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Green Economy in Eastern Partner Countries

## EU Green Week 2022 partner event: Towards Green Transformation of the Republic of Moldova

### DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

3 June 2022

10:00 – 13:00 (Chisinau, EEST) / 9:00-12:00 (Paris, Geneva)

**Registration link:** [click here](#). Upon registration you will receive an email with information about joining the meeting.

**Event's webpage:** [EU4Environment web site](#) and [EC web site](#)

**Broadcasting:** [privesc.eu](#)



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## Background

Greening the economy creates economic development opportunities, e.g. resource and energy efficiency can reduce costs of input material, waste minimisation and recycling can save resources, more environmentally friendly agriculture can save water and reduce pollution. Promoting new greener sectors and business models can result in economic diversification, increased competitiveness and access to new markets. Less pollution and preserved ecosystem services are important factors of population's wellbeing resilience, especially at community level, as well as peace and security in the region.

Since 2019, the EU-funded EU4Environment Programme has been supporting the Republic of Moldova and EaP countries in pursuing their path of green transformation. The EU4Environment Implementing Partners (OECD, UNECE, UNIDO, UNEP and the World Bank) helped Moldova in greening their Small- and Medium- Sized Enterprises, reforming their environmental finance institutions, or establishing better measurement of green growth. Overall, EU4Environment has helped the EaP countries to 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.

## Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

Since 2019 the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and Ministry of Economy, in partnership with EU4Environment and the European Union Delegation in the Republic of Moldova conducted three national campaigns within the EU Green Week 2019, 2020 and 2021 (<https://eu4moldova.eu/eu-green-week-2021/>).

The European Green Week 2022 creates a unique opportunity to engage stakeholders and citizens into common action. This year it is dedicated to the EU Green Deal, the new growth strategy of the European Union, aiming to make the EU economy resource-efficient and sustainable with a special focus on circular economy, zero pollution and biodiversity.

The EU4Environment event aims to show how the Programme contributes to the EU ambition for a zero pollution and clean environment, biodiversity conservation and promotion of circular economy in the Republic of Moldova. It will:

- Review progress in addressing environmental challenges in the Republic of Moldova and the EaP region;
- Discuss the ways how to address further challenges, including eco-labelling and eco-innovation promotion, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production, greening industrial parks/zones and green public procurement;
- Raise awareness on biodiversity conservation, protected areas and forest management;
- Share experience on monitoring progress towards a green economy.

## Participants

The event will gather the representatives of the Ministries of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Ministry of Economy, and other line Ministries in the Republic of Moldova and invited representatives from Eastern Partnership countries, representatives of the civil society, academic community and business. The representatives of the European Commission, EU Delegations, and the EU4Environment Implementing Partners (OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and World Bank) will also join the meeting.

## Practical information

- Virtual platform: Zoom platform and live transmission through [privesc.eu](https://privesc.eu) platform to reach out to wider audience.
- English/Romanian interpretation.

## About EU4Environment

The "European Union for Environment" (**EU4Environment**) Green Economy in Eastern Partnership Countries aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, 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.

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Time	Item
10h00 – 10h10 (10 min)	<b>Item 1. Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and introductory remarks by Moderator – <b>Iordanca-Rodica IORDANOV</b>, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova</li> </ul>
10h10 – 10h30 (20 min)	<b>Item 2. High-level session: EU Green Week 2022 in the Republic of Moldova</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks by invited <b>high level representatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS</b>, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries (<i>video message</i>)</li> <li>○ <b>Iuliana CANTARAGIU</b>, Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova</li> <li>○ <b>Vladimir CUC</b>, State secretary for European Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Republic of Moldova</li> <li>○ <b>Silviu NEGHINA</b>, Head of Division, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Moldova</li> <li>○ <b>Gintautas BARANAUSKAS</b>, Deputy Head of Operations Section, Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Moldova</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10h30 – 11h00 (30 min)	<b>Item 3. Thematic session: EU4Environment contribution towards zero pollution in the Republic of Moldova</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting circularity and green transition: Eco-innovations, eco-labelling, green public procurement and the program on promotion of Green economy for 2023-27 by <b>Rie TSUTSUMI</b>, Regional coordinator, UNEP</li> <li>• Eco-innovation approaches by <b>Rie TSUTSUMI</b></li> <li>• Introduction of draft Regulation on eco-labelling by <b>Irina PUNGA</b>, Legal Expert, EcoContact</li> <li>• Promotion of sustainable public procurement by <b>Ruslan MALAI</b>, Director of the Public Procurement Agency</li> </ul> <p><i>Question and answers</i></p>
11h00 – 11h40 (40 min)	<b>Item 4. Thematic session: EU4Environment contribution towards circular economy in the Republic of Moldova</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circular Economy practices to green industries in the Republic of Moldova: introduction by <b>Tatiana CHERNYAVSKAYA</b>, Project Manager, Directorate of Environment and Energy, UNIDO           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Product Environmental Footprint as a tool of introducing EU Single Market for Green Products – by <b>Tatiana CHERNYAVSKAYA</b></li> <li>○ Contribution of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) to green transformation in Moldova – by <b>Dr. Johannes FRESNER</b>, Senior technical advisor, UNIDO (STENUM GmbH)</li> <li>○ Piloting International Eco-Industrial Parks Framework in Moldova – preliminary findings – by <b>Ankit KAPASI</b>, international EIP expert, UNIDO (Sofies)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Question and answers</i></p>
11h40 – 12h00	<b>Coffee break</b>

12h00 – 12h20

(20 min)

**Item 5. Thematic session: EU4Environment contribution to biodiversity conservation, protected areas and forest management**

- Biodiversity conservation versus forest management: how to better protect species and habitats in agriculturalized Moldova? – by **Aurel LOZAN**, Country Activity Coordinator, World Bank
  - Protected areas coverage and Emerald sites establishment nationwide
  - Preparation of the National Afforestation and Reforestation Plan (NARP)
  - Forest management and silvopastoral practices to follow sustainable development

*Question and answers*

12h20 – 12h50

(30 min)

**Item 6. Thematic session: Green economy monitoring**

*How can we know that our economy is green? Moldova will share its experience in monitoring progress towards a green economy and in using green growth indicators (GGIs) to promote evidence-based policies*

- Brief introduction by **Krzysztof MICHALAK**, Senior Programme Manager, Environment Directorate, OECD
- How does Moldova fare with greening its economy? - by **Ecaterina RUSU**, Independent Analytical Center “Expert-Grup”
  - State of play in 2021: what GGIs tell us about the current situation in Moldova? – selected trends from the report and policy messages from the Policy brief
  - Use of green growth indicators in policy-making - New Green Economy Programme and its Action Plan 2022-24 & Environmental Strategy 2030
  - Demonstration of the first of its kind digital platform among the EaP countries on green growth indicators, hosted by the Ministry of Environment
- New EU4Environment water and data programme: common efforts for better environmental monitoring by **Svetlana ZHEKOVA** and **Johannes MAYER**, Environment Agency Austria

*Question and answers*

12h50 – 13h00

(10 min)

**Item 5. Closure and next steps**

- Wrap up: representatives of Ministry of Environment