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Progress in 2021, detailed plans for September – December
2021 and general plans for 2022
(prepared by the NAC and IPs for the NIC meeting, 10.09.2021)

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

Progress in 2021



Plans for 2021 (September – December)

- ✓ Regular support for organization/logistics of **inter-ministerial dialogue on Green Economy (GE)**: previous WG/NIC meeting (12.02.2021);
 - ✓ Translation and **launch of Romanian version of an introductory GE course**; preparing contract 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**: learning needs assessment conducted; 7 representatives completed the course;
 - ✓ Awareness raising campaigns: **National High Level Round table “Green Economy. Made in Moldova”** (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
 - ✓ Analysis of sectoral policies by trained civil servants, using skills obtained at **GE policy making/analysis training course**;
 - ✓ **Investment needs assessment**: start investment needs assessment in alignment with review of national GE strategy
 - ✓ **Awareness raising campaigns for general public**: National and global campaigns, in synergy with the activity 5.2 on communication



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General plans for 2022

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Development and delivery of the 2nd edition of the specialized e-course “Green Transition in Eastern Partnership Countries’ (upon further discussion)
- ✓ **Investment needs assessment**: in alignment with review of national GE Program
- ✓ **Awareness raising campaigns for general public**: 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 2021



Plans for 2021 (September – December)

- ✓ Leg. assistance (*completed*): **Review of national legislation** on EIA and SEA (2020)
- ✓ Leg. assistance (*in progress, till Q4 2021*): **Drafting of amended laws** on EIA and on SEA
 - *first drafts completed, revised drafts being finalized*
- ✓ **2nd Awareness-Raising Workshop the Practical Application of SEA** (*online; 23 April 2021*)
- ✓ **Romanian version of the video** on transboundary EIA/Espoo Convention prepared (*Aug 2021*)
- ✓ Development (*in progress*) of:
 - **Guidelines on Quality Control of SEA Documentation**
 - **Guidelines on QC of Transb. EIA Documentation**
 - *draft Guidelines expected by mid-September 2021*
- ✓ Finalization of the two **Guidelines on Quality Control**
- ✓ Launch of a transb. EIA or SEA **pilot** project (*a potential transb. EIA pilot currently under consultations with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova*)
- ✓ Development of **SEA course for public servants + university-level course** on SEA and transboundary EIA (*needs assessment in Oct-Nov 2021*)
- ✓ Development of a **model for a SEA** database for the beneficiary countries incl. RM (*needs assessment and conceptual design starting as of October 2021*)



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

General plans for 2022

- ✓ **Training Workshop on Quality Control of SEA and EIA Documentation** - upon the finalization of Guidelines on Quality Control (Q1)
- ✓ Completion of the transboundary EIA or SEA **pilot** project (Q3)
- ✓ Finalized **SEA course for public servants** + finalized **university-level course** on SEA and transboundary EIA (Q2)
- ✓ Development of **awareness-raising materials** (Q4 2021 – Q2 2022)
- ✓ **Model for a SEA database** for the beneficiary countries developed (Q1-Q3)
- ✓ National awareness raising event to promote the adoption of the amended laws on EIA and on SEA (tbc)
- ✓ Other methodologies/guidelines on EIA and SEA - content and focus (tbc)



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

Progress in 2021



Plans for 2021 (September – December)

- ✓ Contracting of the RECP **National Coordinator**;
- ✓ Selection of **priority manufacturing industries** for RECP, analysis of the relevant legislation and regulatory framework;
- ✓ **Consultations with NFPs** and a support letter for ODIMM as a partner for RECP activities received; ToR is drafted;
- ✓ UNIDO presentation on RECP tools at the ODIMM's anniversary event for SMEs;
- ✓ Calls for RECP trainees and demonstration SMEs published; 10 RECP trainees identified;
- ✓ First RECP stakeholders group meeting; approval of regions for RECP Clubs (ToR is drafted);
- ✓ An Industrial Parks expert to support application of EIP methodology for IPs and FEZ is recruited;
- ✓ Selection of 2 EIPs for EIP feasibility evaluation of FEZ Valkanes and IP Tracom is approved; 2 EIP feasibility evaluation workshops with open sessions organized (on 12-13 July 2021 for IP Tracom and on 15-16 July 2021 for FEZ Valkanes)

