



# EU4Environment work plan for 2019-2023: GEORGIA

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This documents presents a consolidated revised Work Plan for Georgia 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.

Action implemented by:











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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 Georgia for 2019-2023** of the European Union for Environment (EU4Environment) Programme (as of February 2022).

It presents the activities identified for implementation in Georgia for **Results 1-5**. The regional activities, involving Georgia, 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 (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), 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. It also takes into account the key outcomes of the discussion during the country consultations with Georgia (29 May 2020).

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 Georgia. The following tables present more detailed revised 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 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 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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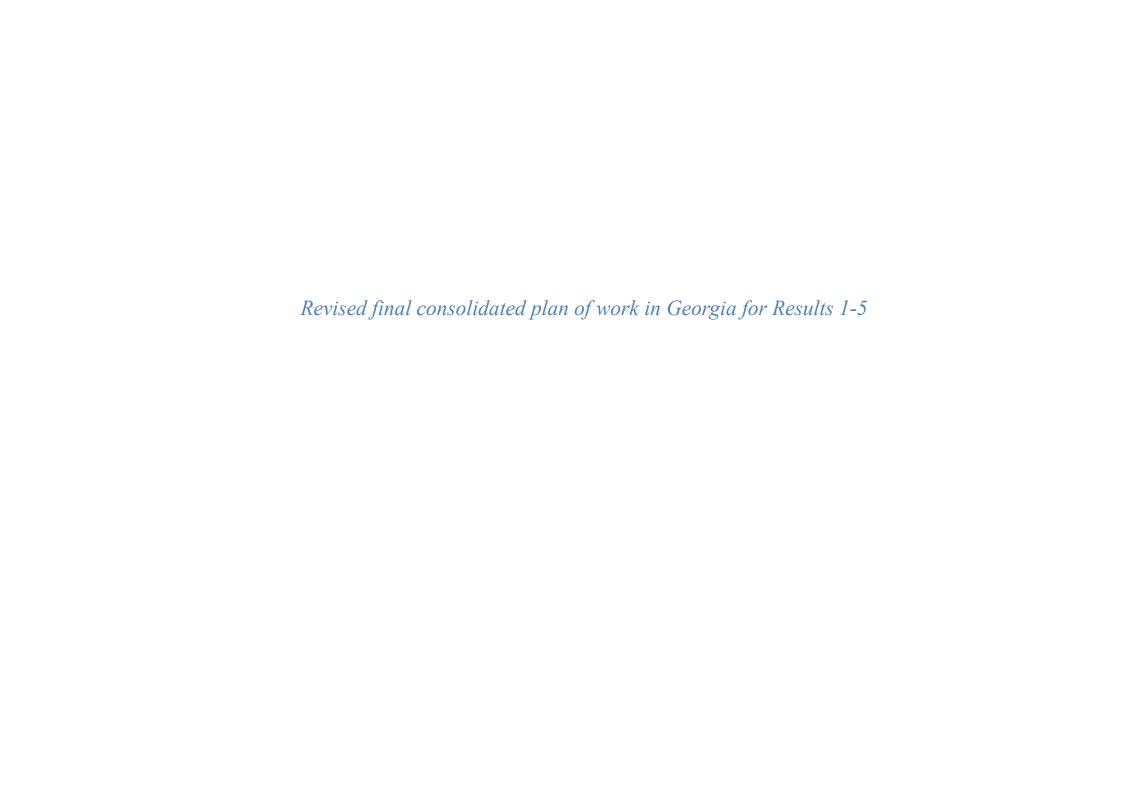


Table 1. Consolidated list of activities in Georgia under Results 1-5.

