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**EU4Environment**  
Green Economy in Eastern Partner Countries

# EU4Environment in the Republic of Moldova: achievements, ongoing work and plans for 2022-23

4<sup>th</sup> Regional Assembly meeting, 22-23 September 2022

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## Result 1. Greener decision making (UNEP)

### Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022



### Plans for 2022-23

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Regular support for organization/logistics of <b>inter-ministerial dialogue on Green Economy (GE)</b></li><li>✓ In collaboration with the Academy of Public Administration (APA), <b>GE topics were integrated into professional development courses</b> on "Integrated strategic planning", "Development of public policies" and "Monitoring and evaluation of public policies"</li><li>✓ <b>Catalogue of professional development courses</b> for central and local public authorities was <b>supplemented with an Environmental Management course</b></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Continued <b>inter-ministerial dialogue on GE and overall oversight of EU4Environment progress</b></li><li>✓ Promotion (integration into APA programs) and delivery of <b>the introductory GE course among civil servants</b></li><li>✓ Analysis of sectoral policies by trained civil servants, using skills obtained through the in-depth <b>GE policy/analysis training course</b></li><li>✓ Elaboration of the <b>Green Economy Program and Action Plan for 2023-2027</b></li><li>✓ Develop an <b>investment needs assessment</b> in alignment with review of national GE strategy</li><li>✓ <b>Green Economy online course</b> to be adapted and integrated on APA's "LearnIn Distance" training platform</li><li>✓ <b>Awareness raising campaigns for general public</b></li></ul> |



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## Result 1. Greener decision making (UNECE: SEA/EIA)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022



Plans for 2022-23

- ✓ **Amended laws on EIA and on SEA:** final drafts completed + the law on amendments adopted by Parliament of the Republic of Moldova in July 2022
- ✓ Two draft **Guidelines on Quality Control of SEA Documentation** and on **Quality Control of Transboundary EIA Documentation** prepared
- ✓ Needs assessment for **SEA course for public servants, university-level course and awareness-raising materials**
- ✓ Finalization of the **two draft Guidelines** in line with adopted amendments to the laws **on SEA and EIA** (Q4 2022):
  - *Guidelines on Quality Control of SEA Documentation*
  - *Guidelines on QC of Transboundary EIA Documentation*
- ✓ **Preparatory phase and Scoping Report for a pilot SEA project** (Q4 2022)
- ✓ **SEA report of the pilot SEA** (2023)
- ✓ Preparation of **SEA course for public servants and university-level course** on SEA and transboundary EIA (by Q1 2023)
- ✓ Preparation of the draft **Order of the Minister (on assessment and certification of experts/legal persons for development of SEA and EIA documentation)**
- ✓ **Training Workshop on Quality Control of SEA and EIA Documentation** - (late 2022)
- ✓ Development of **awareness-raising materials** (Q4 2022 – Q1 2023)
- ✓ Other **methodologies/guidelines on EIA and SEA** (after finalizing the two Guidelines on Quality Control)



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## Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNIDO)

### Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ Webinar on RECP for businesses (10 February 2022) **at the EU Industry Weeks**
- ✓ **Gender mainstreaming in industry: training** (14-15 June 2022)
- ✓ **RECP web page hosted by ODA** (formed ODIMM) at [www.odimm.md](http://www.odimm.md)
- ✓ Completing **EIP prefeasibility assessments** at IP Tracom and FEZ Valkanesz and preparing final report; UNIDO missions organized to validate the findings on 6-7 and 20-24 of June
- ✓ More than 60 companies were invited to RECP Clubs: the first meeting of **RECP Club** in Gagauzia on 21 of June, 8 companies as members; the first meeting of RECP Club in Cahul on 19 of July, 7 companies as members
- ✓ Collaboration with **EU4Regions** and a joint event in Cahul
- ✓ **15 RECP trainees and 15 demonstration SMEs** identified; RECP training delivered 5 modules out of 6, and 8 SMEs questionnaires with reports containing completed calculation data
- ✓ Launched the **monitoring of 10 RECP alumna SMEs** from EaP GREEN Action

### Plans for 2022-23

- ✓ Presenting the results of **EIP feasibility assessments at IP and FEZ** at a dedicated event
- ✓ Completing meetings of **2 RECP Clubs** in Cahul and Gagauzia followed by developing RECP Action Plans for 15 enterprises; monitoring Action Plans implementation
- ✓ **Finalisation of training RECP program** for 15 RECP experts and **finalizing RECP assessments** of 15 SMEs, final 15 reports and 15 business cases of most relevant measures for resource efficiency improvements.
- ✓ Elaboration of Investment Plans for 10 SMEs on RECP measures implementation with external financing/loans
- ✓ At least one more **stakeholders group meeting**
- ✓ Finalizing the strategy for RECP institutionalization and support to the RECP network establishment
- ✓ Awareness campaign on the **concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products** initiative and its Product Environmental Footprint tool
- ✓ **Raising awareness and sharing knowledge on RECP**: communication plan, web presence, awareness raising events and materials
- ✓ **Monitoring of 10 RECP alumnae SMEs** from EaP GREEN Action (2013-17) 10 Business Cases



