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Facilitating Green Public Investments in Moldova: Implementing the Designed Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme

Agenda

05 February 2021, 10:00 – 12:00 (Chisinau time), Zoom

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Background

OECD supported the Moldovan Ministry of Environment – further its successor, the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (MARDE) – from April 2017 to February 2018 in the project “Low-carbon public spending at the national level in Moldova.” The main objective of the OECD-Moldova co-operation within that project was to assist in establishing a greener development path, in particular by reducing the energy and carbon intensity of economy. The specific objective of this first part was to help increase the capacity of Moldovan ministries with an environmental agenda in their portfolio to design a green public investment programme in the public transport sector in line with good international practices.

As a result of the project, the Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme was developed, focused on supporting the shift to modern buses using cleaner fossil fuels (such as CNG – compressed natural gas and LPG – liquefied petroleum gas) or electricity generated by these or renewable resources (wind, solar or hydro power) in case of trolleybuses.

The CPT Programme includes two phases: the first (pilot) phase for two selected cities and an extension (scaling-up) phase for a larger area and a larger number of beneficiaries. The pilot phase foresees replacing 77 old vehicles (62 trolleybuses and 15 minibuses) in Chisinau and Balti, involving a total investment of USD 19.1 million over one year (after a one-year preparatory phase). Together, the pilot and the scaling-up phase (Scenario 1) will provide 735 new urban and suburban vehicles in the two pilot cities (62 trolleybuses, 393 buses and 280 minibuses), requiring an investment of USD 150.2 million. Assuming the more ambitious scaling-up phase (Scenario 2) is implemented, Moldova will have 2 510 new urban, suburban and inter-city vehicles (62 trolleybuses, 1 456 buses and 992 minibuses with CNG, LPG and modern diesel engines) at an investment cost of USD 498.6 million.

During an OECD mission in January 2020, MARDE and as a follow-up of discussions with stakeholders it was agreed to continue with a project to provide implementation support for the CPT, focusing on technical assistance and capacity development, including support in attracting co-financing from IFIs and donors, as well as to establish a programme implementation unit, among others by examining the involvement of the existing “environmental project implementation unit” and other possible approaches.

The activity is financially supported by and implemented within the framework of EU for Environment (EU4Environment). Under the overall direction of the European Commission, the implementing partners – OECD, UN Environment, UNECE, UNIDO, and the World Bank – build on important achievements of past cooperation programmes, such as Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP GREEN), a regional programme implemented in 2013-17.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- Present the project on Facilitating green public investments in Moldova: Implementing the designed Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme.
- Present the main finding of the draft report on potential funding sources.
- Identify next steps in CPT programme implementation, in particular how programme implementation unit (PIU) should be set up.

Participants

The meeting aims to bring together the key domestic policy actors in the environment, transport and financial sectors in Moldova. Some of the main participants include:

- Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development, and Environment (with Environmental Agency and Environmental Inspectorate)
- Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure
- Ministry of Finance
- Cities of Chisinau, Balti, Ungheni, Cahul, and Edinet
- EU4Moldova: Focal Regions (UNDP)
- Moldova Sustainable Green Cities / Green City Lab (UNDP)
- Environment/Transport NGOs
- Project Implementation Unit in Environment Sector

Potential donors will also be considered to include:

- Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Moldova
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- European Investment Bank

Commercial banks involved in green investments:

- MAIB, Victoriabank, Mobiasbanca, Moldinconbank

Synergies (project representatives):

- Transport infrastructure project
- Green City Balti (together with consulting company and selected local expert representative)
- Moldovagaz.

Practical Information

English-Romanian interpretation will be provided during the meeting.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment) 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 based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022.

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Session 1 10.00	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dorin Andros, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment • Mr. Valentin Toncoglaz, Head of International Transport Cooperation Section, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure • Mr. Ion Guzun, Programme Manager, Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Moldova • Objectives of the meeting and presentation of the project – Mr. David Simek, Project Manager, OECD
Session 2 10.15	Presentation of the project, of the main findings of the report on potential financing sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main aspects of the CPT Programme, in particular required financing – SST-Consult (Mr. Rafal Stanek) • Main findings and recommendations of the report on potential financing sources (Task 1 report) – SST-Consult (Mr. David Toft) • Development of a manual for the future Programme Implementation Unit on approaching potential financing sources for CPT and other programmes – SST-Consult (Mr. David Toft)
10.50	Questions
Session 3 11.00	Discussion on next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing Programme Implementation Unit for CPT Programme, including PIU options and training programme – SST-Consult (Mr. David Toft) • Possible approach for mainstreaming CPT into policy documents – Ms. Maria Nagornii, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment • Overview of next steps in project – SST-Consult
Session 4 11.50	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of key conclusions and next steps – OECD • Concluding remarks – MARDE
	<i>Related documents:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPT Programme’s Policy Highlights (English, Romanian) • Summary of Report 1 on Financing Sources (English, Romanian)

- Presentations (English, Romanian)