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This document presents a consolidated revised Work Plan for the Republic of Moldova for Results 1-5 of the EU4Environment Programme for the period till end of December 2023. It was prepared following the ROM recommendation and a decision at the third EU4Environment Regional Assembly meeting (21 September 2021) to extend the European Union for Environment (EU4Environment) Programme for another year, from the anticipated end in December 2022 to 31 December 2023.

The Plan takes into account adjustments that occurred in the first two years of implementation, including the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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 country-specific **Work Plan in the Republic of Moldova for 2019-2023** of the European Union for Environment (EU4Environment) Programme (as of February 2022).

It presents the activities identified for implementation in the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter Moldova) for **Results 1-5**. The regional activities, involving Moldova, are covered separately by the regional work plan.

It builds on the original Work Plan for the period 2019-2022 which was prepared in 2019 based on initial commitments discussed at the EU4Environment national launch event (12 April 2019, Chisinau) 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), as well as the final comments received by 6 September 2019.

The work plan is revised annually, in relation to the annual reporting to the European Commission, and annual EU4Environment Regional Assemblies, to take into account the possible adjustments, and to be better aligned with the Government priorities.

The revised Work Plan presented in this document reflects the decision adopted at the third EU4Environment Regional Assembly (21 September 2021) to extend the EU4Environment Programme implementation until 31 December 2023. The extension decision was made to take account of the impacts of the unprecedented challenge brought in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic and the results of the Result-Oriented Monitoring (ROM) evaluation carried out by independent evaluators in 2021 for the European Commission.

Table 1 maps all activities agreed for implementation in Moldova. The following tables 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 Annex 1 to the Work Plan presents the key outcomes of the discussion during the country consultations with Moldova (29 May 2020), with regard to the implementation of the current work plan and proposals to adjust it. The Annex 2 gives further references to the high-level Working Group meetings on Green Economy, also serving as EU4Environment National Implementation Committee.

The Work Plan continues to be flexible for further adjustments of the timeline and activities, especially in light of the uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 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 the Republic of Moldova

As envisaged by the DoA, to support the Programme implementation, the Ministries of the Environment and of Economy and Infrastructure 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.

Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of Economy
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Technical Focal Point: <b>Maria NAGORNII</b> , Head of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assessment Policy Division	Contact Point: <b>Sergiu GAIBU</b> Minister of Economy
	Technical Focal Point: Silviu NEGHINA, Deputy Head of Division, Head of Section on Policies for the Development of SMEs

The Programme implementation is facilitated by the EU4Environment **National Action Coordinator – Mr. Andrei ISAC.**

*Revised final consolidated plan of work in the Republic of Moldova for Results 1-5*

**Table 1. Consolidated list of activities in the Republic of Moldova under Results 1-3 and 5.**

Activities	The Republic of Moldova
<b>RESULT 1. Greener decision-making</b>	
<b>1.1: Green economy ownership, policy coherence and cross-sectorial coordination (UNEP)</b>	
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
<b>1.2: Sectoral investment planning and comparative analysis of costs and benefits (UNEP)</b>	
Activity 1.2.1: Investment needs assessment in priority sectors	V
Activity 1.2.2: Development of investment strategy proposals or action plans	V
<b>1.3: Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment (UNECE)</b>	
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
<b>1.4: Awareness, education and public acceptance of the Green Economy transition (UNEP)</b>	
Activity 1.4.1: Implementation of educational courses	V
Activity 1.4.2: Awareness raising campaigns for general public	V
<b>RESULT 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities</b>	
<b>2.1: Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production and eco-innovation among SMEs (UNIDO)</b>	
Activity 2.1.1: Eco-industrial parks feasibility	V
Activity 2.1.2: Supporting RECP Clubs	V
Activity 2.1.3: Promoting Circular Economy – Waste mapping in municipalities	O
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	X
<b>2.2: Concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products initiative (UNIDO)</b>	