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## Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNEP)

### Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022



### Plans for 2022-23

- ✓ Draft of **Regulation on eco-labelling** (aligned with EU Regulations) developed; elaboration of **national eco-label** initiated
- ✓ Initiation of **prioritisation of new products for SPP** and elaboration of **associated sustainability criteria**
- ✓ **National Waste Management Program and National Waste Action Plan** developed (currently under internal government review)
- ✓ Draft **National Gap Analysis on implementation the EPR legislation for WEEE** prepared
- ✓ Finalisation of **eco-innovation market and policy assessment** (wine and apparel production as priority sectors) and approval during a national validation thereof
- ✓ **Selection of 8 SMEs through a national call for proposals** to receive eco-innovation advisory-services
- ✓ 2 SMEs already begun **assessing the eco-innovation potential** using UNEP's methodology and guidance
- ✓ 3rd regional **capacity development EPR webinar** (29 Oct 2021)

- ✓ **High-level dialogue on Sustainable Public Procurement and eco-labelling**
- ✓ **Media-breakfast on Green Economy** and **press-tour on eco-innovation**
- ✓ **Public hearing** on draft regulation on **eco-labelling**
- ✓ Continue assessment of the existing **EPR mechanisms** and improvement of the legal framework on EPR implementation for **WEEE and waste batteries**
- ✓ Finalizing **assessment of eco-innovation potential of 8 SMEs**, and development of **roadmaps** for 5 of them



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## Result 3. Environmental level playing field (OECD)

### Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ **Online self-assessment tool for greening SMEs** (over 580 SMEs benefitted from the tool)
- ✓ Publication of the assessment report of the **environmental compliance assurance system and the system of administrative sanctions** (in English and in Romanian)
- ✓ **Clean Public Transport (CPT) – training and knowledge-sharing** for experts on managing green public investments
- ✓ Development of the **Operational Manual for the National Ecological Fund** and assistance to develop **new regulation for the National Ecological Fund**
- ✓ Inclusion of **2010-20 fossil-fuel subsidies (FFSs) data** for Moldova in the **OECD database on FFSs**
- ✓ Country-level analysis of the **capital market in the country and its readiness to use green bonds** as a source of long-term green finance, **consultations with key stakeholders**
- ✓ **Draft report on administrative capacity for environmental management**

### Plans for 2022-23

- ✓ Comments on the **draft law on the EU Industrial Emissions Directive** and support on its implementation
- ✓ Assistance with the development of **metrics for measuring SME greening**
- ✓ Development of **General Binding Rules for selected sector of SMEs**
- ✓ Analytical support to the development of **environmental liability and damage assessment legislation**
- ✓ Report on Green Public Investment Programme in **clean urban transport sector in Moldova**
- ✓ Finalised country-level assessment on **green bonds** project
- ✓ Report on strengthening **administrative capacity for environmental management** in Moldova, roadmap and training
- ✓ Support to reform of **environmental taxation**
- ✓ Analysis on the existing approaches to **regulations of large emission** sources and recommendations for reform in light of the EU IED, roadmap and training
- ✓ Reforming **energy-related tax expenditure subsidies**: analytical report, including legal and regulatory support





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## Result 4. Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods (the World Bank)

### Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ **Country work plan** developed and agreed with the national counterparts
- ✓ Work launched on the following tasks:
  - ✓ Developing **National Emerald Roadmap**
  - ✓ Developing **Emerald related legal framework** for improved Emerald species and habitat conservation
  - ✓ Developing **Guidelines** for preparing Emerald management plans
  - ✓ Developing **Emerald sites management plans** for 3 selected sites
  - ✓ **Building human and informational capacity** to ensure sustainable management of the Emerald Network
  - ✓ Support to the development of the **National Afforestation and Reforestation Program**

