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Progress in 2020, detailed plans for January – June 2021
and general plans for 2021
(prepared by the NAC and IPs for the NIC meeting, 12.02.2021)

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Result 1. Greener decision making (1.1, 1.2, 1.4 - UNEP)

Progress in 2020



Plans for 2021 (January – June)

- ✓ Regular support for organization/logistics of **inter-ministerial dialogue on Green Economy (GE)**: GG/NIC meeting (14.02.2020; 11.09.2020; 12.02.2021); country consultations (29.05.2020)
 - ✓ Translation and **launch of Romanian version of an introductory GE course**; discussions with Academy of Public Administration to promote and host the course further
 - ✓ Nomination of candidates from various government bodies for participation in an **in-depth Green Economy (GE) policy-making course**: 14 candidates nominated; learning needs assessment conducted; course to start next week
 - ✓ **Awareness raising campaigns**: National High Level Round table “Green Economy. Made in Moldova” (31.01.2020 and 29.01.2021); EUGreenWeek 2021 (31.04-04.06.2021), WED2021 (05.06.2021).
- ✓ Continued **inter-ministerial dialogue on GE and overall oversight of EU4Environment GG/NIC meeting**
 - ✓ Promotion (and future hosting) of the **introductory GE course among various civil servants**; GE course integrated in the ongoing programs at the APA
 - ✓ Delivery of a tailored, interactive **GE policy making/analysis training course to nominated participants** (including all EaP countries); analysis of sectoral policies by trained civil using skills obtained
 - ✓ **Investment needs assessment**: in alignment with review of national GE strategy (priority sectors discussed at NIC meeting of 11.09.2020).
 - ✓ **Awareness raising campaigns for general public**: 6th National High Level Round table “Green Economy. Made in Moldova”, national and global campaigns, in synergy with the activity 5.2 on communication



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Result 1. Greener decision making (1.3 - UNECE: SEA/EIA)

Progress in 2020



Plans for 2021 (January – June)

- ✓ Legislative assistance
 - **review of EIA and SEA legislation** completed, discussed at MARDE's Working Group on Legislation Amendment;
 - agreed *terms of reference* + legal experts for next phase (drafting amendments) in place
 - ✓ Two **Guidelines on (1) Quality Control of SEA Documentation; (2) QC of transb. EIA Documentation** - draft ToRs + experts secured, development process moved to 2021
 - ✓ RM's delegation (7 participants) shared experience with the other EaP countries and received training at **Subregional Workshop on the Application of SEA and Transb. EIA** organized by UNECE 26-27 October
 - ✓ **Video on the Espoo Convention (transboundary EIA)** in ENG developed and launched at the *Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention/MOP to the SEA Protocol* (8-11 December)
- ✓ Legislative assistance (cont'd) – **legislation amendments drafting** and related activities (Jan-Oct);
 - ✓ Two **Guidelines on Quality Control** of SEA and EIA Documentation - development (January to Q3);
 - ✓ **2nd Awareness-Raising Workshop on SEA** in the Republic of Moldova (date tbc);
 - ✓ **SEA course for public servants + university-level course** on SEA and transboundary EIA: development to be initiated by June;
 - ✓ **Translation of the video** on the Espoo Convention into Romanian (April – June);



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Result 1. Greener decision making (UNECE: SEA/EIA)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ Finalization of the **draft Law on amendments to EIA, SEA and other relevant laws** (Q3);
- ✓ Finalization of 2 **Guidelines on Quality Control** of SEA and EIA Documentation (Q3);
- ✓ **Training Workshop on Quality Control of SEA and EIA Documentation** (after the finalization of the draft Guidelines above);
- ✓ Identification of a draft plan/programme for a **pilot project** on transboundary SEA or on transboundary EIA + preparation of a team of experts + its initiation (Q4);
- ✓ Finalized **SEA course for public servants** + finalized **university-level course** on SEA and transboundary EIA (by the end of the year);
- ✓ Finalized **video on the Espoo Convention in RO** (in Q3); development of **awareness-raising materials** (Q3-Q4);
- ✓ Initiation of development of a **model for a SEA on-line database** for six beneficiary countries.



