



Funded by  
the European Union

# EU4Environment

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

*EU4Environment work plan for 2019-2023:*

***THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA***

*(Final version, February 2022)*



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, and feedback received from the country.

Action implemented by:



---

## *Table of Contents*

List of acronyms .....	3
Introduction.....	4
About EU4Environment .....	4
National Focal Points and National Action Coordinator in the Republic of Moldova .....	5
<b>Revised final consolidated plan of work in the Republic of Moldova for Results 1-5.....</b>	<b>6</b>
Table 1. Consolidated list of activities in the Republic of Moldova under Results 1-3 and 5.....	7
Table 2. Activities in Moldova under Result 1: timeline and expected output targets .....	10
Table 3. Activities in Moldova under Result 2: timeline and expected output targets .....	13
Table 4. Activities in Moldova under Result 3: timeline and expected output targets .....	19
Table 5. Activities in Moldova under Result 4: timeline and expected output targets .....	25
Table 6. Activities in Moldova under Result 5: timeline and expected output targets .....	30

---

### 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. It also takes into account the key outcomes of the discussion during the country consultations with Moldova (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 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.

Annex 1 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
<b>Iordanca-Rodica IORDANOV</b> State Secretary for Environment  Technical Focal Point: <b>Maria NAGORNII</b> , Head of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assessment Policy Division	<b>TBC</b>  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	
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																				– Legal drafting: 1) Amending SEA, and EIA legislation (in line with last developments in the relevant EU	Confirmed	

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	
secondary implementing legislation																					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].		
– 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/programme 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 SEA / transboundary EIA																				First draft of 2 Guidelines on QC prepared	1.Guidelines on Quality Control of SEA and transboundary EIA 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)	Confirm the output targets 2 and 3	
– 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	

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
-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 (prepared by UNECE in English)																				completed	Video on transboundary EIA/Espoo Convention in ROM	
– 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.	

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

[illegible]

[illegible]

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																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
– RECP implementation support																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					

<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 2.2.1: 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)																						
Activity 2.3.1: Assessments/adv isory 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		



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
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																					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/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 & provide advisory services for business strategy review/development																					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	
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																		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 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		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					
– Training (country-specific, sub-regional or regional - subject to confirmation)																	Training					
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						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 government		Self-assessment tool												Completed	Develop new guidelines for support with finalisation/implementation of a new draft Programme on	Support on the greening elements was provided to the development of the SME Development Strategy and the launch of support to SMEs during the COVID-19 pandemic.	

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

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				
					ment plan for Greening SMEs		for SMEs															greening SMEs.	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																		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	
														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-finding mission				Launch of analysis				Draft report	Final report	Launch of follow up activity		legislative proposal						Partly completed (leg proposal 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												Launch of analysis		Review						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)														National capacity building event						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																		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		
— 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	Operational Manual and/or legal and regulatory support	Draft Law on payments for environmental pollution	Draft Law on payments for environmental pollution					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 resources)	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		

[illegible]

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												Laun ch of the pla n dev elo pm ent	Pla n									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													Trai nin g									To be done			
– Provision of on-going/ad hoc expert support to the Ministry of Environment or the Economy								Dis cus sion s on pos sibl e way s of sup port to Env iron me nt Age ncy					Po ssib le follo w up on the sup port 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 the Ministry (as Governmental Decision bill)	Secondary legislation on Emerald is required by the amended Law on National Ecological Network (94/2007)
Designing Emerald Network Management Plans for 2-3 selected sites								Management plans drafted and submitted to the Ministry  Landowners and stakeholders (public, community, private)	Will be followed up by a replication process across the country

[illegible]

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										
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).								Existing FMP legal framework reviewed and proposals for improvement submitted  A new community-based and participatory FMP model developed for a larger landscape (app. 2000-3000 ha of community forestland)	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 overexploitation and ensure long-term rational use (based on a pilot area)								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	
Support for local public authorities in organizing community-based events to promote conservation and socio-economic development among forest-dependent communities								3 events (1 per year during 2022-2024) organized (e.g. Local Beech Festivals)  3 communication & cultural events disseminated	This is a continuation of joint LPA+FLEG local event started in 2013	
Activity 4.2.3: Supporting the EaP countries in the development of lessons learnt reports										
Covered by the Regional Work Plan										
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										
Conduct an independent analysis of domestic consumption of wood products to counteract ecological and socio-economic effects of illegal logging								1 analytical report (both statistics and real figures)  1 workshop for data sharing and dissemination	This is a continuation of WB 2005/2006 report and FLEG 2010/2011 study on real wood consumption, so another independent study is needed to reveal the trend and actions needed. Requested by MoE as part of forest reform process.	

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									
Develop a web platform to promote market placement and sustainable trade of forest products								Website/platform developed and updated, hosted and maintained by Moldsilva	
Update the existing legislation on the production and marketing of forest/plant reproductive material								Legal framework reviewed and updated/adjusted to new production technologies and EU and international legal requirements and practices	For import/export operations, EU requires legal frame adjusted to recent technological developments and climate change adaptation strategies
Activity 4.3.2: Promoting innovation and technology to strengthen export and trade controls over timber/wood									
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)

[illegible]

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																			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 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, selecti on of a consu ltant, contra ct signat ure)	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. 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.