- ✓ Follow up individual EIP feasibility evaluation workshops; draft final report (end 2021);
- ✓ Contracting of support institution(s) and launch of **2 RECP Clubs** in Cahul and Gagauzia;
- ✓ ToR is finalized and an **RECP Training and assessment** Partner is contracted (Fall 2021);
- ✓ **Training** of 15 RECP experts (Fall 2021);
- ✓ **RECP assessment** of 15 SMEs (from the Fall 2021);
- ✓ **Gender mainstreaming in industry: training** (December 2021);
- ✓ Engagement and monitoring of 10 RECP alumnae SMEs from EaP GREEN Action (2013-17);



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNIDO) Regional-level progress 2021 and plans for 2022

Participation in 2021:

- webinar “UNIDO global consultations on circular economy”, 10 to 12 May
 - webinar “Towards Zero Pollution in the Eastern Partnership Countries” of the EU Green Week, on 27 May
 - event Launching of the EU Green Week 2021, EU4Environment Moldova, EUD, MADRM, 31 May
 - workshop: First Regional Capacity Building Online Workshop on Extended Producer Responsibility in EaP, 4 June
 - webinar "Regional event: Greening SMEs in the Eastern Partnership countries ", 29-30 June
- ✓ Regional **RECP Centers/Partners meeting** (bi-monthly from July, 2021)
 - ✓ Report with **initial RECP site reviews** of 28 companies (Q1); Progress report on training activities for industry staff and trainees with progress on at least 15 RECP assessments (Q2); Set of full technical reports of RECP assessments (in English and national language)(Q2); RECP Action Plans approved by companies for implementation (Q3);
 - ✓ **2 new RECP Clubs**; Progress report on 2 RECP clubs activities for member SMEs (Q2-3, 2022); Two evaluation reports for two RECP clubs prepared (Q3, 2022);
 - ✓ **RECP Stakeholders group meeting** (Q2, 2022) and the First National RECP/CE conference conceptualized and organized (Q2, 2022);
 - ✓ **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** (Q1, 2022);
 - ✓ Awareness about **concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products** initiative in view of national eco-labelling practices (Q1, 2022); **Regional Event on Experience of SMGP/Product Environmental Footprint** application in EaP countries;
 - ✓ **Regional Consultations on EIP feasibility guidelines for Eastern Partnership countries**;
 - ✓ **Regional event on piloting Industrial Waste Mapping in the Eastern Partnership countries**;



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

Progress in 2021



Plans for 2021 (September - December)

- ✓ **Progress on SPP since 2017 is under review** by the International and National Experts in consultation with the Public Procurement Agency;
 - ✓ Technical support to the development of **Governmental Decree on SPP**
 - ✓ **Assessment and the draft Roadmap on eco-labeling** prepared and presented to the stakeholders at webinar (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** – development of the **National Waste Management Programme (NWMP) and National Waste Action Plan (NWAP)**; initiation of the process of development of **NWMP and NWAP**
 - ✓ First workshop for the development of **NWMP and NWAP** conducted; Roadmap of the **NWMP** development prepared; First Draft NWMP prepared
 - ✓ First **eco-innovation workshop**
 - ✓ Participation in a **regional experience sharing event on eco-innovation for SMEs**
- ✓ Identify **priority product groups**, review market readiness, update the sustainability criteria for priority products
 - ✓ Draft **SPP guidelines for priority product groups**
 - ✓ Organize first public hearings on **eco-labelling**
 - ✓ Draft guidelines on development of **eco-labelling criteria** for different product categories
 - ✓ **Eco-innovation market and policy analysis** in priority sectors; national validation workshop
 - ✓ Technical assistance to SMEs for **eco-innovation** assessment and business strategies
 - ✓ Draft **NWMP/AP** and the organization of the public hearing