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	Χ
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	Χ
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	Х
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	Χ
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	Χ
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	Х
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	0
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
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
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

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Activity 3.3.2: Review of selected national funding entities	0
Activity 3.3.3: Reforming energy subsidies	0
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	
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	Х
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	
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 Georgia under Result 1: timeline and expected output targets

									1	Time lin	ie									Progress (as of end Nov	Expected output target	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			20	20			20	)21			20	)22			20	)23		2021)	output target	
ozonow t	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
RESULT 1. Greener decision	n-maki	ng																				
1.1: Green economy owners		-					al coord	lination	ı (UNE	P)												
Activity 1.1.1: Survey and larg	e-scale	e training	g of pul	olic sect	tor emp	loyees																
General training courses on Green Economy (GE)																				Green Economy Online course translated and adapted into Georgian, delivered on a regular basis to government officials via EIEC	On-line course in national language	
In-depth GE training for civil servants from line Ministries																				12 civil servants participated in the in-depth training course on GE		
Activity 1.1.2: Fitness tests/an	alytical	docum	ents of	relevar	nt policy	docume	ents an	d policy	propo	sals		•										
Fitness tests/analytical documents of relevant policy documents and policy proposals																				10 Green Policy Plans developed (by trained civil servants under 1.1.1),		
Activity 1.1.3: Facilitation of N	ational	Policy [	Dialogu	es on G	Green E	conomy														,.		
Support for inter- ministerial and cross- sectoral policy coordination meetings																						Georgia will have ad-hoc inter-ministerial ministerial discussion (back to back with the EU4Env national consultation).
1.3: Strategic Environmenta	l Asse	ssment	t and E	nvironi	mental	Impact	Asses	sment (	(UNEC	E)												
Activity 1.3.2: Comprehensive	capac	ity and i	institutio	onal bui	ilding																	

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Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			20	20			20	21			20	)22			20	23		2021)		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
- Pilot project on SEA																				Q4 2021 – Q1 2022 preparatory phase		
Handbook/manual on transboundary EIA in hydropower sector; handbook/manual on SEA in municipal spatial planning																				Preparation of Guidelines on EIA in Hydropower in progress; SEA in Municipal Spatial Planning planned for 2022	2 separate Handbooks (Guidelines): EIA in Hydropower + SEA in municipal spatial planning	Development of Guidelines on SEA in Municipal Spatial Planning expected to start during Q1 2022  Guidelines on EIA in Hydropower Sector given the delay in the preparation of the draft by experts in 2021, completion expected in 2022.
Updated SEA and transboundary EIA     Guidelines (incl. adding chapters on monitoring, post-project analysis and quality control, scoping matrix etc.)																				SEA guidelines revision expected finalized in Q1 2022; EIA guidelines revision expected finalized in Q2 2022	2 Guidelines updated and comprehensively reviewed and revised	
Training workshops on SEA and transboundary EIA (National Training Schemes)																				2 out of 3 workshops completed	3 training workshops	A total of 3 training workshops planned (2 organized in 2019)
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																				Planned for 2022		This is a model only (not a turn-key fully fledged 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 Activity 1.4.2: Awareness rais						n Econ	omy tra	ansitio	n (UNE	P)												
Awareness raising campaigns for general public	J Cal	i paigi is	Tor yer	iorai pu																Working arrangement in Georgia for public campaign initiated in 2020		Implementation of awareness raising activities will be carried out during 2021 and 2021

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

									T	Time lir	пе									Progress (as of end Nov 2021)	Expected output target	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			20	20			20	21			20	022			20	23		(as of elia Nov 2021)	output target	
GEORGIA	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
RESULT 2. Circular eco	onomy	and ne	w grow	/th opp	ortunit	ies																
2.1: Resource Efficient	and C	leaner	Produc	tion an	nd eco-i	innovat	ion am	ong SI	/IEs (UI	VIDO)												
Activity 2.1.2: Supporting	RECF	Clubs																				
Identifying and recruiting Clubs     Facilitator																				As a part of NIP recruitment, completed in 2020	1 facilitator	
Recruiting     municipalities for     RECP Clubs																				2 clubs established in larger regions (Kakheti and Mtskheta)	2 municipalities	
Identifying and recruiting companies-members of RECP clubs																				Ca 25 companies identified and invited	around 20 SMEs	
Delivery of replication programmes																				Completed	2 programs	
Evaluation of replication programme																				2 reports are available	1 report	
<ul> <li>Monitoring of RECP measures implementation and companies' support</li> </ul>																				Monitoring visits conducted, draft business cases developed	2-3 reports	
Activity 2.1.3: Promoting	Circula	ar Econ	omy – V	Vaste n	napping	in mun	icipalitie	es			ı		1		<u> </u>			· ·	Į.			
<ul> <li>Awareness events on CE concepts and approaches</li> </ul>																				2 information meetings conducted in both pilot municipalities	1-2 events	
Identification and assessment of waste sources from production activities																				Waste streams approved; companies identified, surveys under implementation	1 report	
Identification of recycling options for																				Preliminary options identified	1 report	