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
<b>2.3: Green Public Procurement and complementary tools (UNEP)</b>	
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
<b>2.4: Use of strategic approaches on waste management (UNEP)</b>	
Activity 2.4.1: Developing draft action plan for waste management (national or municipal level)	X
Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility schemes	V
<b>2.5: Reforms in priority green economy sectors (UNEP)</b>	
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
<b>2.6: Ecological value-chain and product innovation (UNEP)</b>	
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
<b>RESULT 3. An environmental level playing field</b>	
<b>3.1: "Smart" regulation of environmental impacts (OECD)</b>	
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
<b>3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes (OECD)</b>	
Activity 3.2.1: Strengthening of Compliance Assurance Systems, Instruments, and Tools	V
Activity 3.2.2: Reform of high impact enforcement and compliance promotion instruments, including environmental liability	V
Activity 3.2.3: Networking and capacity building	V
<b>3.3: Domestic public finance, subsidy reforms, public-private partnerships and private finance for green investment (OECD)</b>	
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	V
Activity 3.3.4: National and regional policy dialogues on green finance and investment	V
<b>3.4 Administrative capacity for environmental management (OECD)</b>	
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
<b>RESULT 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods</b>	
<b>4.1: Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems (Emerald Network) (World Bank)</b>	
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
<b>4.2: : Promoting sustainable natural resources management, economic development and participation at local community level (World Bank)</b>	
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
<b>4.3: Support to the promotion of legal trade and preventing illegal trade in wood products (World Bank)</b>	
Activity 4.3.1: Strengthening timber/wood trade control systems in the EaP countries	V
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
<b>4.4: Enhancing strategic financing to the forest and natural resources management sectors (World Bank)</b>	
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
<b>RESULT 5. Regional knowledge sharing and coordination</b>	
Activity 5.3: Monitoring of progress at the economy-environment nexus	V

Notes: V – selected; O – for possible implementation at a later stage – subject to funds availability; X – not selected.

Table 2. Activities in the Republic of Moldova under Result 1: timeline and expected output targets

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																Progress	Expected output target	Comments			
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023						
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	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)																				Online course, translated into the national language, delivered on a regular basis to government officials via a national academic/public training institute		
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																				Draft Program on the promotion of Green Economy and Action Plan for 2022-2027	Provide local consultant(s) support for the development of the draft program	
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	Use existing body created under EaP-GREEN, also facilitating development/revision of strategic GE documents/policies.	
1.2: Sectoral investment planning and comparative analysis of costs and benefits (UNEP)																						
Activity 1.2.1: Investment needs assessment in priority sectors																				Moldova’s study will be carried out in parallel with the government adoption of new Green Economy programme.		
Activity 1.2.2: Development of investment strategy proposals or action plans																				Investment needs for the Action Plan on Green Economy for 2022-2027 (in parallel with the development of the Program, activity 1.1.2)	Investment needs/costs to become part of the table with the needs for the implementation of the Action Plan for the Program on Green Economy	

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																Progress	Expected output target	Comments			
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023						
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1				Q2	Q3	Q4
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																						
– Legal drafting/further alignment of legislation/finalization of secondary implementing legislation																				– Legal drafting: 1) Amending SEA, and EIA legislation (in line with last developments in the relevant EU Directives and national legislation) - development of a draft law on amendments of a number of legal acts [Q4 2019 – 2022]; 2) Development and approval by the Order of the Minister of the procedure/system for the assessment and certification of individual experts or legal persons/companies for the development of the EIA/SEA documentation, list of official registration of certified/licenced/authorised experts [2022 - 2023].	Confirmed	
– National awareness raising event to promote the adoption of legislation or its further elaboration and/or implementation																				Event to be confirmed by MOE RM	Confirmed	
Activity 1.3.2: Comprehensive capacity and institutional building																						
– Pilot project on transboundary SEA or on transboundary EIA																				Draft plan/program me yet to be proposed and agreed by the donor	1 SEA pilot	Under coordination with the Ministry of Infrastructure and regional Development for the selection of the policy document
– Sector or issue specific guidelines on																				First draft of 2 Guidelines	1.Guidelines on Quality Control of SEA and transboundary EIA	Confirm the output targets 2 and 3

