | | | | | | 1 report | |
| – Monitoring of RECP measures implementation and companies’ support | | | | | | | | | 2-3 reports | |
| Activity 2.1.4: Training national experts | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Identifying and recruiting National Implementing Partner (NIP) | | | | | | | | | NIP recruited | |
| – Trainee experts identified and recruited | | | | | | | | | around 15 experts | |
| – Training program conducted | | | | | | | | | around 10 experts | |
| – Advanced RECP training modules identified and implemented | | | | | | | | | 2-3 modules | |
| Activity 2.1.5: Additional RECP Assessments | | | | | | | | | | |

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments |
|---|-----------|----|----|------|----|----|----|---------|--|--|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | 2021-22 | | |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| – Recruitment of demonstration companies | | | | | | | | | around 20 SMEs | |
| – Assessment by RECP trainees | | | | | | | | | 15 reports | |
| – RECP implementation support | | | | | | | | | 2-3 reports | |
| – Monitoring and success stories | | | | | | | | | 2-3 reports, 15 success stories | |
| Activity 2.1.6: Raising awareness and sharing knowledge | | | | | | | | | | |
| – National RECP websites (re)launched and regularly updated | | | | | | | | | web presence | |
| – National RECP Conferences | | | | | | | | | 2 conferences | |
| – Thematic awareness events | | | | | | | | | 2-3 events | |
| – Knowledge sharing platform development and launched; regular alumni meetings | | | | | | | | | 3 meetings | |
| – Regional expert meetings | | | | | | | | | 3 meetings | |
| 2.2: Concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products initiative (UNIDO) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 2.2.2: Awareness and understanding of SMPG opportunities and benefits | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Promotion of PEF application and identification of export-oriented industries for its application | | | | | | | | | report | |
| – Identification and recruitment of pilot enterprises | | | | | | | | | 3-5 SMEs | |
| – Training on SMGP | | | | | | | | | Report, 10 enterprises | |
| Activity 2.2.3: Piloting product environmental footprint (PEF) in selected industries | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Development of pilot PEF application for selected enterprises | | | | | | | | | 3-5 reports | |
| – Test of PEF methodology | | | | | | | | | 3-5 reports | |
| 2.4: Use of strategic approaches on waste management (UNEP) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility schemes | | | | | | | | | EPR integrated into at least 1 existing waste strategy | Review and strengthen existing EPR mechanisms and normative documents using international experiences, especially on switching from single use plastics. EPR systems for paper, glass, |

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments |
|--|-----------|----|----|------|----|----|----|---------|------------------------|--|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | 2021-22 | | |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | tyres, used oils, PET exist, but a review of additional stimulation mechanisms could be done. |
| 2.5: Reforms in priority green economy sectors (UNEP) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 2.5.1: Identify priority sectors for policy reform, suitable policy instruments and support needs | | | | | | | | | | To be implemented in parallel with the waste/EPR component |
| Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustment of enabling policies and policy tools in priority sectors | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.6: Ecological value-chain and product innovation (UNEP) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 2.6.1: National trainings on sustainable production/eco-innovation for companies and governments | | | | | | | | | 1 training | Possibly to attend a training in Moldova or Ukraine, thereby sharing international experiences |

Table 3. Presentation of selected activities in Belarus for Results 3

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments | |
|--|-----------|----------------------|----|------|----|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | | | 2021-22 |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| RESULT 3. An environmental level playing field | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1: “Smart” regulation of environmental impacts (OECD) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3.1.1: Reforming regulatory regimes for large emission sources, including State Owned Enterprises | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Analysis on the existing approaches | | Fact finding mission | | | | Draft report | Final report | | Analytical report | <i>Country need:</i> Carrying out analysis on the best international practices in relation to existing approaches to emissions limit setting and related environmental permitting for emissions as under the EU IED or the EU MCPD; Identifying the current legislation in the Republic of Belarus governing emissions limit setting and related environmental permitting for emissions; Carrying out analysis of the legislation for compliance with the EU IED or the EU MCPD; Identifying gaps in the legislation or regulations which should be updated. |
| – Developing/updating road maps for the reform | | | | | | | | Roadmap (2021) | Roadmap | <i>Country need:</i> Updating/amending current regulations governing relations in the area of emissions limit setting and related environmental permitting; Drafting new regulations governing relations in the area of emissions limit setting and related environmental permitting; Identifying work areas which require expert support from the project partner donors. |
| – Training (<i>country-specific, sub-regional or regional - subject to confirmation</i>) | | | | | | | Training (2020) | | 10-20 government officials trained | <i>Country need:</i> Identifying target audience among the government officials to enhance their capacity for the development and implementation of an integrated permitting system; Carrying out analysis of best practices related to enhancing the government officials' capacity for the development and implementation of an integrated permitting system; Developing a training and methodological framework to train government officials and later have them use it in the development and implementation of an integrated permitting system; Carrying out training for 10-20 government officials to enhance their capacity for the development and implementation of an integrated permitting system. |

