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EU4Environment finalizes the training of RECP experts in Moldova

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[Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production \(RECP\)](#) has been a long-acknowledged means to help enterprises improve their production without undermining the environment or human health. With an experience of over three decades, UNIDO has been a steering force in advancing the application of the RECP methodology in Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), worldwide. This is also the case in the Republic of Moldova, where, as part of the EU-funded programme, EU4Environment, the RECP methodology is being introduced as a stepping stone in the transition to a circular and green economy.

RECP represents a continuous application of preventive environmental strategies to processes, products and services to maximize efficiency and minimize the generation of waste and pollution. In Moldova (as well as in other EU Eastern Partner countries), UNIDO trains around 15 professionals on the RECP methodology and works with SMEs selected to become RECP Demonstration Companies. These SMEs are, in turn, assisted to revise their business models, while their representatives are trained on the application of the RECP methodology. As a part of the hands-on training, the RECP experts conduct assessments of the selected Demonstration Companies and recommend individual action plans to help the companies increase productivity, product quality, and competitiveness.

On 21 December 2022, the training process was completed in the Republic of Moldova with the presentations of the RECP in-plant assessment reports and discussions on the best strategies on how to implement the suggested RECP measures. These were instrumental in fine-tuning the proposed recommendations and giving clear guidance to the management of each RECP Demonstration Company for their action plan.

Today's meeting includes presentations as well as discussion and feedback on the strategies needed to communicate, present and critically review the results of the RECP assessments to facilitate the next steps required by the management of each RECP Demonstration Company. This is an important approach because the management's acceptance or rejection of the RECP proposal depends on the level of professionalism, knowledge, and delivery of findings for the identified RECP measures, said Mr. Ion Lica, Head of Green Economy and Sustainable Development Department, Organization for Development of Entrepreneurship (ODA), the RECP Training and Assessment Partner of UNIDO.

It is a great opportunity to have presentations and discussions on RECP using the fresh and recently updated knowledge of those trainees who are still working on their reporting and future presentations. I

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would like to wish you a good working meeting where we can discuss all the options and the challenges encountered in this process so far, and congratulate the technical experts and trainees for dedicating their time to complete this important part of the project activities said Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, EU4Environment Project Manager, Department of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Background

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

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