									1	ime lin	ie									Progress (as of end Nov 2021)	Expected output target	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			20	20			20	21			20	22			20	23		(as of end Nov 2021)	output target	
o E o Roja	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
identified waste sources																						
<ul><li>Preparation of waste maps in 2-3 municipalities</li></ul>																					1 report	
Activity 2.1.4: Training na	ational	experts																				
<ul> <li>Trainee experts identified and recruited</li> </ul>																				20+ experts identified, 15 experts recruited	around 15 experts	
Training program conducted																				12 experts completed training and assessments + exam	around 10 experts	
Advanced RECP training modules identified and b implemented																				Env and Ene MS trainings conducted at the regional level (with 6 and 2 countries)	2-3 modules	
Activity 2.1.5: Additional	RECP	Assess	ments																	,		
Recruitment of demonstration companies																				15 companies identified, 10 recruited	around 15 SMEs	
Assessment by RECP trainees																				10 companies assessed, reports drafted	10 reports	
<ul><li>RECP implementation support</li></ul>																				Measures for support are being identified	2 reports	
<ul> <li>Monitoring and success stories</li> </ul>																				6 EaP GREEN companies business cases drafted based on reports	10 monitoring reports, 10 success stories	
Activity 2.1.6: Raising av	varenes	ss and s	haring	knowle	dge																	
<ul> <li>National RECP</li> <li>websites (re)launched</li> <li>and regularly updated</li> </ul>																				www.recp.ge relaunched and regularly updated	web presence	
National RECP Conferences																				1st conference planned on the occasion of the EU Industry week in January 2022	2 conferences	
<ul><li>Thematic awareness events</li></ul>																				Regularly organized	2-3 events	

									1	Time lin	е									Progress (as of end Nov 2021)	Expected output target	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			20	20			20	)21			20	22			20	23		(40 01 0114 110 1 2021)	output tangot	
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Knowledge sharing																				Platform under		
platform development																				development		
and launched; regular alumni meetings																					3 meetings	
– Regional expert																				Regular meetings	Quarterly online	
meetings																				established since 2021:	meetings; 1-2 in-person	
																				2 meetings conducted	meetings planned when	
																				Ů	possible	
Activity 2.1.7: Further ins	titution	alising I	RECP																			
<ul> <li>Stakeholders group¹</li> </ul>																				SG established and met		
established																				twice in 2021	Report/members	
National support																				NIP recruited and hosted		
institution identified																				by the Energy Efficiency	NID recognited	
and recruited  — National capacity																				Center Regular planning	NIP recruited To build on	
and institutional																				activities are conducted	institutionalisation efforts	
activities regularly																				and reported	of EaP GREEN	
planned																				and reported	OF EGIT OF CELLY	
2.2: Concept and tools	of the	EU Sin	gle Ma	rket for	Green	Produc	cts initi	ative (	JNIDO)	)					•							
Activity 2.2.2: Awareness	and u	ındersta	nding o	f SMGF	opport	tunities	and ber	nefits														
<ul><li>Promotion of PEF</li></ul>																						
application and																						
identification of																						
export-oriented																						
industries for its																						
application																					report	
Training on PEF methodology																					Front ropert	
<u> </u>			1 .		4 1 .	/!!!!!	1														Event report	
2.3: Green Public Proci	uremei	nt and d	omple	mentar	y tools	(UNEP	)												•	ODD	Т	
Activity 2.3.1: Assessments/advisory																				SPP assessment, Revision of PP laws to		
services to establish																				include sustainability		
SELVICES IO ESTADIIS[]																				elements completed	SPP criteria for 3 priority	
SPP and eco-labelling					1	ı	ı													cicinents completed	products	

