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**Summary minutes nr. 3  
of the Meeting of the Inter-ministerial Working Group  
on Sustainable Development and Green Economy  
National Implementation Committee of EU4Environment  
14 February 2020**

**Total present at the meeting** - 33 participants, members of the Working Group and invited persons (the LoP – in annex).

**The meeting was conducted by Ms Iuliana DRĂGĂLIN**, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, Co-chair of the Working Group.

**Secretaries of the meeting:** Ms Maria Nagornîi, Head of Division on Policies for pollution prevention and environmental assessment, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Ms Ludmila Țîmbaliuc, Senior consultant, Business regulation and SME Section, Economic policies and business environment Department, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure.

Participants received in advance all documents in electronic format and links to the discussion documents and copy of the Presentation, made during the meeting. The meeting took place in Green meeting/paper less format.

**Agenda of the meeting:**

1. Presenting the information about the start of implementation of EU4Environment in Moldova in 2019 and the last Quarter of 2019;
2. Detailed presentation of plans/activities under EU4Environment sub-components by implementing partner/implementing organizations for 2020;
3. 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;
4. 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;

## 5. Activity of the WG and next meeting.

### **Opening of the event:**

**In her opening statement, Ms Iuliana DRĂGĂLIN, State secretary, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, co-chair of the Inter-ministerial Working Group, informed the Group members, that she will take over the function of the co-chair of the Working Group on behalf of the Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure. Was mentioned, that the aspects, covered during the previous meetings of the Working Group and approved by the Government as objectives of the Program for the promotion of the green economy and were selected as national priorities for the actions within the regional Action EU4Environment. The members of the Working Group actively contributed to the implementation of the measures, foreseen in the mentioned Program during the period of 2018-2019, participated in the preparation of the annual edition of the National Round Table “Green Economy. Made in Moldova” and at the International Conference on SMEs “Green Moldova”, organized by MEI and ODIMM and which successfully took place last year in the Palace of Republic.**

For the current meeting was proposed to discuss the first results and plans for the implementation of the new project of the European Commission - **EU4Environment** – launched last year, and about the process of reporting on the implementation of the Program for the promotion of green economy, as indicated in the Governmental Decision nr.160 of 21.02.2018, and to agree on the next steps in this process and activities of the Working Group.

In her opening statement, on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Ms Maria Nagornii, Head of Division, Technical NFP of the EU4Environment, MARDE, mentioned, that the Working group for the promotion of the sustainable development and green economy was created in 2015 by an joint Order of the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Economy (nr. 107/66 from 17 June 2015) with the goal of establishing an inter-ministerial coordination mechanism for the implementation of sustainable development and green economy aspects, and for the facilitation of the implementation of the EU project “Greening the economies in Eastern Partnership countries” (EaP GREEN) (2014-2017). By the joint Order of the MEI and MARDE nr.65/63 from 18 March 2019 the Working group took over the coordination of the EU4Environment Action in the Republic of Moldova (2019-2022).

According to the agenda, Mr Andrei Isac, National action coordinator, EU4Environment, presented the general information about the activities implemented within EU4Environment in Moldova during the year 2019.

Were presented the plans for the implementation of the EU4Environment for 2020, developed by the Implementing Partners for each Result/sub-component,

separately: Result 1: Greener Decision Making; Result 2: Circular economy and New Growth Opportunities; Result 3: An Environmental level Playing Field; Result 5: Knowledge Sharing and Coordination.

After each block of actions followed a question and answers session and the WG members and invited persons presented their opinion or comments on the planned actions.

At the end of the meeting, the information about the organisation of the process of reporting for the year 2019 on the results of the implementation of the Program for the promotion of green economy in the Republic of Moldova for the years 2018-2020 was presented by Ms Maria Nagornii, Head of Division, MARDE. Thus was requested from the ministries and institutions, responsible for the implementation of the Program to present to MARDE by 01 March 2020 information about the implementation on the implementation of the actions from the Plan of Actions of the Program for the year 2019.

### **Major conclusions, proposals and comments:**

- The Working Group approved the information on the implementation of the EU4Environment in Moldova for the year 2019 and report on specific actions which took place in the Q 4, 2019;
- Was appreciated the fact, that a number of relevant actions from EU4Environment were included in the Plan of Actions of the Government for 2020-2023 and in the Action Plans of the involved ministries/governmental agencies;
- The Members of the Working Group approved the plans of actions within the sub-components of EU4Environment planned for 2020, developed by the Implementing Partners and implementing institutions;
- Was welcomed the action for the development of the training courses for the public servants on Green Economy and Strategic Environmental Assessment, with the proposal to disseminate this courses in the universities/institutions with economic and sectorial profiles. Have to be updated the list of representatives of the governmental institutions for the on-line training (English language based);
- Continuous synergy with the activities of the GIZ Project on the „Promotion of the professional technical education for Green Economy” in the period of 2019-2021, which started in 14 educational institutions, under the coordination of the Ecological College, GIZ and MECR to be ensured;
- The Program on Greening SMEs, developed by MEI and ODIMM and approved by the Government on 28.11.2019 will be launched in the first part of 2020. OECD, UNEP and UNIDO will provide support in the implementation of this Program through the sub-components of greening SMEs, promotion of eco-innovations, cleaner production etc.
- The action for the support in the development of the Program on waste management was proposed to start implementation in the first part of 2020;

- The actions on the Result 4 (implemented by the World Bank) for Moldova will be coordinated in addition, when will be submitted officially by the WB to the countries;
- For the assessment and recommendations for the improvement of the management and functioning of the National Ecological Fund was suggested to take into consideration the need to link income sources (environmental problems) with expenditures (solving the problems). At the same time the sources of income (payments and taxes (emissions, discharges, waste disposal, EPR schemes etc) have to be revised;
- Promotion of the Clean Urban Public Transport was considered as a priority for the country and have to be further promoted;
- The activities related to the draft legal base for the eco-labelling according to the EU requirements and for the promotion of the eco-labelling and Green Public Procurement – are considered important tools for the promotion of the green economy principles in the Republic of Moldova;
- In addition to the activities on the Sustainable Public Procurement was proposed to include the Feasibility study for the identification of the optimal way of development of SPP and of the target group of ecological products and services. Was indicated the need of organizing the exchange of experience with countries, which successfully implemented SPP and with countries beneficiaries of the EU4Environment project. Was proposed that this measures will be included in the list of actions, for which UNEP is providing its support, with a increased budget to cover all necessary trainings, awareness campaign, and carry out the tasks, planned for this component;
- Was agreed on the process of organisation of the reporting for 2019 on the results of the implementation of the Program for the promotion of green economy for 2018-2020, which will be carried out under the coordination of the MARDE according to the Governmental Decision 160/2018.

State Secretary

**Iuliana DRĂGĂLIN**

**Annexes to the Summary:**

- Agenda (final);
- List of Participants (copy in Word/pdf);
- Copy of discussion documents (Word, Excel and pdf);
- Presentation from the meeting (original PP, Rom/Eng).

**Information about the event was placed on the web sites:**

Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure:

<https://mei.gov.md/ro/content/mei-desfasurat-sedinta-grupului-de-lucru-interministerial-pentru-promovarea-dezvoltarii>

and the page: <https://www.facebook.com/MinisterulEconomiei>

Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment:

<http://madr.gov.md/ro/content/2325>

OECD: <http://www.oecd.org/site/eu4environment/events/>

Project page: <https://www.facebook.com/EU4EnvironmentMoldova/>