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This document presents a consolidated manner, the revised Work Plan for Azerbaijan for Results 1-5 as part of the European Union for Environment Action (EU4Environment). The Work Plan contains Result 4, led by the World Bank, that was added following the completion of the contractual procedure at the end of 2020. The Plan takes into account adjustments that occurred in the first two years of implementation, including the revision of the timeline to reflect the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic (as of Dec 2020 for Results 1 -3, 5, as of Sept 2021 for Result 4). The work plan will be further revised after the Regional Assembly, taking account its decisions.

This documents is prepared for the third Regional Assembly meeting, to be held on 21 September 2021, to support the discussion on the progress in the EU4Environment implementation and review the activities and timeline for the remaining period.

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List of acronyms

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 revised final country-specific **Work Plan in Azerbaijan for 2019-2022** of the European Union for Environment programme (EU4Environment), as it was agreed in September 2019. It consolidates the activities identified for implementation in Azerbaijan with respect to the proposals specified in the Description of the Action (DoA) for **Results 1-5**. The regional activities, involving Azerbaijan, are covered separately by the regional work plan. The work plan for **Result 4**, led by the World Bank, was added following the completion of the contractual procedure in December 2020.

The Work Plan was prepared based on initial commitments discussed at the EU4Environment national launch event (15 April 2019, Baku) 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.

The Annex 1 to the Work Plan presents the key outcomes of the discussion during the country consultations with Azerbaijan (4 June 2020), in regard to the implementation of the current work plan and proposals.

Table 1 maps all activities agreed for implementation in Azerbaijan. Tables 2-6 present more detailed planning under each Result, expected output targets and indicative timeline for the implementing period. A detailed description of each activity is available from the DoA.

The timeline of the work plan was revised to reflect the consequences of the unprecedented challenge brought in 2020 by the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite vaccination campaigns, the situation related to Covid-19 still remains uncertain due appearance of new variants, and will continue impacting the Programme implementation.

The Work Plan continues to be flexible for further adjustments of the timeline and activities, if necessary.

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);
- **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. Progress on its implementation is reported to the European Commission in the annual narrative reports, and to the countries at the annual Regional Assembly meetings.

National Focal Points and National Action Coordinator in Azerbaijan

As envisaged by the DoA, to support the Programme implementation, the Ministries of Ecology and Natural Resources and of Economy appointed **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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The Programme implementation is facilitated by the EU4Environment **National Action Coordinator – Mr. Kamran Rzayev.**

Revised final consolidated plan of work in Azerbaijan for Results 1-5

Table 1. Consolidated list of activities in Azerbaijan under Results 1-5.

Activities	Azerbaijan
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	V
Activity 1.2.2: Development of investment strategy proposals or action plans	V
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	X
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	X
Activity 2.1.2: Supporting RECP Clubs	V
Activity 2.1.3: Promoting Circular Economy – Waste mapping in municipalities	V
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	V
2.2: Concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products (SMGP) initiative (UNIDO)	

Activity 2.2.1: Mapping of existing practices and barriers for existing labelling schemes	V
Activity 2.2.2: Awareness and understanding of SMGP opportunities and benefits	X
Activity 2.2.3: Piloting product environmental footprint (PEF) in selected industries	X
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) ¹	O
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	X
Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustment of enabling policies and policy tools in priority sectors	X
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 ²	O
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 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods (tentative)	
4.1: Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems (Emerald Network) (World Bank)	
Activity 4.1.1 Preparing draft action plans in selected sites to advance the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of existing sites	V
Activity 4.1.2 Regional collaboration and exchange with EU member states; communication and awareness raising	V
4.2: Promoting sustainable natural resources management, economic development and participation at local community level (World Bank)	
Activity 4.2.1: Baseline mapping for community engagement on forests and other natural resources management	V
Activity 4.2.2: Supporting targeted communities with gaining practical knowledge on natural resource management (NRM)	V

¹ For possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability.

