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This document presents a consolidated manner, the revised Work Plan for Georgia 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 Georgia 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 Georgia with respect to the proposals specified in the Description of the Action (DoA) for **Results 1-5**. The regional activities, involving Georgia, 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 builds on initial commitments discussed at the EU4Environment national launch event (24 April 2019, Tbilisi) 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 Georgia (29 May 2020), in regard to the implementation of the current work plan and proposals to adjust it.

Table 1 maps all activities agreed for implementation in Georgia. 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 Georgia

As envisaged by the DoA, to support the Programme implementation, the Ministries of Environmental Protection and Agriculture and of Economy and Sustainable Development 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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Revised final consolidated plan of work in Georgia for Results 1-5

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

Activities	Georgia
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	X
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	X
Activity 1.2.2: Development of investment strategy proposals or action plans	X
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	X
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	V
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 initiative (UNIDO)	

Activity 2.2.1: Mapping of existing practices and barriers for existing labelling schemes	X
Activity 2.2.2: Awareness and understanding of SMPG opportunities and benefits	V
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	V
Activity 2.3.2: Capacity development of business sectors to respond to public tenders/eco-labelling	V
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)	V
Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility schemes	X
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	V
Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustment of enabling policies and policy tools in priority sectors	V
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	V
Activity 2.6.3: Assess SMEs/companies' potential for eco-innovation & provide advisory services for business strategy review/development	V
Activity 2.6.4: Awareness raising activity among business sector and government	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	O
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	V ¹
Activity 3.2.2: Reform of high impact enforcement and compliance promotion instruments, including environmental liability	V

¹ Activity 3.2.1 is combined with Activity 3.2.2. The report will cover CAS review and assessment of the system of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance.

Activity 3.2.3: Networking and capacity building	V ²
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	O
Activity 3.3.3: Reforming energy subsidies	O
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 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
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	X
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 5. Regional knowledge sharing and coordination	

² 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.

Table 2. Activities in Georgia under Result 1: timeline and expected output targets

Selected activities in GEORGIA	Time line												Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021				2022		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
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														
– General training courses on Green Economy (GE)													On line training course in Georgian	On-line training course in Georgian available in UN;CC prlatform, EIEC will host, launch, deliver the course
– Training civil servants from line ministries to apply GE concepts													In-depth training course	Civil Servant participated in the in-depth trainingcourse
Activity 1.1.2: Fitness tests/analytical documents of relevant policy documents and policy proposals														
– Fitness tests/analytical documents of relevant policy documents and policy proposals													Policy review from GE/Circular Economy perspective	Fitness test carried our as part of training course (1.1.1) and could be developed further
Activity 1.1.3: Facilitation of National Policy Dialogues on Green Economy														
– Support for inter-ministerial and cross-sectoral policy coordination meetings													At least 4 meetings conducted/supported	The government prefers to have inter-ministerial consultation at ad-hoc basis, thus not to establish/identify dedicated body for GE.
1.3: Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment (UNECE)														
Activity 1.3.2: Comprehensive capacity and institutional building														
– Pilot project on SEA													1 pilot project	Sector subject to the confirmation by the country

Selected activities in GEORGIA	Time line												Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021				2022		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
– Handbook/manual on transboundary EIA in hydropower sector; handbook/manual on SEA in municipal spatial planning													1 handbook	Guidelines on EIA (with a focus on transb. aspects) in hydropower sector (Q1-Q4 2021); guidelines on SEA in municipal spatial planning (start of preparation – Q1 2022);
– Updated SEA and transboundary EIA Guidelines (incl. adding chapters on monitoring, post-project analysis and quality control, scoping matrix etc.)													1 set of updated Guidelines on SEA and EIA	Existing national EIA and SEA guidelines reviewed and comprehensively revised (by Q2 2022)
– Training workshops on SEA and transboundary EIA (National Training Schemes)													3 training events	1 training workshop (provisionally in Q3 2021)
– Preparation of Georgian translation of a video on transboundary EIA and its benefits (to be prepared by UNECE in English)													1 video	
– 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
1.4: Awareness, education and public acceptance of the Green Economy transition (UNEP)														
Activity 1.4.2: Awareness raising campaigns for general public														
– Awareness raising campaigns for general public													Public media campaign on GE with widest possible outreach	Requested preparation/development of courses on sustainable development (SD), sustainable consumption and production (SCP) and GE for