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|----|------|----|----|----------------------------|---|----------|--|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | | | 2021-22 |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| Activity 3.1.2: Greening Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Expert support to on the application of General Binding Rules | | Fact-finding mission | | | | | Review and legal proposals | Review and legal proposals (see Comments) | | <i>Country need:</i> Reviewing best practices in relation to the development of additional sets of GBR conditions for sectors (or groups of sectors) that have been identified as being of environmental concern; Identifying the need to amend legislation/gaps in the legislation on the application of General Binding Rules (GBR); Development with expert support of additional sets of GBR conditions for sectors (or groups of sectors) that have been identified as being of environmental concern. This activity will be carried out subject to funds availability. |
| – Analysis of existing instruments for financing SME greening | | | | | | | | | | See regional activities. <i>Country need:</i> Conducting review of existing instruments for financing greening of SMEs; Identifying the need for policy actions that can promote specific instruments (existing or new) to mobilise finance for SME greening; Identifying the necessary scope for expert support to set up policies that can promote specific instruments to mobilise finance for SME greening; Developing policies that can promote specific instruments to mobilise finance for SME greening. |
| – Incorporating “green” components in the SME Development Strategies | | Fact-finding mission | | | | | Review and legal proposals | | | <i>Country need:</i> Determining the necessary scope and substance of on-going expert support to the government in operationalising specific actions of the SME Strategies; Identifying a strategy for engagement with an expert to obtain support in operationalising specific actions of the SME Strategies; Discussion of, and advising on, the design of targeted compliance promotional information-based programmes and incorporating “green” components in the newly developed SME Development Strategies (supported by EU4Business). |
| 3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes (OECD) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3.2.1: Strengthening of Compliance Assurance Systems, Instruments, and Tools | | | | | | | | | | |

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|----|------|----|--------------|------------------|------------------------|---|---------|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | | | 2021-22 |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| – Screening the compliance assurance system (CAS) | | Fact-finding mission | | | | Draft review | Final CAS review | | 1 review of the compliance assurance system <i>Country need:</i> Review of the best international practices related to the functioning of compliance assurance systems based on the updated OECD approach and the IMPEL review initiative (IRI) tool; Review of the current legislation for compliance with the updated OECD approach and the IMPEL review initiative (IRI) tool; Development of recommendations on improving the legislation governing the functioning of compliance assurance systems. | |
| – In-depth review (based on CAS analysis) | | | | | | | Review | Review | 1 country specific in-depth review, taking into account as much as possible the needs expressed by the country on areas to focus on. <i>Country need (2020):</i> Conducting review of best international practices related to developing, improving, and applying the criteria for identifying, classifying, and selecting installations for compliance monitoring and use of risk-based tools; Developing and improving the criteria for identifying, classifying, and selecting installations for compliance monitoring and use of risk-based tools. <i>Country need (2021):</i> Reviewing best available and potential information-based instruments for compliance promotion, as well as feasibility and avenues for their replication and upscaling; Carrying out analysis of the possibility to apply information-based instruments for compliance promotion in the Republic of Belarus, as well as feasibility and avenues for their replication and upscaling; Developing a roadmap for the application of information-based instruments for compliance promotion in the Republic of Belarus, as well as feasibility and avenues for their replication and upscaling. <i>Country need (2021):</i> Reviewing and strengthening available management practices, capacity building and financing and further promoting the professionalisation of relevant authorities; Developing a roadmap for the implementation of available management practices, capacity building and financing and further promoting the professionalisation of relevant authorities in Belarus. CAS review will serve as baseline for this analysis | |

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|----|------|----|--------------|--|------------------------|--|---------|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | | | 2021-22 |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| – Support to coordinated inspection campaign (a multi-country campaign - subject to confirmation) | | | | | | | Campaign (2020) | | Campaign <i>Country need:</i> Developing methodological and other tools to conduct a coordinated inspection campaign; Organising and conducting a coordinated inspection campaign based on standard checklists, in conjunction with the scope of Output 3.1 or waste management. | |
| Activity 3.2.2: Reform of high impact enforcement and compliance promotion instruments, including environmental liability | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Support to reform of the systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance | | Fact-finding mission | | | | Draft report | Final review and support to the drafting of legislative proposal | | Assessment report (review) and legislative proposal (based on the needs expressed by the country) <i>Country need:</i> Examining the best international systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance that can deter non-compliance with environmental requirements while not stifling economic performance of the regulated community or their reform process or outcomes; Carrying out analysis of the current systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance in the Republic of Belarus for compliance with the best international practices; Developing a roadmap for reforming the systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance that can deter non-compliance with environmental requirements while not stifling economic performance of the regulated community; Drafting a law on improving/designing a new system of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance that can deter non-compliance with environmental requirements while not stifling economic performance of the regulated community. Close link to CAS review (possibly one report with two parts) - subject to confirmation. | |
| – Development of legislation regulating damage compensation | | | | | | | Review (2020) | | Review <i>Country need:</i> Reviewing the best practices related to legal regulation of law damage compensation, including that under the EU EID; Identifying gaps in the national legislation and necessary expert support to the drafting/reforming regulations in the area; Drafting legislation regulating damage compensation, including that under the EU EID. | |