² The overall scope and depth of Output 2.6 will be decided after having the national trainings as part of Activity 2.6.1. This Activity will be considered for possible implementation in a later stage of the project – subject to the country's potential and capacity, and available funds.

Activity 4.2.3: Supporting the EaP countries in the development of lessons learnt reports	V
4.3: Support to the promotion of legal trade and preventing illegal trade in wood products (World Bank)	
Activity 4.3.1: Strengthening timber/wood trade control systems in the EaP countries	
Activity 4.3.2: Promoting innovation and technology to strengthen export and trade controls over timber/wood	V
Activity 4.3.3: Awareness raising, communication, trade events	V
4.4: Enhancing strategic financing to the forest and natural resources management sectors (World Bank)	
Activity 4.4.1: Developing country investment and financing plans for natural capital conservation and sustainable utilization	V
Activity 4.4.2: Promoting regional and international collaboration	V
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	O ³
Activity 3.2.2: Reform of high impact enforcement and compliance promotion instruments, including environmental liability	O
Activity 3.2.3: Networking and capacity building	V ⁴
3.3: Domestic public finance, subsidy reforms, public-private partnerships and private finance for green investment (OECD)	
Activity 3.3.1: Greening public expenditure	V
Activity 3.3.2: Review of selected national funding entities	V
Activity 3.3.3: Reforming energy subsidies	X
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	

³ CAS review and brief assessment report of the systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance are subject to resource availability.

⁴ Under regional activities.

Activity 5.3: Monitoring of progress at the economy-environment nexus	V
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Notes: V – selected; O – for possible implementation at a later stage – subject to funds availability; X – not selected.

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Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line												Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021				2022		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
transboundary EIA and its benefits (already prepared by UNECE in English)														
– Developing other awareness materials on SEA and EIA, incl. transboundary EIA (leaflet and brochure)													1 leaflet, 1 brochure	
– Awareness raising event to promote the application of SEA and EIA, incl. transboundary EIA													1 event	
– A model for a SEA database to support application of SEA procedures													1 model	development of a generic model that can be adopted by all the six beneficiary countries

Table 3. Activities in Azerbaijan under Result 2: timeline and expected output targets

Selected activities in AZERBAIJAN	Time line												Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021				2022		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	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 2.1.2: 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 2.1.3: Promoting Circular Economy (CE) – Waste mapping in municipalities														
– Awareness events on CE concepts and approaches													1-2 events	Mapping of industrial waste to support efforts of recently adopted waste management strategy (2018)
– Identification and assessment of waste sources from production activities													1 report	
– Identification of recycling options for identified waste sources													1 report	
– Preparation of waste maps in 2-3 municipalities of selected pilot countries													1 report	

Selected activities in AZERBAIJAN	Time line												Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021				2022		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
– National capacity and institutional activities regularly planned													Work plans	
2.2: Concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products initiative (UNIDO)														
Activity 2.2.1: Mapping of existing practices and barriers for existing labelling schemes														
– A study on eco-labelling													Report	
– Mapping of barriers in pilot countries in view of SMGP application													Report	
2.4: Use of strategic approaches on waste management (UNEP)														
Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) schemes													EPR technical report Roadmap	Gap analysis developed and presented.
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	Participated in regional training

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line												Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021				2022			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
RESULT 3. An environmental level playing field															
3.1: “Smart” regulation of environmental impacts															
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	Country need: Atmospheric air pollution regulation is one of the emerging issues in Azerbaijan. There is an actual need to support in the development of emission limit settings and environmental permitting for emissions. It will also contribute to the implementation of the UNECE Air Convention.	
— Developing/updating road maps for the reform												Roadmap	Roadmap		
— Training (country-specific, sub-regional or regional - subject to confirmation)												Training	10-20 government officials trained		
Activity 3.1.2: Greening Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)															
— Expert support to on the application of General Binding Rules (GBR)		Fact-finding mission										Report	Report	Detailed planning will be made following fact-finding mission	
— Analysis of existing instruments for financing SME greening														See regional activities	
— Incorporating “green” components in the SME Development Strategies		Fact-finding mission						Implemen- tation of SME Self- Assessm ent tool				Report	Report analysing the integration of green components into SME Development Strategy, with recommendations	Adjustments can be made following fact-finding mission, including the timing of the preparation of the analytical report.	
3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes															