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																		Progress	Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023						
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3				Q4
SEA / transboundary EIA																				on QC prepared	Documentation (Q1—Q4 2021); 2. <b>methodology</b> per each stage of SEA & transboundary EIA, and/or 3. <b>guidelines for internal procedure</b> for EIA and SEA in a transboundary context - (2022 - 2023)	
– Training workshops on SEA and/or on transboundary EIA																				Planned for 2022	One (1) training workshop on Quality Control of EIA in Transboundary Context and national SEA procedures	Confirmed for 2022, second half
- Development of course on SEA for civil servants																				Planned for 2022	One course on SEA for civil servants developed and shared to Academy of Public Administration	Confirmed from MoEnv
-Development of university course on SEA and transb. EIA																				Planned for 2022	One course on SEA and Transboundary EIA developed and shared to universities	Confirmed from MoEnv
– Awareness raising event on SEA and transboundary EIA and SEA (I)																				Completed		
– Awareness raising event on SEA and transboundary EIA and SEA (II)																				Completed		
– Developing awareness raising materials on SEA and/or transboundary EIA to provide good practice examples																				planned for 2022		Confirmed
– Preparation of Romanian translation of a video on transboundary EIA and its benefits																				completed	Video on transboundary EIA/Espoo Convention in ROM	

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																Progress	Expected output target	Comments						
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023									
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1				Q2	Q3	Q4			
(prepared by UNECE in English)																									
– Model for a SEA on-line database; a register of undergoing SEA/transboundary EIA procedures for public information																								database for an individual country) to be developed as a generic one for all beneficiary countries (applicable as a template for all countries)	
1.4: Awareness, education and public acceptance of the Green Economy transition (UNEP)																									
Activity 1.4.1: Educational courses (on-line and/or lecture series)																								Green Economy online course were translated into national language. Partnership will be established with universities and the course will be launched during 2021.	
Activity 1.4.2: Awareness raising campaigns for general public																								Implementation of awareness raising activities will be carried out during 2022-23.	

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**Table 3. Activities in the Republic of Moldova under Result 2: timeline and expected output targets**

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																			Progress	Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2022						
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	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 2.1.1: Eco-industrial parks feasibility																						
– Analysis of existing industrial parks																				Completed	Report	Select from 10 existing industrial parks in consultation with MinEconomy  County need: It is proposed extension of this activity to cover "Free Economic Zones"
– A set of recommendations to “green” existing parks																				In preparation on IP Tracom and FEZ Valkanes	Report	
Activity 2.1.2: Supporting RECP Clubs																						
– Identifying and recruiting Clubs Facilitator																				Completed – RECP Center of Ukraine and MD Environment NGO are contracted	1 facilitator	
– Recruiting municipalities for RECP Clubs																				Completed and confirmed for Gagauzia and Cahul	2 municipalities	
– Identifying and recruiting companies-members of RECP clubs																				Initial lists developed, contacts established with ca 25 enterprises	around 20 SMEs	

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																		Progress	Expected output target	Comments		
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2022							
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3				Q4	
– Delivery of replication programmes																						2 programs	
– Evaluation of replication programme																						1 report	
– Monitoring of RECP measures implementation and companies' support																						2-3 reports	
Activity 2.1.4: Training national experts																							
– Identifying and recruiting National Implementing Partner (NIP)																					Modality changed to contracting several partners; ODIMM being contracted as RECP capacity and assessments partner	NIP recruited	
– Trainee experts identified and recruited																					Initial lists of ca 25 experts and enterprises developed based on calls of interest	around 15 experts	
– Training program conducted																					Draft training concept prepared	around 10 experts	