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

General plans for 2022

- ✓ Draft **SPP guidelines for priority product groups**
- ✓ Draft **regulation on eco-labelling** and organize second 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**
- ✓ **NWMP** and NWAP submitted to the governmental procedures
- ✓ **Policy reform:** following GE Program and GE plans developed by the in-depth training participants.



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Result 3. Environmental level playing field (OECD)

Progress in 2021 (till August)



Plans for 2021-22

Country-specific:

- ✓ **Online self-assessment tool for greening SMEs**
- ✓ Comments on draft **National Strategy for Greening SMEs**
- ✓ Chapter on Moldova in **fossil-fuel subsidies report**
- ✓ **An assessment report on the compliance assurance system** and the system of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance (review meeting on the 15 September);
- ✓ Launch of the **Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme**, with the kick-off meeting on 5 Feb 2021
- ✓ Development of the Operational Manual for **the National Ecological Fund**
- ✓ Preparation of a review of the **administrative capacity for environmental management** (interviews, draft report)

Regional activities, including the Republic of Moldova:

- ✓ Launch of **work on green bonds**
- ✓ Regional **seminar on SMEs** (June 2021)
- ✓ Moldova participation in the **EU GREEN Week EU4Environment event**

Country-specific:

- ✓ Comments on the **draft law on IED** and support on its implementation
- ✓ Assistance with the development of **metrics for measuring SME greening** nationally
- ✓ Possible expert support on the application of **General Binding Rules** (for a specific sector)
- ✓ Finalisation of the **assessment report on the compliance assurance system**
- ✓ Implementing the designed **Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme**, including training
- ✓ Support to the reform of the **National Ecological Fund**
- ✓ Country-level assessment with major findings from **green bonds** project
- ✓ Finalisation of the analytical report on **administrative capacity in the environmental sector**, with set of recommendations, roadmap and training

Regional, including the Republic of Moldova:

- ✓ **Updated review of environmental funds**
- ✓ **Launch of collection of data on energy-related taxes**
- ✓ **Regional meetings on green finance** (October 2021), **compliance assurance** and on **BAT** (November 2021)



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

Progress in 2021



Plans for 2021 (September – December)

- ✓ **Administration Agreement between the EC and the WB signed (December 2020)**
- ✓ **Mobilization and Inception Phase (January – June 2021):**
 - Regional and country teams set up
 - Consultations with the Government and stakeholders on Country Work preparation
 - First draft CWP developed and submitted to the WB team
 - Country Work Plan Discussion with the Government and stakeholders (June 24, 2021)
 - Finalization of Country and Regional Work Plans (August – September 2021)

- ✓ **Country and Regional Work Plan Implementation**
- ✓ **Results 4 Components:**
 - Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems (Emerald Network)
 - Promoting sustainable natural resources management, economic development and participation at local community level
 - Support to the promotion of legal trade and preventing illegal trade in wood products
 - Enhancing strategic financing to the forest and natural resources management sectors
- ✓ **Actions for September – December 2021:**
 - Activity initiation on Advancing the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of existing sites and Baseline mapping of community engagement on forests and other natural resources



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

Activities to be initiated in 2021/22 under Result 4 Components as per the agreed Country and Regional Work Plan

Component 4.1. Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems (Emerald Network)

Activity 4.1.1. Advancing the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of existing sites:

- Drafting the Emerald national action plan (ENAP) to secure cross-sectoral involvement and nation-wide public communication
- Developing secondary regulatory framework for improved Emerald species and habitat conservation
- Development of Emerald Network Management Plans for 2-3 selected sites
- Building human and informational capacity to ensure sustainable management of the Emerald Network in Moldova