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line												Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021				2022			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
Activity 3.2.1: Strengthening of Compliance Assurance Systems, Instruments, and Tools <i>(no in-depth country activity planned)</i> ⁵															
– Screening the compliance assurance system (CAS)												Mission, draft & final CAS review ⁶	1 review of the compliance assurance system to prepare background for possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability	Country need: Currently, there is an ongoing structural reforms in the Ministry of Environment. One of the elements of these reforms is strengthening the compliance assurance systems through establishing new-model subordinates. In order to fully improve the system, to have this activity on board is crucial.	
– Support to coordinated inspection campaign <i>(a multi-country campaign - subject to confirmation)</i>										Combine d with 3.2.3		Campaig n	Campaign		
Activity 3.2.2: Reform of high impact enforcement and compliance promotion instruments, including environmental liability <i>(no in-depth country activity planned)</i> ⁷															
– Support to reform of the systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance		Fact-finding mission										Brief assess ment ⁸	Assessment report to prepare background for possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability	Country need: Currently, the relevant legislation are reviewed to bettering sanctions, payments and penalties for non-compliance systems. This activity will be important to support national	

⁵ “No in-depth country activity” means that due to its limited resources the OECD is not able to accommodate this Activity to its full extent. But taking into account the importance of this work for Azerbaijan, it was decided to conduct a light CAS review and prepare a short assessment report as a background for possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability. Under this Activity, the OECD will address to the extent possible the country needs within the limit of its available human and financial resources. More details will be discussed during the fact-finding mission.

⁶ CAS review and brief assessment report of the systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance are subject to resource availability.

⁷ “No in-depth country activity” means that due to its limited resources the OECD is not able to accommodate this Activity to its full extent. But taking into account the importance of this work for Azerbaijan, it was decided to conduct a light CAS review and prepare a short assessment report as a background for possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability. Under this Activity, the OECD will address to the extent possible the country needs within the limit of its available human and financial resources. More details will be discussed during the fact-finding mission.

⁸ CAS review and brief assessment report of the systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance are subject to resource availability.

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line												Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021				2022		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
														efforts. Close link to CAS review (possibly one report with two parts) - subject to confirmation
Activity 3.2.3: Networking and capacity building														
– Update/develop one training module and the provision of two cross-agency trainings (country-specific, sub-regional or regional - subject to confirmation)										Capacity building seminar (under regional activities)				
3.3: Domestic public finance, subsidy reforms, public-private partnerships and private finance for green investment														
Activity 3.3.1: Greening public expenditure														
– Project on the costing of priority green economy-related public investment programmes and development of competence profiles for civil servants in the area of green financing								Preparatory work	Analysis	Programme design	Final report		Analytical report	
– Training for government officials										Training			20 people trained; Trainees involved in follow-up programme implementation	
Activity 3.3.2: Review of selected national funding entities														
– Review of existing national public funding entities and practices of a selected entity (-ies) (to be identified in consultation with the Government)									Stakeholder consultation	If needed knowledge exchange	If needed knowledge exchange		Knowledge exchange between Moldova/ others and Azerbaijan/ as needed	Country need: Getting the best experiences through this activity will enable Azerbaijan to understand green financing approaches and related practices better.