Selected activities in GEORGIA	Time line												Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021				2022		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
														different target groups and support introduction in universities. UNEP is ready to develop such course

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

Selected activities in GEORGIA	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 – Waste mapping in municipalities														
– Awareness events on CE concepts and approaches													1-2 events	
– 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													1 report	
Activity 2.1.4: Training national experts														
– Trainee experts identified and recruited													around 15 experts	

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Selected activities in GEORGIA	Time line												Expected output target	Comments			
	2019			2020				2021				2022					
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
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													Analysis prepared and disseminated	Focus on waste recycling and waste-to-energy			
Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustment of enabling policies and policy tools in priority sectors													1-2 existing policies reviewed	Should be the same focus as Activity 2.5.1 above.			
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	Training organized			
Activity 2.6.2: Market assessment and policy analysis of eco-innovation potential in selected sectors													1 assessment	2 assessments drafted and validated by stakeholder consultation: eco-innovation policy analysis and market assessment			
Activity 2.6.3: Assess SMEs/companies' potential for eco-innovation & provide advisory services for business strategy review/development													5-10 SMEs advised	Call for SMEs launched			
Activity 2.6.4: Awareness raising activity among business sector and government													1 event Communication materials	Information disseminated via social media, etc.			

Table 4. Activities in Georgia under Result 3: timeline and expected output targets

Selected activities in GEORGIA	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 ³														
– Training (<i>country-specific, sub-regional or regional - subject to confirmation</i>)													Training (optional): 10-20 government officials	Optional – subject to confirmation
Activity 3.1.2: Greening Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)														
– Expert support to on the application of General Binding Rules		Fact-finding mission									Report on GBRs and legislative proposals		Develop GBRs for a specific economic sector	Country need: 1) Trainings on BAT and Best Practices for SMEs - Raising awareness of SMEs in field of energy efficiency, material consumption etc., which are connected to the tangible results and benefits (2020-2021). 2) Development of General Binding Rules (GBR) - The development of installation- or sector-specific regulatory scope fully based on the BAT approaches. The continuation of process of spreading BAT principles on the whole industry (approx. 3000 small and medium enterprises exist in country). (2021-2022) Adjustments can be made following fact-finding mission
– Analysis of existing instruments for financing SME greening ⁴														
– Operationalising support to SME Development Strategy		Fact-finding mission										Guidelines finalisation	Develop new guidelines for integrating "green" components into Enterprise Georgia's work.	

³ No country activity planned.⁴ See regional activities.

Selected activities in GEORGIA	Time line												Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021				2022			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes															
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)		Fact-finding mission									Draft review	Final CAS review	Short CAS review	Activity 3.2.1 is combined with Activity 3.2.2.	
– Support to coordinated inspection campaign <i>(a multi-country campaign - subject to confirmation)</i>										Combined with 3.2.3		Campaign			
Activity 3.2.2: Reform of high impact enforcement and compliance promotion instruments, including environmental liability															
– Support to reform of the systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance		Fact-finding mission									Draft report	Final review & support to the drafting of legislative proposal	Assessment report (review) and legislative proposal (based on the needs expressed by the country)	Country need: Trainings on Environmental Liability Law (Developing and conducting restoration projects) for consulting companies, enterprises, business sector and for other stakeholders (2021-2022).	
– Development of legislation regulating damage compensation												Review	Review		
Activity 3.2.3: Networking and capacity building															
– Update/develop one training module and the provision of two cross-agency trainings <i>(country-specific, sub-regional or regional - subject to confirmation)</i>										Capacity building seminar (under regional activities)			1-2 trainings		

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 Georgia, 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.

Selected activities in GEORGIA	Time line												Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021				2022			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
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	Program me design	Final report		Analytical report		
– Training for government officials										Training			Training for 20 government officials		
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)	Interviews	Interviews Draft report	Final report		Analytical report	Key findings of a draft report tentatively are aimed to be presented at the 2d RA meeting.	

