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## Fourth meeting of the Regional Assembly

### FINAL AGENDA

**Date:** 22-23 September 2022

**Time:** starting at 10:00 (CEST) on the first day

**Meeting venue:** International Energy Agency, Conference Room 1  
9, Rue de la Fédération, Paris, France

Event's web page:

<https://www.eu4environment.org/events/the-fourth-meeting-of-the-eu4environment-regional-assembly/>

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## Fourth meeting of the Regional Assembly of the EU4Environment: Green Economy

22-23 September 2022 (Paris, France)

### Meeting objectives

The fourth meeting of the Regional Assembly of the “EU4Environment: Green Economy” will:

- take stock of the Programme implementation and showcase the main achievements;
- review the updated country specific and regional work plans for 2022-23;
- review the governance arrangements and discuss the implementation of the communication activities.

The meeting will also include a special session on the second day (23 September) that will provide an opportunity to discuss in more detail the EU and EU4Environment work on circular economy, including recently completed pilots on the industrial waste mapping, which are among the flagship Programme activities.

### Participants

The meeting will bring together the National Focal Points from the Ministries of Environment and of Economy of Eastern Partner countries, the National Action Coordinators, representatives of the European Commission and the EU Delegations, EU Member States, civil society, and the EU4Environment Implementing Partners (OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank). Representatives of other co-operation programmes in the EaP countries will also be invited to attend.

### Supporting Documents (see the [meeting web site](#))

- Country profiles with key results 2021-22
- Presentations on progress with country and regional activities
- Country and regional work plans
- Draft executive summaries on Industrial Waste Mapping in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine

### Practical Information (see the [meeting web site](#))

The meeting will be held **in the premises of the International Energy Agency in Paris** (address: 9 Rue de la Fédération, 75015 Paris). A Zoom link will also be provided for those participants, who are not able to join in-person.

Logistical information will be circulated closer to the meeting.

### About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment: Green Economy**) Programme helps the European Union’s Eastern 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 Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank. The Action implementation period is 2019-2023.

For more information please visit: [www.eu4environment.org](http://www.eu4environment.org)

**Draft Outline Agenda**  
**Day 1: 22 September 2022**  
**10:00 – 18:00 Paris/Brussels time**

Time	Item
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Welcome coffee and registration</i>
<b>10:00 – 10:20</b> <b>(20 min)</b>	<p><b>Item 1. Opening, welcome, and adoption of the agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening by the Chair of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Ms Michaela Hauf, Team Leader for Green and Connectivity, DG NEAR</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Message from the European Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Mr Lawrence Meredith Director, DG NEAR (via video)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Welcome on behalf of the Implementing Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Ms Jo Tyndall, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD (via video)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Mr Stephan Sicars, Director, Circular Economy and Environmental Protection Division, UNIDO</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>10:20 – 10:45</b> <b>(25 min)</b>	<p><b>Item 2: Launch of the EU4Environment Country Profiles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key messages on the Action implementation and the presentation of the Country Profiles that highlight the key activities and achievements during the period 2021-22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Implementing Partners: OECD, UNIDO and the World Bank</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>10:45 – 11:45</b> <b>(60 min)</b>	<p><b>Item 3. Country-level activities: progress on the Action implementation, its impact and plans for 2022-23 in the Eastern Partner countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory presentations on key activities by Implementing Partners followed by interventions from the country National Focal Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Armenia</li> <li>○ Georgia</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Open discussion</i></li> </ul>
<b>11:45 – 12:45</b> <b>(60 min)</b>	<p><b>Item 3 cont. Country-level activities: progress on the Action implementation, its impact and plans for 2022-23 in the Eastern Partner countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory presentations on key activities by Implementing Partners followed by interventions from the country National Focal Points:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Azerbaijan</li> <li>○ Republic of Moldova</li> <li>• <i>Open discussion</i></li> </ul>
<b>12:45 – 14:00</b> <b>(75 minutes)</b>	<i>Lunch break</i>
<b>14:00 – 15:00</b> <b>(60 min)</b>	<p><b>Item 4. Special session on Ukraine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by the Chair</li> <li>• Opening remarks by the European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Ms Chloé Allio, Head of Section "Economic Cooperation, Energy, Infrastructure and Environment" of the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recent developments in Ukraine, impacts of the war on the environment, preparation of the Reconstruction/Recovery Plan, including its environmental part <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Mr Evgeniy Fedorenko, Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, Ukraine and Ms Viktoria Kovalenko, Ministry of Economy, Ukraine</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• EU4Environment contribution and support to the recovery of Ukraine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Interventions by the Implementing Partners and the presentation of the adjusted country work plan</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Open discussion</i></li> </ul>
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	<p><b>Item 5. Co-operation with Civil Society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Elena Culighin, Chair, National Environmental Center Moldova and EaP Civil Society Forum</i></li> <li>• <i>Open discussion</i></li> </ul>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	<p><b>Item 6. Coordination with other EU4 Programmes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Mr Matthew Griffiths, OECD on behalf of EU4Environment: Water Management and Environmental Data</i></li> <li>○ <i>Mr Yevgen Groza, UNDP on behalf of EU4Climate</i></li> <li>○ <i>Mr Francesco Alfonso, OECD on behalf of EU4Business</i></li> <li>• <i>Open discussion</i></li> </ul>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>16:30 – 17:30</b> <b>(60 min)</b>	<p><b>Item 7. Regional activities, governance, sustainability and communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on regional activities, governance arrangements and long-term sustainability of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Mr Krzysztof Michalak, OECD</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Open discussion</i></li><li>● Update on communication activities</li><li>○ <i>Open discussion</i></li></ul>
<b>17:30 – 18:00</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	<b><i>Item 8. Wrap up of the day</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Other business</li><li>● Closing remarks by the Implementing Partners</li><li>● Closing remarks by the European Commission</li></ul>
<b>18:00 – 20:00</b>	<b><i>Networking cocktail</i></b>