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line												Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021				2022		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
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							Selection of an international consultant	Selection of an international consultant	Preparatory work	Online stakeholder discussions		Country-level assessment	Analytical report	
3.4 Administrative capacity for environmental management														
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, discussions with SIGMA				Selection of an international consultant	Kick-off event with NACs (15 Jan)	Round of consultations	Draft report	Final report		Report	Country need: the structural reforms are ongoing within the Ministry of Environment. Therefore, this is the one activity we need to have as early as possible. Key findings of a draft report tentatively are aimed to be presented at the 2d Regional Assembly (RA) meeting.
Activity 3.4.2: Provision of Expert Support to the Ministries of Environment and or Economy														
– Plans for administrative strengthening												Plan	1 plan	Country need: This activity will complement the activity 3.4.1 and is considered as important as the first one. 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.
– Possibly, development of sustainable and targeted training mechanism												Training		
– Provision of on-going/ad hoc expert support to the Ministry of Environment or Economy													On as needed basis	

Note: The country-specific needs, if any, identified in this Table will be accommodated, to the extent possible, taking into account feasibility and the resources available; subject to further discussion and confirmation.

Table 5. Tentative activities in Azerbaijan under Result 4 “Ecosystems Services and Livelihoods”: timeline and expected output targets

The EC/World Bank contractual procedure was completed in December 2020, with start of activities in 2021. This document is the *draft* country-specific **Plan of Work for Result 4 in Azerbaijan for 2021-2024** of the European Union for Environment Programme (EU4Environment). It builds on initial commitments discussed at the EU4Environment national launch event (April 15, 2019), discussions at the EU4Environment Inaugural Regional Assembly meeting (27-28 June 2019, Brussels), and consultations of the World Bank Team with National Focal Points and responsible officials from the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (MENR) and Ministry of Economy (MOE) of Azerbaijan (April 23, 2021, and through July 2021). This document is a draft and is supposed to be finalized by September 30, 2021 taking into account the results of the discussions at the Regional Assembly to be held on September 21, 2021.

Selected activities in Azerbaijan (<i>tentative</i>)	Timeline							Expected output target	Comments	
	2021		2022				2023-24			
		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
RESULT 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods of the European Union for Environment Action										
Output 4.1: Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems (Emerald Network)										
Activity 4.1.1: Preparing draft action plans in selected sites to advance the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of existing sites										
Developing methodological guidelines on preparing Emerald Network Management Plans								Methodological guidelines		
Developing Emerald Network Management Plans for 2-3 selected sites								Emerald Network Management Plans (number TBD)	Plans to be presented and discussed at the stakeholder consultation meetings	
Capacity building for the implementation of the Guidelines for sustainable management of forest areas within Emerald sites in line with the Bern Convention								Three events dedicated to training of local authorities on the management of Emerald sites and forests within them, and awareness rising among local communities		
Activity 4.1.2: Regional collaboration and exchange with EU member states; communication and awareness raising										
Experience exchange and knowledge sharing with EU member states on managing forests to inform Emerald site management								Three knowledge sharing events	Could be part of the Regional Work Plan A study tour may be undertaken COVID pandemic situation permitting	
4.2: Promoting sustainable natural resources management, economic development and participation at local community level										
Activity 4.2.1: Baseline mapping for community engagement on forests and other natural resources management										
Survey/study to identify community needs for better engagement on forests ecosystem services and natural resources management								1 analytical report with recommendations for further action		