* 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. Activities in Georgia 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. It builds on initial commitments discussed at the EU4Environment national launch event (24 April, 2019, Tbilisi), discussions at the EU4Environment Inaugural Regional Assembly meeting (27-28 June 2019, Brussels), and consultations of the World Bank Team with National Focal Points in Georgia (April - September 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 Georgia (<i>tentative</i>)	Timeline							Expected output target	Comments
	2021		2022				2023-24		
	Q3	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) (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									
Developing Guidelines for Sustainable Management of Forest Areas within Emerald sites in line with the Bern Convention requirements								Guidelines developed	Activity requires coordination with The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) which assists Georgia with the development of Emerald sites' management plants
Capacity building for the implementation of the Guidelines for sustainable management of forest areas within Emerald sites in line with the Bern Convention								Five events dedicated to training of local authorities on the management of Emerald sites and forests within them, and awareness rising among local communities	Follow up of the first activity
Activity 4.1.2: Regional collaboration and exchange with EU member states, communication, and awareness									
Experience exchange and knowledge sharing with EU member states on managing forests inside Natura 2000 sites 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 (World Bank)									
Activity 4.2.1: Baseline mapping for community engagement on forests and other natural resources management									
A review of community involvement in forest/NRM activities/baseline mapping for community engagement								Report on the community involvement in forest/NRM activities	This activity has a follow-up one described in the section 4.2.2.

Selected activities in Georgia (tentative)	Timeline							Expected output target	Comments
	2021		2022				2023-24		
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
RESULT 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods of the European Union for Environment Action									
Feasibility study and recommendations for using forest biomass and timber processing waste in the production of fuel briquets for firewood-dependent communities								Feasibility study delivered and accepted by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture	Sharing of lessons learned under UNDP-supported pilot activities for the use of combustible biomass will be beneficial
Facilitate enforcement of the new Forest Code by (i) identifying forested areas in the selected municipalities that fall outside the State Forest Fund, and (ii) undertaking their assessment towards assigning forest status to these areas with the purpose of their sustainable management in support of livelihoods of forest-dependent communities								Two pilot forested areas identified, studied, and recommended for the assigning of the forest status in line with the Forest Code	
Activity 4.2.2: Supporting targeted communities with gaining practical knowledge on natural resource management (NRM)									
Developing eco-touristic development plans for the selected forestry districts in support to investment into recreational use of forest, creating jobs for local communities and sustainable use of forests								Three plans developed in cooperation with the National Forest Agency and discussed with local communities	Follow-up on the first activity under 4.2.1
Developing guidelines for managing forest stands in peri-urban areas for the enhancement of ecosystem service delivery to urban communities								Guidelines developed and discussed with the national forest authorities and the selected municipal administrations	
Activity 4.2.3: Supporting the EaP countries in the development of lessons learnt reports									
Preparation of lessons learned report from community engagement in NRM								Report on lessons learned from community engagement in NRM produced and disseminated to the target audience	
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									
									GCF, BMZ and Swiss Government are supporting Georgia with the project for the implementation of forest reform

Selected activities in Georgia (<i>tentative</i>)	Timeline							Expected output target	Comments
	2021		2022				2023-24		
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
RESULT 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods of the European Union for Environment Action									
									towards decreasing GHG emissions due to forest degradation. This project includes strengthening institutional capacity for forest control. Government believes this is what they need to curtail illegal trade in wood products and no additional activity is required.
Activity 4.3.2: Promoting innovation and technology to strengthen export and trade controls over timber/wood									
Promotion of SFM certification								Discussion held on the feasibility of introducing SFM certification and awareness-raising among stakeholders undertaken	
Activity 4.3.3: Awareness raising, communication, 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
4.4: Enhancing strategic financing to the forest and natural resource management sectors (World Bank)									
Activity 4.4.1: Developing country investment and financing plans for natural capital conservation and sustainable utilization									
Identifying the role of forests in meeting climate mitigation and adaptation targets as formulated in NDC, assessing investment needs for maximizing realization of this potential, and identifying sources of funding (public, private, donor) for such investments								Report on the role of forests in acting up to NDC ambition, investment needs and potential sources of funding	
Activity 4.4.2: Promoting regional and international collaboration									
Regional conference/workshop to share international experiences on green financing and promote regional/international collaboration								Conference/workshop held on regional experience in green financing	Regional activity

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

Selected activities in GEORGIA	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.
– Preparation of GGI report												Report	1 report	
– 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 Georgia (29 May 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.

- To continue to implement the activities as envisaged in the Work Plan, using alternative modes of operation (virtual communications/meetings and engaging local consultants);
- No major revisions of the work plan is needed at this stage, noting that minor adjustments (such as timeframes) may take place as the situation evolves;
- To follow up on bilateral basis on individual activities, as needed, after the meeting;
- See for further details the Summary Record of the meeting.