### Plans for 2022-23

- ✓ Develop draft **Emerald Roadmap, Emerald related legislation** and **Guidelines** for preparing Emerald site management plans, start work on developing **Emerald sites management plans** and conduct **4 capacity building events**
- ✓ Conduct **baseline mapping** for community engagement in forests and NRM, support **8 communities** to improve their practical knowledge on NRM
- ✓ Start work on identifying/mapping **High Conservation Value Forests**
- ✓ Start work on **developing community-based participatory forest management model**, and conducting **forest management and silvo-pastoral planning for community-owned land**
- ✓ **Analytical work** on domestic consumption of wood products to counteract illegal logging
- ✓ **Web platform** to promote marketing and sustainable trade of forest products
- ✓ **Diagnostic analysis** of national forest monitoring system and recommendations
- ✓ **Pilot design and demonstration** of a key-species traceability information system



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## Result 5. Monitoring progress at environment-economy nexus (OECD)

### Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ **Green growth indicators in Moldova: report and web platform** (hosted by the Ministry of Environment) and their launch at WG on GE (Feb 2022)
- ✓ **Special session on GGIs** to present policy recommendations at EU Green Week (with outreach of appx. 14 000 citizens)
- ✓ **Policy brief on GGI** in English and Romanian
- ✓ **New 3d edition of country profile** for 2021-2022 (in English, *Romanian version is forthcoming*)
- ✓ **Video on green growth indicators** in Romanian
- ✓ Participation of the Republic of Moldova in the regional **communications campaigns** (European Week For Waste Reduction, EU Green Week)
- ✓ Promotion of EU4Environment on **national web sites** and in mass media

### Plans for 2022-23

- ✓ New 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the **country profile**, in English and Romanian language
- ✓ **Updates of EU4Environment Facebook page for Moldova**
- ✓ Translation of selected materials into **national language**





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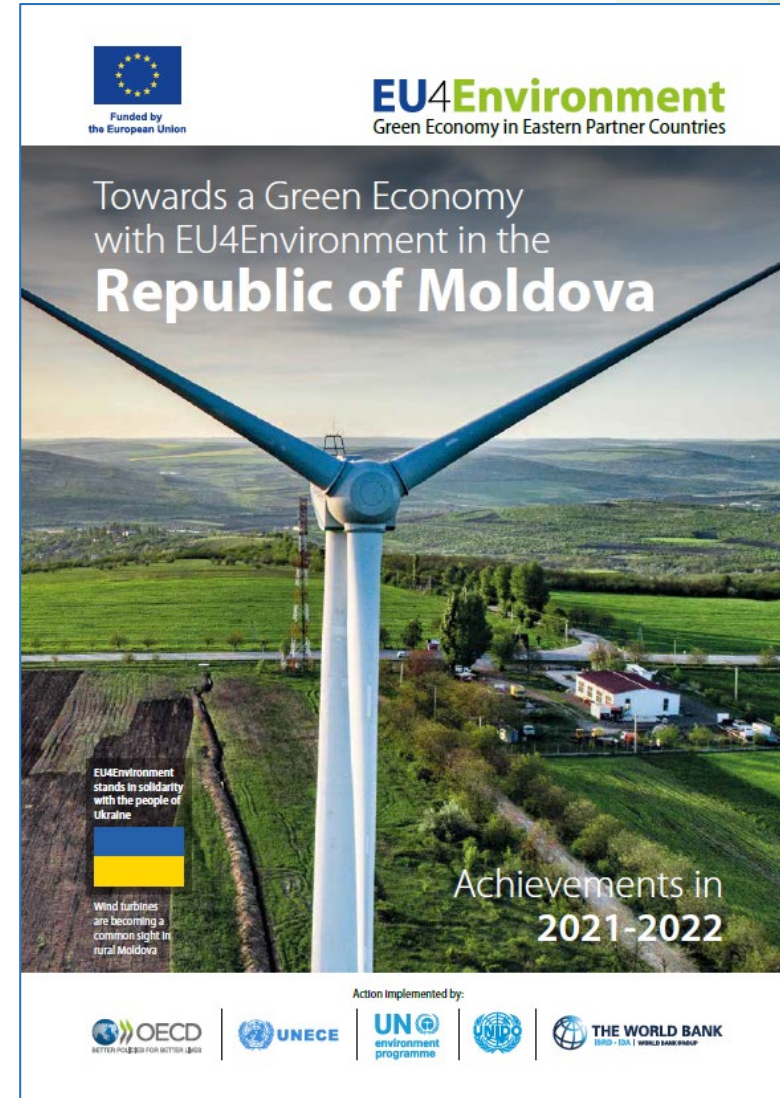
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## NEW 2022 edition of the Country profile



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## Country profiles and EU4Environment brochure