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (2.1, 2.2 - UNIDO)

Progress in 2020

- ✓ **Consultations with NFPs** and other stakeholders preparing a tender for a National Implementing Partner (NIP);
- ✓ **Tender to identify the RECP NIP** closed (October 2020);
- ✓ **ToR for RECP National Coordinator** developed in consultation with NFPs (October-November 2020) and Vacancy Announcement launched (December 2020);
- ✓ Presentation of UNIDO activities and work plan related to SMEs at the **Conference on Launching of the Program on Greening SMEs**, organized by ODIMM (03 June 2020);
- ✓ **Identified synergies with the GREEN SMEs Country Program** led by ODIMM (in synergy with OECD and UNEP activities, April-June 2020);
- ✓ **EIP international expert institution contracted and EIP methodology application to IPs and FEZ** (Eco-industrial parks feasibility) prepared (December 2020);



Plans for 2021 (January – June)

- ✓ **Contracting** of the RECP National Coordinator (February 2021);
- ✓ ToR for **RECP Training and assessment** discussed with potential implementing institution and contract signed (February 2021) ;
- ✓ **Training** of 15 RECP experts (from March 2021);
- ✓ **RECP assessment** of 15 SMEs (from April 2021);
- ✓ Identification of a support institution and launch **of 2 RECP Clubs** (Spring 2021);
- ✓ **Gender mainstreaming in industry: training** organized (Spring 2021);
- ✓ ToR developed to contract the Industrial Parks expert to support application of EIP methodology for IPs and FEZ , launch of the **assessment** (Spring, 2021)
- ✓ Identification and contracting of **communication and awareness support partner for RECP and Circular Economy**; Visibility plan agreed and campaign launched (Spring 2021)



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNIDO)

General plans for 2021

- ✓ Report with **initial RECP site reviews** of 28 companies (Q2, 2021); Progress report on training activities for industry staff and trainees with progress on at least 15 RECP assessments (Q3, 2021); Set of full technical reports of RECP assessments (in English and national language)(Q3-4, 2021); RECP Action Plans approved by companies for implementation (Q4, 2021);
- ✓ Regional **RECP Centers/Partners meeting** (March, 2021)
- ✓ **2 new RECP Clubs activities** (synergy with EU Focal Areas Moldova); Progress report on 2 RECP clubs activities for member SMEs (Q2-3, 2021); Two evaluation reports for two RECP clubs prepared (Q4, 2021);
- ✓ **RECP Stakeholders group meeting** (Q2, 2021) and the First National RECP/CE conference conceptualized and organized (Q4, 2021);
- ✓ **Raising awareness and sharing knowledge on RECP** (according to the NIP ToR): communication plan, web presence, awareness raising events and materials (during the year);
- ✓ Finalize the EIP assessment in IPs and FEZ **and present recommendations** (Q4, 2021).
- ✓ Awareness about **concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products** initiative in view of national eco-labelling practices (Q3-4, 2021).



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (2.3 – 2.6 - UNEP)

Progress in 2020



Plans for 2021 (January - June)

- ✓ **Progress on SPP since 2017 is under review** by the International and National Experts in consultation with the Public Procurement Agency (report to be presented in Feb 2021);
- ✓ **Assessment and the draft Roadmap on eco-labeling** prepared and presented to the stakeholders at webinar (18 Dec 2020) (PA EcoContact)
- ✓ Consultations with Organization for the Small and Medium Enterprise Sector Development (ODIMM) to assist with **eco-innovation promotion and trainings**
- ✓ Coordinated the support for the **Use of strategic approaches on waste management** (March – September 2020) – development of the **National Waste Management Programme (NWMP) and National Waste Action Plan (NWAP)**; initiation of the process of development of **NWMP and NWAP** (ToR, local partner contracted (September-November 2020))
- ✓ Draft a **Governmental Decision of SPP**
- ✓ Identify **priority product groups**, review market readiness, update the sustainability criteria for priority products
- ✓ Draft **SPP guidelines for priority product groups**
- ✓ Draft **regulation on eco-labelling** and organize first public hearings
- ✓ Draft guidelines on development of **eco-labelling criteria** for different product categories
- ✓ First **eco-innovation workshop; market and policy analysis** in priority sectors; national validation workshop; technical assistance for revision of SMEs' business strategies; participation in a **regional experience sharing event on eco-innovation for SMEs**
- ✓ First workshop for the development of **NWMP and NWAP** conducted (TBC); Roadmap of the **NWMP** development prepared (by 30.04.2021); first Draft NWMP prepared (by 31.06.2021)



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Result 3. Environmental level playing field (OECD)

Progress in 2020



Plans for 2021

- ✓ Mission and preparatory work (draft ToR) for a follow-up (capacity development) project on the designed **Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme**; project launched with a kick off meeting on 5 February 2021
- ✓ Assistance with developing a **self-assessment tool for SMEs** and assistance with the development of **metrics for measuring SME greening** nationally (March – May);
- ✓ Progress on an **assessment report on the compliance assurance system** and the system of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance (information-gathering and interviews).
- ✓ Comments on the **draft law on IED** and support on its implementation (November);
- ✓ Reviewing and reforming the current set-up of **the National Ecological Fund**: assessment, ToR for local expert (March-July); Call for applications (August), selection of the consultant (October);
- ✓ **Estimation of fossil-fuel subsidies for 2016-2019** for the OECD-IEA Fossil-fuel subsidies database (July – December);
- ✓ Launch of work on **green bonds** (project call for tender completed in December)
- ✓ Launch of work on **administrative capacity** for environmental management project (discussions on ad-hoc **expert support to the Environmental Agency**)

