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***Biodiversity and Resilience in the Eastern Partner Countries:
How to Make It Real for Local Communities?***

Agenda

1 June 2022

TIME 14:00 – 15:30 CET (8:00 – 9:30 am Washington D.C.)

Zoom (invitation link will be sent upon registration)



Registration link: <https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJludu6hqDouEtL.by-ZImzSavo29Hro1hFMH>

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Background

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries have committed to preserving and restoring forests and biodiversity, including from a regional perspective, and are undertaking efforts to make this commitments work. Despite such efforts, economic development in the EaP countries continues to be based on largely unchecked extraction and exploitation of natural resources with enormous impacts on the environment. A new factor is Russia's aggression against Ukraine, which is causing not only a heavy human toll and infrastructure destruction, but also extensive physical damage to wildlife and habitats. The transboundary environmental impacts of this war, including on migratory species or the water and marine ecosystems is not yet clear.

Meeting Objectives and Description

This event organised as part of the European Green Week 2022 aims to show how the EU-funded EU4Environment Programme contributes to biodiversity conservation in the EaP countries, with a focus on the resilience of local communities. A distinguished panel of speakers from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine will take stock of progress, existing and emerging challenges, the future in implementing biodiversity and ecosystems' conservation measures and the role communities can play in restoring biodiversity.

The event is organized by the Sustainable Development Department for Europe and Central Asia of the World Bank's Environment, Natural Resources and the Blue Economy Global Practice.

About EU4Environment

The "European Union for Environment" (EU4Environment) Green Economy in Eastern Partnership Countries aims to help the partner countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus¹, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine 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 Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period for Result Area 4 (Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods) is 2021-2024.

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¹ In line with the Council Conclusions of 12 October 2020 and in light of the Council Conclusions of February 2022, the EU has stopped engaging with Belarusian authorities and continues to engage with the Belarusian civil society.

AGENDA

Time	Item
14:00 – 14:10	<p>OPENING OF THE MEETING</p> <p>Michaela HAUF, Team Leader, DG NEAR, European Commission Andrzej JANUSZEWSKI, Policy Officer, DG ENV, European Commission</p>
14:10-14:15	<p>EU4ENVIRONMENT SUPPORT TO ECOSYSTEMS AND LIVELIHOODS IN THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Madhavi M. PILLAI, Sr. Natural Resources Management Specialist, Task Team Leader for EU4Environment Result Area 4, World Bank</p>
14:15 – 14:45	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 1 - BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE: THE CASE OF UKRAINE</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serhiy MATVEYEV, Deputy Director, Department for Nature Reserve Fund and Land Resources, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources • Nataliya BALASYNOVYCH, Head, Vasytkiv Amalgamated Community • Oleksiy VASYLYUK, NGO Ukrainian Nature Protection Group <p>Moderator: Oksana RAKOVYCH, Environmental Specialist, World Bank Country Office in Ukraine</p>
14:45 – 15:25	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 2 - MAKE IT REAL: LOCAL NEEDS AND CHALLENGES</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arman AVAGYAN, National Focal Point, Bern Convention • Rashad ALLAHVERDIYEV, Deputy Chief Adviser to the Biological Diversity Conservation Service, Azerbaijan [TBC] • Karlo AMIRGULASHVILI, Head, Department of Biodiversity and Forest Policy, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia • Iordanca-Rodica IORDANOV, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment, the Republic of Moldova <p>Moderator: Madhavi M. PILLAI, Sr. Natural Resources Management Specialist, Task Team Leader for EU4Environment Result Area 4, World Bank</p>
15:25 – 15:30	<p>KEY TAKEAWAYS AND PLANNED EU4ENVIRONMENT SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES</p> <p>Madhavi M. PILLAI, Sr. Natural Resources Management Specialist, Task Team Leader for EU4Environment Result Area 4, World Bank</p>