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

									1	Time lir	ne									Progress (as of end Nov 2021)	Expected output target	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			20	20			20	21			20	)22			20	23		(as of end Nov 2021)	Output target	
GEORGIA	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Trainings for companies and authorities on SPP and ecolabelling/certification																				SPP workshops for business are organized.		Further workshop will be added Relevant informational/educational material will be elaborated
2.4: Use of strategic ap	proach	nes on	waste i	manage	ement (	(UNEP)	)															
Activity 2.4.1: Developing	g draft a	action p	lan for	waste n	nanage	ment (n	ational	or mun	icipal le	vel)												
Development of national action plans (national or municipal)																				Assessment of the implementation of national waste action plan (till 2020) completed, new Action plan (2022-2027) drafted	National Waste Action Plan 2022-2026	Revision of strategy and development of new programme started, to be completed and submitted to government by mid-2022
Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility schemes																						Training on EPR (following 3 regional webinars in 2021) was requested, and detailed plan is under discussion.
2.5: Reforms in priority	green	econo	my sec	tors (U	NEP)									II.	1	•	ı		1		·	
Activity 2.5.1: Identify priority sectors for policy reform, suitable policy instruments and support needs																						Following fitness test (1.1) and other assessment and with discussion with national focal points, sector policy reform will be supported.
Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustme nt 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-c	hain ar	d prod	uct inn	ovatio	n (UNE	P)													•			
Activity 2.6.1: National trainings on sustainable production/eco-innovation for																				Workshop took place in December 2020		

									1	Time lin	e									Progress (as of end Nov 2021)	Expected output target	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			20	20			20	)21			20	22			20	23		(as of elia Nov 2021)	output target	
020110211	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
companies and governments																						
Activity 2.6.2: Market assessment and policy analysis of eco- innovation potential in selected sectors																				Policy and market assessment completed in 2021	2 reports	
Activity 2.6.3: Assess SMEs/companies' potential for eco-innovation & provide advisory services for business strategy review/development																				8 SMEs selected to for assessment and assessment initiated in 2021	At least 7 SME assessment, 4-5 business plans	
Activity 2.6.4: Awareness raising activity among business sector and government																				1 article, dissemination of eco-innovation information		National technical partner carries out series of awareness raising activities.

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

										Time lii	ne									Progress	Expected	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			202	20			2021				2	2022			20	)23			output target	
OLONOIA	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
RESULT 3. An environ	mental l	evel play	ing field																			
3.1: "Smart" regulation	of envi	ironment	tal impact	ts																		
Activity 3.1.1: Reforming	regulate	ory regim	es for larg	ge emissio	on sourc	es, incl	uding St	tate Owne	ed Enterprise	es												
Training (country- specific, sub-regional or regional - subject to confirmation)														Training						To be done	Training (optional): 10-20 government officials	No country activity was planned. If regional or multi-country training, Georgia will be invited to participate.
Activity 3.1.2: Greening	Small ar		m Sized E	interprises	s (SMEs							ı		1	T			1	ı	0 / 1		
Expert support to on the application of General Binding Rules		Fact- findin g missi on				Su pp ort to GB Rs lau nc he d			Support provide d to the develop ment of the GBR in the poultry sector			Rela unch of supp ort	Repo rt							On track	Develop GBRs for a specific economic sector	This work involved the development of a set of General Binding Rules (GBR) for Georgia's poultry sector, to help reduce the environmental impact of small and medium farming operations while encouraging improved efficiency. These rules have been prepared by the OECD in collaboration with the Georgian government, with support from the Clean Technology Centre at Munster Technological University (MTU), Ireland (formerly Cork Institute of Technology), and in consultation with the Georgian poultry industry. New environmental legislation that relies on the European Union Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) is being phased in in Georgia, with an anticipated timeframe of 2026.  Expression of interest from MEPA to relaunch the support on this component to develop further the draft document on GBR for poultry sector with additional clarification and revision in terms of the fulfilment with the national legislation. Subject to

