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9.00 – 12.00 (CET, Geneva, Paris)

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

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Background

Meetings of Moldova's Inter-ministerial Working Group on the promotion of Sustainable Development and Green Economy (also acting as the National Implementation Committee (NIC) for the EU-funded EU4Environment programme) aim to review progress in greening the national economy and to discuss necessary activities of all relevant stakeholders to accelerate this process in Moldova

These meetings are supported by the EU-funded EU4Environment programme, as part of its component Output 1.1 on "Green economy ownership, policy coherence and cross-sectorial coordination", implemented by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). Thanks to the EU's and UNEP's support, the Inter-ministerial Working Group has recently marked its 7 years of activity (2015-2022).

Previous **Meetings of the WG/NIC took place on 09 September 2022 and 18 February 2022**. The meetings were in virtual format and attended by the EC, EUD, all EU4Environment Implementing Partners, EU4Environment National Focal Points (NFPs) from the Ministries of Environment and Economy, as well as NIC/WG members and NGOs from Moldova. The meetings allowed to discuss and approve the on-going implementation of the EU4Environment programme in Moldova in 2022 (detailed plans/activities) and general plans for 2023, including regional events.

Meeting objectives

- Review progress of implementation of the EU4Environment in Moldova in 2022 (major results, all EU4Environment Green Economy IPs);
- Discuss and approve plans for EU4Environment activities in Moldova for 2023 (All IPs);
- Present the process of drafting of Moldova's Programme on the promotion of Green Economy for 2023-2027 (UNEP);
- Present the process of drafting the Law on payments for pollution and taxes for natural resources (OECD);
- Present the progress in drafting the Program on afforestation of Moldova (the World Bank Group);
- Overview and initiate preparations of major events of 2023 in Moldova, including: European Green Week 2023 (01 - 07 June 2023), International Exhibition MoldEco (01 - 04 June 2023, Moldexpo), World Environment Day 2023 (05 June 2023), World Clean-up Day 2023 in Moldova (national campaign on 01-16.09.2023 and Clean-up Day 16.09.2023), National Tree Planting Campaign (November 2023) (Ministry of Environment, EU4Environment Moldova, National Environmental Centre, Ministry of Economy, ODA, CIE Moldexpo, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, all partners);
- Identify synergies with other on-going work or projects.

Participants

The meeting will gather the following participants: Ministers/State secretaries (EU4Environment NFPs/Co-chairs from MEI and MARDE), Members of the NIC/WG on SD and GE/NIC of EU4Environment in Moldova, representatives of governmental agencies, MEI, MARDE, ODA, APP, AEE, academic sector, environmental NGOs, representatives EC (DG NEAR, DG Environment), Delegation of the EU in RM, representatives of EU4Environment Implementing Partners (OECD, UNEP, UNECE, UNIDO and the WB).

Practical information

- Virtual platform and in person (meeting room of the Ministry of Environment (office 1015) (hybrid meeting): Zoom platform and live transmission through privesc.eu platform to reach out to wider audiences.
- English/Romanian interpretation will be provided.

About EU4Environment

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

It is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations - OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank – over the period of 2019-2024, with a budget of EUR 20 million.

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DRAFT AGENDA

Time	Agenda item
9.30 – 10.00	Registration/Connection to the platform
10.00 – 10.15	<p>Item 1. High-level opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iordanca-Rodica IORDANOV, Minister of Environment, Ministry of Environment, National Focal Point for EU4Environment from the environment side (moderator) • Dumitru ALAIBA, Minister of Economy, National Focal Point for EU4Environment from the economy side (tbc) • Adam GRODZICKI, Deputy Head of Operations, Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Moldova <p>Presentation of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Andrei ISAC, National Action Coordinator, EU4Environment, Moldova</i>
10.15 – 11.45	<p>Item 2. Implementation of EU4Environment Green Economy in Moldova in 2022 (major results) and general plans for 2023</p> <p><i>This session takes stock of progress on the activities under EU4Environment sub-components for 2022, detailed plans for the first half of 2023 (January – June 2023), general plans for 2023, including the regional activities.</i></p> <p><i>Result 1: Greener Decision Making</i> <i>Result 2: Circular economy and New Growth Opportunities</i> <i>Result 3: An Environmental level Playing Field</i> <i>Result 4: Ecosystem services</i> <i>Result 5: Knowledge Sharing and Coordination</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrei ISAC, NAC of EU4Environment with contribution from IP and participation of the involved institutions and beneficiaries: • Alex LESHCHYNSKY, Programme Management Officer, UNEP, Regional Office for Europe • Leonid KALASHNYK, Project Coordinator, UNECE • Tatiana CHERNYAVSKAYA, Project Coordinator, UNIDO • Krzysztof MICHALAK, Senior Action Coordinator, OECD • Aurel LOZAN, WB Country Activity Coordinator, the World Bank Group <p><i>Questions and answers after each results presentation, moderated discussion on priority future actions and plans</i></p>
11.45 – 11.50	Break (videos, profiles etc)
11.50 – 12.50	<p>Item 3. EU4Environment - Green Economy: major products, synergies and regional/national campaigns in 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Green Week 2023 (01 - 07 June 2023), International Exhibition MoldEco (01 - 04 June 2023, Moldexpo), World Environment Day 2023 (05 June 2023), World Clean-up Day 2023 in Moldova (national campaign - 01-16.09.2023 and Clean-up Day, September 16, 2023), National Tree Planting Campaign (November 2023) (Ministry of Environment, EU4Environment Moldova, National Environmental Centre, Ministry of Economy, ODA, CIE Moldexpo, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, all partners) (Andrei ISAC, NAC); • Presentation of the draft Programme on the promotion of Green Economy for 2023-2027 (Oxana PALADICIUC, local consultant, UNEP);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the progress on E-waste EPR development in Moldova (Tatiana TUGUI, local consultant, UNEP); • Integration of the online GE course in the programs of the Institute for Public Administration (Sergiu PALIHOVICI, Director, Aurelia TEPORDEI, IPA, UNEP); • Presentation of the progress on SPP (Ruslan MALAI, Director APP, UNEP); • Promotion of eco-labelling in Moldova (Natalia GURANDA, Executive Director, EcoContact, UNEP) • Presentation of the outcomes of RECP and EIP implementation in Moldova (Aurelia SARARI, National coordinator, UNIDO, MoEc, ODA) • Presentation of the draft Law on payment for environmental pollution (Alexandru FALA, Expert-Grup, OECD); • Presentation of the draft Program for afforestation for 10 years (Aurel LOZAN, WB Country Activity Coordinator, the World Bank Group) • Presentation of the Sida SEI PROJECT: Green Agenda for Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine (Bernardas PADEGIMAS, Team Leader: Environmental Policy and Strategy, Senior Project Manager, Stockholm Environment Institute)
12.50 – 13.00	Item 4. Wrap up Co-chairs of the Working Group/NIC will summarise the key points from the meeting and set the scene for the next steps.
13.00 – 13.30	Coffee break/networking