Activity 4.2.2: Supporting targeted communities with gaining practical knowledge on natural resource management (NRM)									
Development of business plans for 2-3 targeted communities, with a focus on community-led NRM activities, including opportunities for local entrepreneurs in eco-tourism development and community forest management (TBD based on 4.2.1)								2-3 Business Plans	This activity is a follow-up of activity 4.2.1 and can be undertaken after completion of activity 4.2.1
Awareness raising events to disseminate the results of Activity 4.2.1							TBD	2 dissemination events	
Study tour to an EU country with effective management of communal forests							TBD	Workshop to share experience and lessons learnt with a wider audience	Regional activity
Activity 4.2.3: Impact assessment and development of lessons learnt reports for Azerbaijan									
Rapid assessment of the implemented activities, including update of SWOT if/as needed, and formulation of lessons learnt; recommendations for future interventions/support							TBD	1 report with a set of recommendations	Planned for Q2 of 2024
4.3: Support to the promotion of legal trade and preventing illegal trade in wood products									
Activity 4.3.1: Strengthening timber/wood trade control systems in the EaP countries									
Analytical study to develop mechanisms for introducing mandatory certification of wood products to the legislation of Azerbaijan								1 report with a set of recommendations	
Analytical study and recommendations for the enhancing of state statistical system on wood production and consumption in Azerbaijan								1 report with a set of recommendations	
Activity 4.3.2: Promoting innovation and technology to strengthen export and trade controls over timber/wood									
Promotion of forest certification								Discussion held on the recommendations provided under Activity 4.3.1 on introducing SFM certification and awareness-raising among stakeholders undertaken	As explained above, due to the ban on the production forest cutting, Azerbaijan is not involved in timber/ wood trade, so this activity is focused on forest certification as part of country's effort to support the timber tracking and prevent illegal trade on a regional level
Activity 4.3.3: Awareness raising, communication and trade events									
Supporting joint participation in trade fairs								Joint participation of the representatives of EU4Environment Program beneficiary countries in a wood product trade fair.	Regional activity. Due to the above reason, Azerbaijan can participate as an observer to learn from good trade practices
4.4: Enhancing strategic financing to the forest and natural resources management sectors									
Activity 4.4.1: Developing country investment and financing plans for natural capital conservation and sustainable utilization									

Develop guidelines for the assessment of ecosystem services provided by forests								Guidelines for the assessment of ecosystem services provided by forests	
								1 dissemination event	
Develop recommendations to the legislation that would allow paying for ecosystem services at the expense of state and local budget funds								1 report with a set of recommendations to the legislation	
								1 dissemination event	
Develop national investment and financing plan which will determine a mechanism for mobilizing investments into forest sector from international financing flows, domestic resource mobilization and private capital								1 national investment and financing plan	
								1 dissemination event	
Activity 4.4.2: Promoting regional and international collaboration									
Conference on the practice of financing ecosystem services in EU countries								1 conference	This activity could be moved to the Regional work plan if supported by other countries

Table 6. Activities in Azerbaijan under Result 5: timeline and expected output targets

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line											Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021						2022
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
5.3: Monitoring of progress at the economy-environment nexus (OECD)														
– Preparation /update of country profiles using indicators				draft	Final country profile			draft	Final country profile			2 country profiles (Q1 & Q4)	4 profiles (1 per year)	The 2021 edition of the country profile was launched at the EU Green Week (27 May 2021) and was prepared in English and national language.
– Update of GGI report												Report	Updated report with new data, possibly indicators	
– Development of a policy brief, organising policy debates around key messages from GGI analysis												Policy brief	1 policy brief	

Note: The country-specific needs, if any, identified in this Table will be accommodated, to the extent possible, taking into account feasibility and the resources available; subject to further discussion and confirmation.

Annex 1. Key outcomes of the discussion during the EU4Environment country consultations with Azerbaijan (4 June 2020) on the work plan implementation

The Implementing Partners agreed to follow up bilaterally on the respective activities. All proposals, if any, to adjust/add new activities will be considered by the Partners and incorporated to the extent possible, subject to resource availability and additional bilateral discussions.

- 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 bilaterally on selected activities behind schedule, and provide update to Azerbaijan any adjustments of the Work Plan;
- Follow up on bilateral basis on questions related to individual activities, in particular:
 - UNECE – feedback on SEA/EIA round table;
 - UNEP – on eco-labelling and SPP;
 - UNIDO – on upcoming tender;
 - OECD – Activity 3.3.2 and on energy-related taxes.
- See for further details the Summary Record of the meeting.