Outside des des des de										Time lir	ne									Progress	Expected output	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			202				2021					022				)23			target	
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
																						bilateral discussion with the Ministry to identify where further assistance is needed.
<ul> <li>Analysis of existing instruments for financing SME greening</li> </ul>																				To be done		See regional activities
Operationalising support to SME Development Strategy		Fact- findin g missi on							Support provide d to SME dev strategy of GEO											Complete d	Support to the SME Developmen t Strategy of GEO	Analysis and comments were provided to the Georgian Government and Enterprise Georgia on the draft SME Development Strategy
3.2: Environmental con	nplianc	e assurai	nce and e	environm	ental lia	bility r	egimes															
Activity 3.2.1: Strengther	ning of (	Complianc	e Assura	nce Syste	ms, Inst	trument	s, and T	ools														
Screening the compliance assurance system (CAS), including strengthening/developing criteria for compliance monitoring and reviewing available/potential information-based instruments for compliance promotion		Fact- findin g missi on							Launch of the data collectio n		Dr aft rev ie w			Final CAS review						On track	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.  In-depth review was not initially envisaged, but following a possibility occurred from postponing a similar activity in Belarus, it became possible to conduct this work in Georgia.
Support to     coordinated inspection     campaign (a multi-     country campaign -														Meeting on campai						To be done	Campaign	A seminar on joint inspections, ideally with the participation of IMPEL.

										Time lin	е									Progress	Expected	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			202	20			2021				2	022			20	23			output target	
OLONGIA	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
subject to confirmation)														gn <sup>2</sup>								Expression of interest from MEPA Department of Environmental Supervision (responsible for environmental inspectorate) to participate in a seminar on joint inspection, which are provided in sub-activities 3.2.2
Activity 3.2.2: Reform of	high im	pact enfo	rcement a	nd compli	iance pr	omotion	n instrun	nents, inc	cluding enviro	nmental li	ability											
Support to reform of the systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for noncompliance		Fact- findin g missi on							Launch of analysis		Dr aft rep ort			Final review  Launch of possibl e follow up support		Le gis lati ve pro po sal				On track	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													Laun ch of analy sis			Re vie w				To be done	Review	
Activity 3.2.3: Networking	g and ca	apacity bu	ilding		1		1		1				ı	Г	N			ı		0 1 1	0.1.1.1	E MEDA
Update/develop one training module and the provision of two cross-agency trainings (country-specific, subregional or regional - subject to confirmation)															Natio nal capa city buildi ng event					On track	3 trainings	Expression of interest from MEPA Department of Environmental Supervision (responsible for environmental inspectorate) to participate in these training.
3.3: Domestic public fir	nance,	subsidy	reforms,	oublic-pri	ivate pa	rtnersl	nips and	d private	finance for	green inv	estme	nt										
Activity 3.3.1: Greening p	oublic ex	xpenditur	е																			

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Using standard checklists with possible link to 3.1 or waste management, combined with capacity building.

										Time lin	е									Progress	Expected output	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			202	20			2021				20	022			20	23			target	
ozonow.	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
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								Prep arato ry work	Analysi s		Pr ogr am me de sig n		Final repor t							On track	Analytical report	
Training for government officials, including development of competence profiles for civil servants in the area of green financing												Traini ng								To be done	Training for 20 government officials	
Activity 3.3.4: National ar	na regio	nai policy	/ dialogue	s on gree	n iinanc	e and in																
National-level analysis to support green investment (green bonds), identification of key challenges/ways forward to align financial mechanisms with policy reforms							Sel ect ion of an int ern ati on al co ns ult ant	Selection of an intern ation al consultant	Prepara tory work		On lin e sta ke hol der dis cu ssi on s	Coun try- level asse ssme nt								On track / close to final	Analytical report	
3.4 Administrative capa	acity fo	r environ	mental m	anagem	ent																	
Activity 3.4.1: Assessme	nt of ex	isting and	required	administr	ative cap	pacity in	the env	vironment	tal sector													