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments |
|--|-----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | 2021-22 | | |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| 3.3: Domestic public finance, subsidy reforms, public-private partnerships and private finance for green investment (OECD) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3.3.4: National and regional policy dialogues on green finance and investment | | | | | | | | | | |
| – National-level analysis to support green investment (green bonds), identification of key challenges/ways forward to align financial mechanisms with policy reforms | | | | Preparatory work | Preparatory work | Preparatory work | Preparatory work | Fact-finding mission, Analytical work and in-depth analysis | Analytical report | <i>Country need:</i> Analysis and discussion at the national level of the best ways to support green investment ; Organisation of up to three regional conferences to take stock of recent initiatives, policy developments and financial vehicles in the EaP countries that support government efforts to shift towards a greener and more energy efficient path of economic development; Identification of key challenges and ways forward to better align financial mechanisms with policy reforms to speed and scale up green investments. |
| 3.4 Administrative capacity for environmental management (OECD) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity 3.4.1: Assessment of existing and required administrative capacity in the environmental sector | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Analytical report on existing/required administrative capacity in the environmental sector and development of recommendations | | Preparatory work | Preparatory work | Country mission (tbc) | Draft report | Present findings at 2d RA meeting | Final report | | 1 report | <i>Country need:</i> Analysis of existing and required administrative capacity in the environmental sector in all EaP countries against benchmarks and comparisons with other countries; Gaps and needs assessment with regard to the support on governance, legislative changes and economic analysis; Analysis of the need and feasibility of setting up Reform Support Teams in the Ministries of Environment and/or Economy and other forms of reform promotion; Preparing national capacity building work plans for the of Action duration (with a possibility to revisit it annually). Identifying necessary expert support to the development of recommendations and Development of recommendations and their validation. Key findings of a draft report tentatively are aimed to be presented at the 2d RA meeting. |
| Activity 3.4.2: Provision of Expert Support to the Ministries of Environment and or Economy | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | | | 2021-22 |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| – Plans for administrative strengthening | | | | | Analysis | Draft Plan | Final Plan | | 1 plan | |
| – Possibly, development of sustainable and targeted training mechanism | | | | | | | | Training | The plan will be prepared on the basis of the analysis (3.4.1) ; possibly one report with two parts (overview and plan) - subject to confirmation. | |
| – Provision of on-going/ad hoc expert support to the Ministry of Environment or the Economy | | | | | | | | On as needed basis | | |

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Table 4. Presentation of selected activities in Belarus for Result 5

| Selected activities in BELARUS | Time line | | | | | | | Expected output target | Comments | |
|--|-----------|----|-----------------|------|----|-----------------|----|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | | | | 2021-22 |
| | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| RESULT 3. Regional knowledge sharing and coordination (OECD) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.3: Monitoring of progress at the economy-environment nexus (OECD) | | | | | | | | | | |
| – Preparation /update of country profiles using indicators | | | country profile | | | country profile | | 2 country profiles | 4 profiles (1 per year) | <i>Country need:</i> 1) Support to the preparation and annual update of brief country profiles using headline indicators and mentioning progress with policy reform; 2) Support to the development of reports based on Green Growth Indicators that will serve to promote policy debates on green growth and enable progress evaluation, peer review and benchmarking mechanism; 3) Support for dissemination of collected information, including through international databases; 4) Development of policy briefs and organising policy debates around key messages derived from the analysis of Green Growth Indicators. Preparatory work may already start in 2019-20 (in link to preparation of a regional mid-term report), but in-depth analysis is envisaged in the second phase of the programme. |
| – Preparation of GGI report | | | | | | | | Preparatory work, mission and report | 1 report | |
| – Development of a policy brief, organising policy debates around key messages from GGI analysis | | | | | | | | Policy brief | 1 policy brief | |

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Annex 1. Key outcomes of the discussion during the EU4Environment country consultations with Belarus (25 June 2020) in regard to the current work plan implementation and proposals, if any, to adjust the work plan

The Implementing Partners agreed to follow up bilaterally on the respective activities. All proposals will be considered by the Partners and incorporated to the extent possible, subject to resource availability and additional bilateral discussions. The current work plan, in particular its timeline and activities, if applicable, may be revised towards end 2020 – beginning 2021.

- Continue to implement the activities as envisaged in the Work Plan and in line with the agreed timeline, using alternative modes of operation (virtual communications/meetings and engaging local consultants);
- Follow up on bilateral basis on individual activities, in particular:
 - OECD– on green budget and green investments.
- See for further details the Summary Record of the meeting.