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

Activities to be initiated beyond 2021/22 under Result 4 as per the agreed CWP & RWP

Component 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:

- Conduct community-participatory forest management planning to optimize the balance between production and conservation (on a district pilot area)
- Identification of high conservation value forests (HCVF) to highlight biodiversity-rich areas and fundamental socio-economic services for local communities

Activity 4.2.2. Supporting targeted communities with gaining practical knowledge on natural resource management:

- Analytical study of the optimal ratio between forest and pasture area necessary for local sustainable development and conservation of natural resources (flora, fauna, water)
- Conduct silvo-pastoral planning through provision of communal forest and pasture management plans (CFPMP) to avoid overexploitation and ensure long-term rational use (based on a pilot area)

Activity 4.2.3. Supporting the EaP countries in the development of lessons learnt reports:

- Sharing experiences and good practices among six participating countries



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

Activities to be initiated beyond 2021/22 under Result 4 as per the agreed CWP & RWP

Component 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:

- Conduct an independent analysis of domestic consumption of wood products to counteract ecological and socio-economic effects of illegal logging
- Develop a web platform to promote market placement and sustainable trade of forest products

Activity 4.3.2. Promoting innovation and technology to strengthen export and trade controls over timber/wood:

- Comprehensive monitoring of forest dynamics using innovative techniques (software or satellite images for logging, poaching, fires, pest outbreaks, etc.)
- Pilot designing and implementation of a key-species traceability information system involving all forest owners and processing units

Activity 4.3.3. Awareness raising, communication, trade events:

- Support for local public authorities in organizing community-based events to promote conservation and socio-economic development among forest-dependent communities



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Component 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:

- Integration of the value of natural capital into financial and evidence-based policy making
- Conducting a biodiversity offsets and compensation analysis

Activity 4.4.2. Promoting regional/international collaboration

- Consolidate regional efforts through joint discussions and experience sharing on sustainable generation of ecosystem services provided by biodiversity
- Conference on the practice of financing ecosystem services in EU countries



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Result 5. Monitoring progress at environment-economy nexus (OECD)

Progress in 2021 (till August)



Plans for 2021-22

Country-specific:

- ✓ Launch of work on **green growth indicators in Moldova**
- ✓ **New country profile**, including COVID-19 green responses (in English and in Romanian languages)
- ✓ Promotion of EU4Environment on **national web sites**: MEI (Green Economy/EU4Environment) and MARDE (EU4Environment)
- ✓ National communication campaign “Green Economy - Made in Moldova”
- ✓ Regular work with mass media

Regional:

- ✓ **Video** on green growth indicators
- ✓ **Side event at EU Green Week “Towards zero pollution in the EaP countries”** (27 May 2021)
- ✓ Regular updates on EU4Environment website and Facebook
- ✓ [Monthly Newsletters](#)
- ✓ **Social media** (Facebook, YouTube, Flickr)

Country-specific:

- ✓ **Report on green growth indicators** in Moldova (forthcoming, end 2021), and **digitalisation of GGIs** (dedicated web page on MARDE web site)
- ✓ New edition of the **country profile**, in English and Romanian language
- ✓ Updates of EU4Environment Facebook page for Moldova;
- ✓ Translation of selected materials into **national language**

Regional:

- ✓ **Regional online report on green growth indicators**, including information on Moldova
- ✓ **Regional Programme mid-term Brochure** (Sept 2021)
- ✓ **Two Regional Assembly meetings** (Sept 2021 & 2022, date TBC)
- ✓ **More newsletters, new videos & promotion on social media**
- ✓ Work with “**young EU ambassadors**”
- ✓ Promotion at **national and international** events & coordination with other programmes
- ✓ **Coordination with other programmes** (i.e., OPEN Programme, EU4Climate, EU4Business, EU4Moldova; EU Focal Regions Moldova, RECONOMY)



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