**Day 2: 23 September 2022**  
**9:30 – 16:00 Paris/Brussels time**

### **Special session – Circular Economy**

#### **Objectives**

This special session will aim to present and discuss the recent development on circular economy (CE) in the European Union and will review the progress on related activities under EU4Environment.

The session will also include the presentation of the recent EU4Environment work on piloting industrial waste mapping (IWM) which promotes the minimisation of industrial waste as a pillar of circular economy. It will focus on presenting the results and conclusions of the IWM pilots implemented by UNIDO in Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Ukraine.

Participants will discuss the benefits, opportunities, and challenges in the transition to CE in the EaP region, building on the experiences from the pilots. They will also discuss the use of IWM as a tool to foster circularity and contextual systemic factors (including political, regulatory and institutional) to enable and accelerate the development of a more circular economy.

The session will increase the understanding of the role that IWM plays in circular transition, improve readiness of stakeholders in EaP countries to take action based on opportunities evidenced by Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Ukraine and familiarize the audience with the draft IWM Guidelines on how to make such studies the norm rather than the exception.

#### **Participation**

The key target groups of the session are representatives of government institutions, agencies and regulators (e.g. Ministries of economy, natural resources and/or environment, regional development), regional authorities, municipalities and mayoralties in the EaP countries. Moreover, industrial enterprises and public and private organisations involved in waste management (e.g. collection companies, recyclers) and sector associations are encouraged to participate.