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Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																			Progress	Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2022							
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
and launched; regular alumni meetings																							
– Regional expert meetings																					Bi-monthly meetings launched in 2021	3 meetings	
Activity 2.1.7: Further institutionalising RECP																							
Stakeholders group <sup>1</sup> established																					First meeting conducted and confirmed focus sectors and regions	Report/members	
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	
2.3: Green Public Procurement and complementary tools (UNEP)																							

<sup>1</sup> RECP/CE-specific stakeholders group will be identified as a part of NIC establishment exercise

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																Progress	Expected output target	Comments			
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2022						
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1				Q2	Q3	Q4
Activity 2.3.1: Assessments/advisory services to establish SPP and eco-labelling policies																				Government decree on SPP drafted Eco-labelling assessment finalised.		Advisory service for SPP pilot tender will be provided.
Activity 2.3.2: Capacity development of business sectors to respond to public tenders/eco-labelling																						
– Trainings for companies and authorities on SPP and eco-labelling/certification																				SPP workshops for business will be organized		SPP workshops for business will be organized
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)																				Assessment completed. Waste programme developed and submitted to the government		
Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility schemes																					Assessment, and Recommendation on improving management of EPR for E-waste	
2.5: Reforms in priority green economy sectors (UNEP)																						
Activity 2.5.1: Identify priority																						Following fitness test (1.1) and other assessment and with discussion with

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																		Progress	Expected output target	Comments				
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2022									
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3				Q4			
sectors for policy reform, suitable policy instruments and support needs																								national focal points, sector policy reform will be supported.	
Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustment of enabling policies and policy tools in priority sectors																								Following fitness test (1.1) and other assessment and with discussion with national focal points, sector policy reform will be supported.	
2.6: Ecological value-chain and product innovation (UNEP)																									
Activity 2.6.1: National trainings on sustainable production/eco-innovation for companies and governments																								Workshop took place in January 2021	
Activity 2.6.2: Market assessment and policy analysis of eco-innovation potential in selected sectors																								Policy and market assessment carried out in 2021 and to be finalized in January 2022	
Activity 2.6.3: Assess SMEs/companies' potential for eco-innovation																									8 SMEs will be selected to provide assessment, 4-5 SMEs will develop business plans

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																Progress	Expected output target	Comments			
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2022						
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1				Q2	Q3	Q4
& provide advisory services for business strategy review/develop ment																						
Activity 2.6.4: Awareness raising activity among business sector and government																						National technical partner carries out series of awareness raising activities.

\* 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 4. Activities in the Republic of Moldova under Result 3: timeline and expected output targets

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																Progre ss	Expected output target	Comments										
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023													
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1				Q2	Q3	Q4							
RESULT 3. An environmental level playing field (OECD)																													
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													Launch of analysis				Final report		To be done	Analytical report	The report will present the current approaches to the regulation of large emission sources and recommendations for reform in light of the EU IED.						
– Developing/updating road maps for the reform																			Roadmap	To be done	Roadmap								
– Training (country-specific, sub-regional or regional - subject to confirmation)																			Training	To be done	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		Fact-finding mission											Launch of analysis		Report						To be done	Develop GBRs for a specific economic sector							
– Analysis of existing instruments for financing SME greening <sup>2</sup>																				See regional activities.	Regional								
– Operationalising support to SME Development Strategy		Fact-finding mission			Comments to the		Self-assessment														Completed	Develop new guidelines for support with	Support on the greening elements was provided to the development of the SME Development Strategy and the launch of support to						

<sup>2</sup> See regional activities.