- ✓ Implementation of the **Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme**; including capacity development
- ✓ Finalisation of the assessment report on the **compliance assurance system and on administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance (Q2)**.
- ✓ Development of the Operational Manual of the **National Ecological Fund** and staff training;
- ✓ **Collection of data on energy-related taxes (TBD)**;
- ✓ Fact-finding virtual mission on **green bonds project** (March-April);
- ✓ Analytical report on **existing/required administrative capacity in the environmental sector** (July) and development of a roadmap for improving administrative capacity in the environmental sector,
- ✓ Expert support to on the application of **General Binding Rules** (for a specific sector) (TBD);



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Result 3. Environmental level playing field (3.1 – 3.4 - OECD)

Regional plans for 2021

- ✓ **Regional meetings on:**
 - ✓ **SME greening** (March 2021);
 - ✓ **green finance** (October 2021);
 - ✓ **compliance assurance** (October 2021);
 - ✓ **EU IED/BAT** (November 2021)



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Result 4. Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods (the World Bank)

Progress in 2020



Plans for 2021 (January – June)

- ✓ **Signed the agreement between the WB and EC:**
- ✓ Improve resilience through the preservation of ecosystem services, with a focus on forests and protected areas
- ✓ Countries' natural capital better conserved and more resilient livelihoods ensured

- ✓ **Inception phase – January – June 2021**
- ✓ **Actions:**
 - Launching a **shared network of protected areas** involving EU and neighbouring countries
 - Support for community actions for **forest conservation and sustainable use** to increase non-timber goods production, energy efficiency related to biomass
 - Actions to **limit the trade in illegal timber**,
 - Support for the identification and development of innovative **financing schemes for sustainable management of ecosystem services**



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Result 5. Monitoring progress at environment-economy nexus (OECD) (5.3. Green growth indicators)

Progress in 2020



Plans for 2021

- ✓ Overview of available **green growth indicators** in the OECD database for the Republic of Moldova and initial internal discussions on its extension and update;
 - ✓ Propose **integration** of the GGIs in the **Program of statistical works for 2021** and placement on the NBS and other related sites (August - September 2020);
 - ✓ **Country profile** (developed and disseminated).
- ✓ Update of the **Green Growth Indicators Report (2017)**: enlarge, if possible, the number of green growth indicators, identifying new ones, publishing online data, ensuring synergy with Moldova 2030/SDGs objectives and targets, SoER of Moldova and updated Program on the promotion of green economy for 2021-2023, considering integrating data into the OECD stat base;
 - ✓ Development of the next edition of the **GGIs-based country profile**



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Result 5: Co-ordination (Result 5.1)

Progress in 2020

Plans for 2021

- ✓ **EaP country virtual consultations** (Republic of Moldova - 29 May 2020): participation of NFPs, DG NEAR, DG Environment, all IP; Summary of the event developed and circulated.
 - ✓ **Consultations with NFPs on specific activities** (OECD, NEF, June 2020);
 - ✓ **Second Regional Assembly**, 22 September
 - ✓ **Co-ordination meeting with NACs** (15 January 2021)
- ✓ **Third EU4Environment Regional Assembly** (21 September 2021, virtual)
 - ✓ **Regular consultations** with NFPs and NACs on specific activities



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Result 5: Communication (Result 5.2)

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Plans for 2021

- ✓ Promotion of EU4Environment on **national web sites**: MEI (Green Economy/EU4Environment) and MARDE (EU4Environment);
- ✓ **EU4Environment Web site and FB**:
<http://www.eu4environment.org>
- ✓ <https://www.facebook.com/EU4Environment-100539842031096>
- ✓ **Newsletter**, reaching subscribers* and disseminated to 1000 persons within networks;
- ✓ Use of **social media** (YouTube, Flickr, EU4Environment Facebook page and for Moldova, existing Twitter channels);
- ✓ **Privesc.eu** and the established support and placement of news and events on the **FB of EUD and ImpreunaMaiPuternici in Moldova**
- ✓ **Newsletter** on a monthly basis (extension of the list of subscribers) (end of each month);
- ✓ Production of **new videos** (Regional Assembly, thematic videos, interviews) (**TBD**)
- ✓ Use of **Social media and** EU4Environment Facebook page for Moldova on a regular basis;
- ✓ Promotion at **national and international** events (incl. the EaP Ministerial, EU Green Week May 2021, World Environment Day, 5 June);
- ✓ Reinforced **coordination with other programmes** (i.e., OPEN Programme, EU4Climate, EU4Business, EU4Moldova; EU Focal Regions Moldova, RECONOMY)



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