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**Meeting of the Inter-ministerial Working Group on the promotion of
Sustainable Development and Green Economy,
National Implementation Committee (NIC) for EU4Environment
Republic of Moldova**

Agenda

10 September 2021, 10.00 – 13.00 (EET, MD time)

Chisinau

Virtual meeting (Zoom platform), English/Romanian translation

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Background

Meetings of Moldova's Inter-ministerial Working Group on the promotion of Sustainable Development and Green Economy (also acting as the National Implementation Committee (NIC) for the EU4Environment programme) are regularly supported by the EU-funded EU4Environment programme, as part of its component Output 1.1 on "Green economy ownership, policy coherence and cross-sectorial coordination", which is implemented by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). Thanks to the EU's and UNEP's support, the Inter-ministerial Working Group has recently marked 6 years of activity (2015-2021).

The previous **Meeting of the WG/NIC took place on February 12, 2021**. The meeting was in a virtual format and attended by EC, EUD, all EU4Environment Implementing Partners, EU4Environment NFPs and NIC/WG members and NGOs from Moldova. The implementation of EU4Environment project in Moldova in 2020 and presentation of detailed plans/activities under EU4Environment sub-components for January-June 2021 and general plans till the end of 2021, including regional EU4Environment events were presented, examined and approved.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- Presenting the current state of the implementation of EU4Environment in Moldova in 2021 (with contribution/presentation from Implementing Partners);
- Presentation of detailed workplans for the last 4 months of 2021 and general activity plans for 2022 (with contribution/presentation from Implementing Partners) including the planned EU4Environment regional events (including the RA on September 21, 2021);
- Presentation of the country workplan for the Result 4 for 2021-2022 (the WB);
- Presentation of the final evaluation of the implementation of the Program on the promotion of Green Economy for 2018-2020 and recommendations for the development of the new program for 2022-2027;
- Presentation of the information paper on the EU Green Deal and the state of the green transition in the Republic of Moldova;
- Presentation of the updated Green Growth Indicators (GGIs) for Moldova and new indicators;
- Ensure synergies with other international projects/programmes under implementation in Moldova and region;
- Informing EU4Environment implementing partners about the possibilities and needs regarding the implementation of the EU4Environment programme in Moldova (and at the regional level, as appropriate);
- Other discussion items.

Participants

The meeting will gather the following participants: State secretaries (EU4Environment NFPs/Co-chairs from MEI and MARDE), Members of the NIC/WG on SD and GE/NIC of EU4Environment in Moldova, representatives of governmental agencies, MEI, MARDE, ODIMM, APP, AEE, academic sector, environmental NGOs, representatives EC (DG NEAR, DG Environment),

Delegation of the EU in RM, representatives of Implementing Partners (OECD, UNEP, UNECE, UNIDO and the WB).

Practical Information

The meeting will take place in virtual format (Zoom platform). Working languages (Romanian and English) (interpretation will be provided).

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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AGENDA

Time	Item 1. Welcome remarks
10.00 – 10.15	<p>Iordanca-Rodica IORDANOV, State secretary, Ministry of Environment, NFP for EU4Environment from environment side (moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iuliana CANTARAGIU, Minister of Environment • Sergiu GAIBU, Minister of Economy • Gintautas BARANAUSKAS, Deputy Head of Operations Section, Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Moldova <p>Presentation of the agenda (Andrei Isac, NAC, EU4Environment, Moldova)</p>
10.15 – 11.15	<p>Item 2. Implementation of EU4Environment in Moldova in 2021 - presentation of results of the activities under EU4Environment sub-components for January-August 2021, detailed plans for the last 4 month of 2021 and general plans for 2022, including planned regional EU4Environment events (including the process of preparation for the Third Regional Assembly of the EU4Environment, 21 September 2021)</p> <p>Result 1: Greener Decision Making Result 2: Circular economy and New Growth Opportunities Result 3: An Environmental level Playing Field Result 4. Ecosystem services (country work plan for 2021-2022) Result 5: Knowledge Sharing and Coordination</p> <p>Andrei Isac, NAC of EU4Environment with contribution from IP and participation of the involved institutions and beneficiaries: Rie TSUTSUMI, Regional coordinator, Europe Office UN Environment Programme Leonid KALASHNYK, Project Coordinator, UNECE Tatiana CHERNYAVSKAYA, Project Coordinator, UNIDO Krzysztof MICHALAK, Senior Action Coordinator, OECD Anatol GOBJILA, Senior Agriculture Economist, WB Country Program Coordinator and Aurel Lozan, WB Country Activity Coordinator, the World Bank Group</p> <p>Q/A after each results presentation, moderated discussion on priority future actions and plans.</p> <p>5 minutes break (depending on timing, to be coordinated with Co-chairs and participants)</p>
11.15 – 11.45	<p>Item 3. Program on Green Economy, European Green Deal and synergies</p>

	<p>Presentation of the final evaluation of the implementation of the Program on the promotion of Green Economy for 2018-2020 and recommendations for the development of the new program for 2022-2027 Ilona PANURCO, Local consultant, UNECE</p> <p>Greening VET (WG Greening VET of the Alliance for the promotion of VET led by the CCI of the RoM Corina Muntean, Ecological College Liudmila STIHI, GIZ Country Office Moldova</p> <p>Presentation of the information paper on the EU Green Deal and the state of green transition in the Republic of Moldova (TBC) Andrei Isac, NAC, EU4Environment, Moldova</p> <p>Q/A</p>
11.45 – 12.45	<p>Item 4. Special session on Green Growth Indicators in the Republic of Moldova: launch of work to update the national set (EU4Environment Activity 5.3)</p> <p>Brief introduction to the GGIs framework and EU4Environment Activity 5.3 Krzysztof MICHALAK, Senior Programme Manager, Environment Directorate, OECD</p> <p>Presentation of the updated list of the Green Growth Indicators of Moldova and new indicators Adrian Lupusor, Executive Director, Expert-Grup Alexandru Fala, Expert-Grup Dumitru Pinteaa, Expert-Grup</p> <p>Interventions and closing remarks by high-level participants on the use of GGIs for promoting evidence-based policies Iordanca-Rodica IORDANOV, State secretary, Ministry of Environment Vadim GUMENE, State secretary, Ministry of Economy (tbc) Oleg CARA, General Director of the National Bureau of Statistics (tbc)</p> <p>Q/A</p>
12.45 – 13.00	<p>Item 5. Conclusions, next steps and closure</p> <p>Co-chairs of the Working Group/NIC will sum-up some of the key points from the meeting, and set the scene for the next steps.</p>