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																		Progre ss	Expected output target	Comments			
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023								
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3				Q4		
					gov ern me nt pla n for Gre eni ng SM Es		nt tool for SM Es																finalisation/i mplementati on of a new draft Programme on greening SMEs.	SMEs during the COVID-19 pandemic.  The online self-assessment tool (portal) was completed for Moldova SMEs to receive customised information about how to adapt greener practices. The tool offers practical supports to businesses to help them reduce waste, water energy, through simple “no cost” “low cost” changes.
3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes																								
Activity 3.2.1: Strengthening of Compliance Assurance Systems, Instruments, and Tools																								
– Screening the compliance assurance system (CAS), including strengthening/developing criteria for compliance monitoring and reviewing available/potential information-based instruments for compliance promotion		Fact-finding mission								Draft review	Final CAS review											On track / close to final	In-depth CAS review	The CAS review provides a description of the legislative and permitting framework for environmental protection, the institutional set-up for compliance assurance, as well as monitoring, enforcement and compliance promotion activities, identifies gaps and provides recommendations for improvement.  Activity 3.2.1 is combined with Activity 3.2.2.
– Support to coordinated inspection campaign (a multi-country campaign - subject to confirmation)														Meeting on campaign								To be done	Campaign	A seminar on joint inspections, ideally with the participation of IMPEL.

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																		Progre ss	Expected output target	Comments			
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023								
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3				Q4		
														aig n <sup>3</sup>										
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- findin g missi on				Lau nch of ana lysi sysi s				Dra ft rep ort	Fin al rep ort	La unc of follo w up acti vity		legi slati ve pro pos al							Partly comple ted (leg propos al to be done)	Assessment report and legislative proposal	Combined with the CAS review under 3.2.1.  Support to development of legislative proposal will be based on the needs expressed by the country and may be combined with development of legislation regulating damage compensation.	
– Development of legislation regulating damage compensation												Lau nch of ana lysi s		Rev iew							To be done			
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)														Nati ona l cap acit y buil din g eve nt							On track	3 trainings		
3.3: Domestic public finance, subsidy reforms, public-private partnerships and private finance for green investment																								
Activity 3.3.1: Greening public expenditure																								

<sup>3</sup> Using standard checklists with possible link to 3.1 or waste management, combined with capacity building.

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																		Progre ss	Expected output target	Comments			
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023								
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3				Q4		
– Project on supporting the implementation of priority green economy-related public investment programmes and development of competence profiles for civil servants in the area of green financing							Stakeholders consultations	First desk review	Second desk review				Report							On track	Analytical report			
– Training for government officials, including development of competence profiles for civil servants in the area of green financing											Training									Completed	Training 20 government officials			
Activity 3.3.2: Review of selected national funding entities																								
– Review of selected national public funding entities' practices for providing green finance				Preparatory work	Analysis and the preparation of the Operational Manual						In-country consultations	In-country consultations and Draft Law on payments for environmental pollution	Operational Manual and/or legal and regulatory support	Draft Law on payments for environmental protection adding the taxes for natural resources	Final draft Law in the governmental process					On track	Review and evaluation of the National Ecological Fund (New Regulation and amendments to the Law on environmental protection)  Developed draft Law on payments for environmental pollution (review all payments and adding taxes for natural	Local consultants team support for the development of the new draft Law and accompanying regulations on payments for pollution (integrating natural resources taxes), to ensure the sustainability of the income of the Environmental Fund		



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Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																		Progress	Expected output target	Comments		
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023							
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3				Q4	
– Plans for administrative strengthening												Launch of the plan development	Plan								To be done	1 plan	The plan will be prepared on the basis of the analysis (3.4.1).
– Possibly, development of sustainable and targeted training mechanisms													Training								To be done		
– Provision of on-going/ad hoc expert support to the Ministry of Environment or the Economy								Discussions on possible ways of support to Environment Agency				Possible follow up on the support to the Mo Env									No need for support was identified, following the discussion	On as needed basis – expert support to the Ministry of Environment	