Time	Item
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Welcome coffee and registration of additional participants</i>
09:30 – 10:00 (30 min)	<p data-bbox="480 394 1066 427"><b>Item 1. Circular Economy in the European Union</b></p> <ul data-bbox="528 450 1398 551" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="528 450 1398 551">• <b>Introduction and recent work on circular Economy in the European Union</b> – Ms Guillemette Vachey, Policy Officer - Environment and Climate Action DG NEAR, European Commission</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:00	<p data-bbox="480 589 1190 622"><b>Item 2. EU4Environment contribution to Circular Economy</b></p> <p data-bbox="480 640 1402 779"><i>This session reviews EU4Environment’s contribution to the circular economy and spotlights selected interventions. Key achievements, lessons learned, as well as recommendations for the future will be presented by implementing partners as well as country representatives.</i></p> <p data-bbox="480 819 1402 958"><b>Keynote presentation:</b> The circularity approach and overview of EU4Environment contributions to its implementation in Eastern Partner countries by Ms. Elisa Tonda, Chief of Resources and Markets Branch, Economy Division, UNEP.</p> <p data-bbox="480 999 874 1032"><b>Moderated panel discussion on:</b></p> <ul data-bbox="528 1037 1402 1317" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="528 1037 1402 1104">▪ <i>What new targets have been put forward to work towards circularity in EaP countries?</i></li> <li data-bbox="528 1108 1402 1176">▪ <i>What tools have proven effective to motivate SMEs to implement circularity?</i></li> <li data-bbox="528 1180 1402 1247">▪ <i>What are the current opportunities for financing circularity in the EaP region?</i></li> <li data-bbox="528 1252 1402 1317">▪ <i>What recommendations can be put forward for future work to advance circularity in the region?</i></li> </ul> <p data-bbox="480 1321 818 1352"><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Elisa Tonda</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 12:30 (1 hour)	<p data-bbox="480 1440 1398 1473"><b>Item 3. Industrial waste mapping pilots in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine</b></p> <p data-bbox="480 1491 1402 1704"><i>At this moderated session the approach to IWM and results of the IWM exercises in six pilot regions in Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Ukraine will be described. It will also present the considerations and experiences throughout the process, including the delimitation of the IWM, data collection and datasets, results and graphical waste maps. It will then provide a look at the financial, material and environmental approaches to IWM.</i></p> <p data-bbox="480 1744 1267 1778"><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, Project Manager, UNIDO</p> <ul data-bbox="528 1818 1402 2074" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="528 1818 1402 1886">• <b>Overall scope and methodology</b> - Mr Alastair Carruth, UNIDO International Circular Economy Expert (Sweco International AB)</li> <li data-bbox="528 1890 1402 2013">• <b>Azerbaijan: Baku and Absheron-Khizi regions</b> - Mr Henrik Toremark, UNIDO International Circular Economy Expert (Sweco International AB)</li> <li data-bbox="528 2018 1402 2074">• <b>Georgia: Rustavi and Zestaponi regions</b> - Mr. Alastair Carruth</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ukraine: Davydiv and Slavutska regions</b> - Ms. Emma Danielsson and Alastair Carruth, UNIDO International Circular Economy Experts (Sweco International AB)</li> </ul>
12:30-13:00	<b>Questions and Answers Session</b>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:40	<p><b>Item 4. IWM Guidelines for EaP countries: Key lessons learnt and recommendations for stakeholders to promote circular economies</b></p> <p><i>This session will share the key lessons learnt and recommendations, focusing on the holistic approach necessary to strengthen waste hierarchy perspective in the governance and legislative and regulatory frameworks to promote circular practices. It will provide recommendations to policy-makers on developing monitoring, organisation, legislation and financial incentives to promote circular economy.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IWM Guidelines for EaP countries: Key lessons learnt and recommendations for stakeholders to promote circular economies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Alastair Carruth with contributions on in-country lessons by national experts: Mr. Volodymyr Popovych (RECP Center, Ukraine) Mr. Irakli Legashvili (REC Georgia), and Mr. Tofiq Hasanov (ACE Group Consultant LLC, Azerbaijan)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14:40-15:00	<p><b>Item 5. Implementation of industrial symbioses: Practical steps towards a circular economy based on the IWM</b></p> <p><i>Experience from Alholmen Industrial Park in Jakobstad, Finland will be shared to illustrate how the industrial synergies can be progressed once you have identified some opportunities working on materials for symbioses and solving organisational issues needed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Implementation of industrial symbioses: Practical steps towards a circular economy based on the IWM</b> by Mr. Tomas Knuts, Project Manager, Jakobstad Region Development Company Concordia Ltd, Finland</li> </ul>
15:00-15:45	<p><b>Item 6. Moderated break-out discussion on the role of IWM as a tool to identify technical, systematic and institutional issues in the transition to the circular economy</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Mr Alastair Carruth , Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, Dr. Johannes Fresner, and Mr. Henrik Toremark</p>
15:45-15:55	<p><b>Item 7. Way ahead and next steps</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Mr. Alastair Carruth and Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya</p>
15:55 – 16:10	<p><b>Item 8. Wrap-up of the Side Event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing remarks by EU, UNEP and UNIDO</li> </ul>