										Time lin	ie									Progress	Expected output	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			202	0			2021				2	022			20	23			target	
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Analytical report on existing/required administrative capacity in the environmental sector and development of recommendations			Prep arato ry work, discu ssion s with SIGM A				Sel ect ion of an int ern ati on al co ns ult ant	Kick- off event with NAC s (15 Jan)	Intervie ws	Draft repor t	Dr aft rep ort	Final repor t	Coun try event							On track	Analytical report	The follow up Activity 3.4.2 on development of an Action Plan is subject to expression of interest by the country.

## 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. This Table presents the final country-specific Plan of Work for Result 4 in Georgia for 2021-2024 of the European Union for Environment Programme (EU4Environment). 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). It takes into account the results of the discussions at the Regional Assembly to be held on September 21, 2021.

				Timeli	ne				
Selected activities in Georgia	20		04		2022	04	2023-24	Expected output target	Comments
RESULT 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods of the Europe	Q3 an Union fo	Q4 Environme	Q1 Int Action	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Output 4.1: Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosys	tems (Emer	ald Network	x) (World Ban	ık)					
Activity 4.1.1: Preparing draft action plans in selected sites to adva	ince the esta	blishment of	the Emerald	Network and	d managemer	nt of existing site	es		
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 members	er states, co	mmunication	, and awarer	ness	_	<u>'</u>			
Covered by the regional work plan									
4.2: Promoting sustainable natural resources management, ed	conomic dev	elopment, a	and participa	ation at loca	l community	level (World B	ank)		
Activity 4.2.1: Baseline mapping for community engagement on fo	ests and oth	er natural res	sources man	agement					
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.
Feasibility study and recommendations for using forest biomass and timber processing waste in the production of fuel briquets for firewood-depending 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

				Timelir	ie				
Selected activities in Georgia	2021				2022		2023-24	Expected output target	Comments
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
RESULT 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods of the Europea	an Union for E	nvironmen	t Action						
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 practic	cal knowledge o	on natural re	esource mar	nagement (N	IRM)				
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 r	eports							
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 ille	egal trade in w	ood produ	cts (World E	ank)					
Activity 4.3.1: Strengthening timber/wood trade control systems in t	the EaP countri	ies							
(Not selected for implementation)									GCF, BMZ and Swiss Government are supporting Georgia with the project for the implementation of forest reform 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 e	export and trade	e controls o	ver timber/w	ood					
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									

				Timelin	ie										
Selected activities in Georgia	20	21		2	2022		2023-24	Expected output target	Comments						
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2020-24								
RESULT 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods of the Europea	ESULT 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods of the European Union for Environment Action														
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	or natural cap	oital conserv	ation and sus	stainable utili	zation										
Identifying the role of forests in meeting climate mitigation and adaptation targets as formulated in NDC, assessing investment								Report on the role of forests in acting up to NDC ambition, investment needs and potential							
needs for maximizing realization of this potential, and identifying sources of funding (public, private, donor) for such investments								sources of funding							
Activity 4.4.2: Promoting regional and international collaboration															
Covered by the regional work plan															

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

										Tim	ne line										Expected output	Comments
Selected activities in GEORGIA		2019			202	20			202	1			20	22			202	23		Progress	target	
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
5.3: Monitoring of pro	ogress	at the	econon	ny-enviro	nment nexu	ıs (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	4 profiles (1 per year)	The 2021 edition of the country profile was launched at the
<ul><li>Preparation of GGI report</li></ul>												Launch of work			Report					To be done	1 report	EU Green Week (27 May 2021) and was
Development of a policy brief, organising policy debates around key messages from GGI analysis															Policy brief					To be done	1 policy brief	prepared in English and national language.  Additional edition of the country profile will be prepared towards end of the Programme.