**Table 5. Activities in the Republic of Moldova under Result 4: timeline and expected output targets**

The EC/World Bank contractual procedure was completed in December 2020, with start of activities in 2021. This Table presents the final country-specific **Plan of Work for Result 4 in the Republic of Moldova for 2021-2024** of the European Union for Environment Programme (EU4Environment). It builds on initial commitments discussed at the EU4Environment national launch event (29 March, 2019), discussions at the EU4Environment Inaugural Regional Assembly meeting (27-28 June 2019, Brussels), consultations of the World Bank Team with National Focal Points and with a larger audience within a kick-off (introductory) meeting involving the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, representatives of NGOs, technical institutions and experts (24 June 2021). A technical meeting of WB technical staff and key-stakeholders (MARDE's Department of Biodiversity Policy, Moldsilva, biodiversity experts) preceded the kick-off meeting to review the 2019 mapped national priorities. It takes into account the results of the discussions at the National Implementation Committee Meeting held on September 10, 2021 and Regional Assembly to be held on September 21, 2021. The Plan was prepared in close collaboration with the respective responsible ministry (MARDE) and its subordinated forest and hunting management authority (Agency Moldsilva) in the Republic of Moldova. It accommodates, to the extent possible, the country requests by taking into account feasibility and the resources available.

Selected activities in Moldova	Time- line							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: Advancing the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of existing sites									
Drafting the Emerald road map (ERM) to secure cross-sectoral involvement and nation-wide public communication								Draft ERM (5-year span) developed and submitted to the Ministry  Inter-sectorial stakeholder engagement report produced, widely consulted and communicated to large public	Provisions of ERM will be suggested to be included in the new NBSAP document (when developed)
Developing a secondary legal framework for improved Emerald species and habitat conservation								Draft guidelines on framework management plan developed and submitted to the Ministry (as Governmental Decision bill)  Draft guidelines on the national monitoring system of Emerald species and habitats developed and submitted to	Secondary legislation on Emerald is required by the amended Law on National Ecological Network (94/2007)

Selected activities in Moldova	Time- line							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									
								the Ministry (as Governmental Decision bill)	
Designing Emerald Network Management Plans for 2-3 selected sites								Management plans drafted and submitted to the Ministry  Landowners and stakeholders (public, community, private) consulted and engaged in the process	Will be followed up by a replication process across the country
Building human and informational capacity to ensure sustainable management of the Emerald Network in Moldova								Trainings on monitoring system (GIS, soft, database) for stakeholders (governmental, academia, NGO, local communities, privates)  Website developed and updated/maintained  Awareness workshops for large public involvement in Emerald site conservation	Environmental Agency under the Ministry is responsible for the integrated environmental monitoring (including biodiversity, Emerald sites), so it needs capacity building to ensure the continuity of both monitoring and reporting processes. All that will improve decision-making with regard to Emerald and biodiversity conservation.
Activity 4.1.2: Regional collaboration and exchange with EU member states, communication and awareness									
Covered by the Regional Work Plan									
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									
Identification of high conservation value forests (HCVF) to help improve forest								1 analytical report (HCVF identification guide, methodology) with delimitation map and	HCVF are part of the Emerald network and National Ecological Network system and they are also very important communities living in those areas. The

Selected activities in Moldova	Time- line							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									
management through increased community participation								<p>identified core areas developed and submitted to the Ministry</p> <p>Proposals (recommendations) to improve legal framework proposed, all based on EU and regional experience</p> <p>Results communicated and disseminated</p>	HCVF may be used to meet FSC criteria for biodiversity concentrations and critical ecological and socio-cultural services
Activity 4.2.2: Supporting targeted communities with gaining practical knowledge on natural resource management (NRM)									
Analytical study of the optimal ratio between forest and pasture area necessary for local sustainable development and conservation of natural resources (flora, fauna, water)								1 analytical report with technical justification based on eco-geographical zoning	Forest and pastures are sensitive case for local communities, so their integrated management is key to securing local sustainability
Improving current forest management framework and conducting community participatory planning process to optimize the balance between wood production and species conservation (on a landscape pilot area).								<p>Existing FMP legal framework reviewed and proposals for improvement submitted</p> <p>A new community-based and participatory FMP model developed for a larger landscape (app. 2000-3000 ha of community forestland)</p>	The FMP is mandatory and normally done once a 10-year period by producing two main strategic documents (maps and technical books). While Moldsilva's forests follow FMP documents, majority of the scattered community forest owners do not. The scarcity of natural resources and the need for their sustainable use at landscape level imply for new models.
Conduct silvo-pastoral planning through provision of communal forest and pasture management plans (CFPMP) to avoid								SP planning work undertaken and CFPMP documents (reports + maps) developed and delivered to stakeholders	This will provide basis for the enforcement of pasture and forest legal framework