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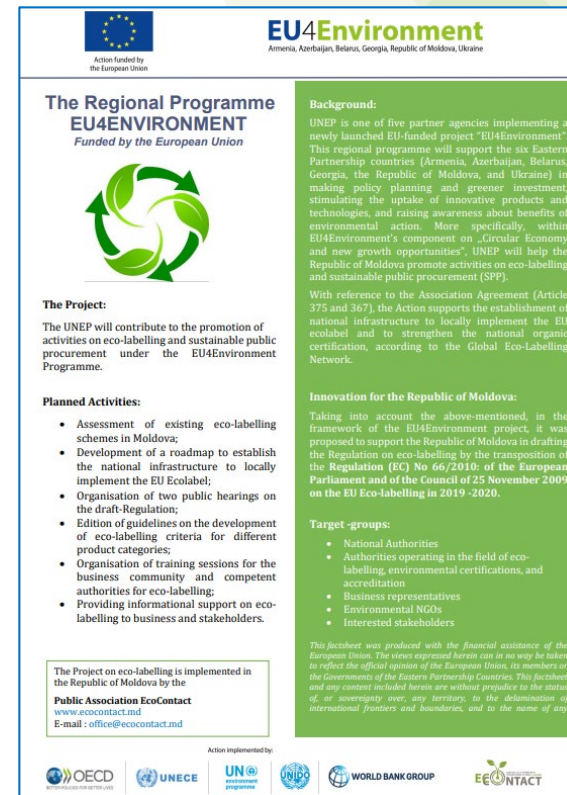


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### INTRODUCERE ÎN CURSUL ONLINE PRIVIND ECONOMIA VERDE

<https://uncclearn.org/course/view.php?id=119&page=overview>

#### Auditoriul țintă

- Funcționarii publici din ministerele naționale, agențiile guvernamentale și autoritățile publice locale
- Managerii responsabili de mediu din sectorul privat și organizațiile societății civile
- Cadrele didactice, cercetătorii și studenții
- Cetățenii interesați



#### Obiectivele de învățare

- Descrie justificarea și conceptele de bază pentru realizarea unei economii verzi incluzive în raport cu practicile obișnuite
- Identifică condițiile favorabile pentru ecologizarea economiilor naționale
- Evidențierea oportunităților și provocărilor principale din sectoarele cheie
- Oferă exemple de strategii și planuri naționale pentru promovarea economiei verzi incluzive
- Distinge cadrele și inițiativele internaționale care vin în susținerea unei economii verzi incluzive



#### Certificarea

Pentru a primi un certificat de finalizare, toate cele cinci module trebuie să fie finalizate, iar testele asociate cu acestea susținute cu succes.

#### Metodologia și formatul

Cursul se desfășoară în ritm propriu și nu este moderat. Este divizat în cinci module pentru a contribui la realizarea obiectivelor de învățare. Modulele sunt autonome. Pe tot parcursul cursului, cursanților li se vor oferi referințe și publicații privind economia verde incluzivă dacă se va dori un studiu mai aprofundat. Fiecare modul prezintă o lecție interactivă, un filmuleț și un test. Aproximativ 10 ore de studiu.



#### Modulul 1: Înțelegerea situației în care ne aflăm – Justificarea pentru inițierea tranziției verzi

- Regindirea paradigmei economice
- Justificarea pentru inițierea tranziției ecologice
- Agenda 2030 și modul în care economiile verzi incluzive contribuie la realizarea acesteia

#### Modulul 2: Focusarea pe instrumente – Condiții favorabile pentru schimbările structurale

- Promovarea fluxurilor financiare publice mai inteligente
- Stabilirea cadrelor de reglementare solide
- Mecanismele de reglementare internaționale
- Mobilizarea finanțelor private
- Abilitarea agenților schimbării prin dezvoltarea capacității

#### Modulul 3: Vizualizarea destinației – Sectoarele cheie cu potențial de ecologizare înalt

- Contextul național al dezvoltării durabile
- Investiții în capitalul natural
- Investiții în capitalul construit

#### Modulul 4: Trasarea căii – Strategii și planificare pentru realizarea obiectivelor de politică privind economia verde

- Implicarea părților interesate în tranziția verde
- Integrarea considerentelor de ecologizare în planurile de dezvoltare

#### Modulul 5: Un mediu favorabil – Cadrele și inițiativele internaționale în susținerea economiilor verzi incluzive

- Cadrele internaționale care ghidează tranziția verde
- Finanțarea de dezvoltare pentru o economie verde incluzivă
- Inițiativele în domeniul economiei verzi incluzive din întreaga lume



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Acest prospect a fost realizat cu sprijinul financiar al Uniunii Europene. Materialele cursului electronic au fost dezvoltate în cadrul Parteneriatului pentru acțiune în domeniul economiei verzi. Opiniile exprimate aici în niciun caz nu reflectă opinia oficială a Uniunii Europene, a Statelor membre UE sau a guvernelor țărilor Parteneriatului Estic.

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