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# EU4Environment supports the Republic of Moldova's path to resource efficiency and Circular Economy

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November marked important milestones for the Moldovan industries on the course of becoming more resource efficient and greener. Under the European Union-funded programme, EU4Environment, selected industries and professionals are taking advantage of the Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) methodology and the pre-feasibility studies on Eco-Industrial Parks (EIP) implemented by UNIDO in the EU's Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries.

Reverting back to the Moldovan context, between 7-9 November, a dedicated field mission was organized to Industrial Park (IP) Tracom and Free Economic Zone (FEZ) Valkaneş as part of the pilot exercise helping the two sites transition towards EIPs. This was succeeded by the annual Stakeholders Group meeting on RECP, a partnership-building meeting, and a media lunch with a press tour of IP Tracom, all held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

The events reiterated once more the need and potential benefits for the industry sector and the overall economy to invest in practices that value utilising resources for as long as possible, whilst minimising waste and safeguarding the environment. During the Stakeholders Group meeting, 23 participants (60% women) gathered to discuss the progress of the activities related to Circular Economy and new growth opportunities for manufacturing enterprises under the EU4Environment Action in Moldova.

*We all want resource efficient and sustainable economic growth, with a special focus on Circular Economy, zero pollution, and the greening of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). In this context, we are extremely happy that today's event, organized by UNIDO within EU4Environment, is focusing on integrating the processes of green transformation in our country's economy. Our national strategic priorities are to further promote green economic development, reduce emissions, minimize and recycle waste, all while progressively improving resource efficiency in consumption and production, and decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation. To achieve this, based on the environmental objectives of the European Moldova/Moldova 2030 Strategy - we must continuously promote the transition to Circular Economy, cleaner production and green public procurement, eco-labelling, and eco-innovations. Here, cleaner production, the greening of industrial parks and free economic zones and the creation of new RECP Clubs have become an added value and an additional catalyst in the development and greening of businesses, the creation of green jobs, and the promotion of eco products in society, said, **Ms. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov**, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Government National Focal Point to the EU4Environment.*

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The stakeholders concluded that Circular Economy is the ticket to achieving prosperous and sustainable economic growth, and reaffirmed their support for the greening of the industrial sector. Apart from it, clear commitments were made to further institutionalise both the RECP methodology and its related services in the country, well beyond the implementation of the EU4Environment programme.

*In order to develop institutional support capacities in the field of greening, a National Consultancy Network will be created to provide assistance and consultancy for the purpose of greening SMEs. The organization and operation of this Network will ensure the constructive collaboration of national consultants with SMEs receiving support through the SME Greening Programme and other actors trained in promoting the Greening Programme of SMEs, said, Mr. Dumtru Pintea, Director of Organization for Development of Entrepreneurship (ODA) RECP Training and Assessment Partner of UNIDO.*

The second half of the day was completed by a partnership-building meeting, where the SG members were joined by representatives from the European Business Association, GIZ, USAID, national regulating bodies, academia, and enterprises to further brainstorm on how to advance EIP and RECP promotion in Moldova. The prerequisites and next steps to capitalize on the success stories of industries on the path towards resource efficiency were also shared at the meeting. This mindset was later mirrored in the media lunch and visits to the companies-tenants of IP Tracom. Enterprises Aramar R SRL, CartNord SRL, and Alphaterm were the starts of the tour, sharing their experience on the potential to implement RECP measures to improve their production, as well as their expectations from the exercise in which IP Tracom is striving to become an EIP.

## Background

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment – Green Economy) Action helps the Eastern Partnership 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.

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For more information about RECP in the Republic of Moldova, please visit: <https://odimm.md/en/home-recp>

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