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Selected activities in Moldova	Time- line							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									
Diagnostic analysis of existing national forest monitoring system and recommendations for its improvement through more innovative techniques								1 analytical report with recommendations for improvement	Funding for implementing the recommendations should be sought from other sources/projects
Pilot designing and implementation of a key-species traceability information system								Key-species selected (e.g. oaks, wild cherry)  1 pilot project designed and implemented nation-wide	Using valuable species that are the core trade element can be effective in reducing unsustainable forest products trade
Activity 4.3.3: Awareness raising, communication, trade events									
Covered by the Regional Work Plan									
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									
Supporting the Ministry of Environment with developing National Forest Extension Program								Draft National Forest Extension Program	Work scope for the activity to be discussed with the Government
Analytical study on integrating natural capital values into financial and evidence-based policy making								1 analysis to justify decision-making processes in economy-wide frameworks  Recommendations to governmental institutions	This is a follow-up of transformation/reforming processes (e.g. the need of Moldsilva's shift from self-financing to budget money)
Conducting a biodiversity offsets and compensation analysis								1 report with measures/actions for both compensations and investments (national, foreign)	This backs the trend in quantifying ecosystem services (ES) and payments for ES (PES) as part of compensation measures to result in overall biodiversity gains, as well as a response to both

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Table 6. Activities in the Republic of Moldova under Result 5: timeline and expected output targets

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line																		Progre ss	Expect ed output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023						
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3				Q4
RESULT 5.																						
5.3: Monitoring of progress at the economy-environment nexus (OECD)																						
— Preparation /update of country profiles using indicators				draft	1st profile			draft	2d profile			3d profile				4 <sup>th</sup> profile			5 <sup>th</sup> profile	More than initially planned / partly completed	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								ToR dev-t, selection of a consultant, contract signature)	Launc h of work	Kick-off event (10 Sept 2021)  Draft report	Final report  Digitaliz ation of data (dedicat ed web page on Min ENV site)	Launc hing report and web platfor m								On track / close to final	1 report and web platform	
— Development of a policy brief, organising policy debates around key messages from GGI analysis												Policy brief								On track	1 policy brief	

## **Annex 1. Key outcomes of the discussion during the EU4Environment country consultations with the Republic of Moldova (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.*

- 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 on bilateral basis on individual activities and include them as much as possible in the Work Plan, in particular:
  - Activity 2.1.2 - 2.1.6 – UNIDO on RECP in line with SMEs greening programme;
  - Activity 2.3.1 – UNEP on eco-labelling and waste management; EPI regional activities;
  - Activities 3.1 and 3.2 – OECD on environmental liability;
  - Activity 3.3 – OECD on Ecological Fund;
  - Activity 3.4.2 – OECD on expert support to the Environmental agency;
  - Activity 5.3 – OECD on green growth indicators, with MARDE and MEI;
  - Result 4: address an urgent need for support on forest management.
- See for further details the Summary Record of the meeting.

## **Annex 2. High-level meetings of the Working Group on Green Economy / NIC in 2021**

For further references, please see the previous meetings of the high-level Working Group on Green Economy / NIC in [February](#) and [September](#) 2021.