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Green Economy in Eastern Partner Countries



## Educational courses to scale up a green transition in the Eastern Partnership countries

Since 2019, the EU-funded EU4Environment programme has been raising awareness and building skills on green economy amongst governments, businesses, academia and the public in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries. A number of targeted trainings and regional knowledge sharing platforms were developed:

### Online courses

- The online course “**Introduction to a Green Economy**” introduces basic concepts, policy instruments and international frameworks that promote inclusive green economies at all levels. The course consists of five modules with interactive exercises to reinforce active learning. Due to the EU4Environment support it is available in: Armenian, Azerbaijani, Georgian, Romanian, and Ukrainian. While the courses are fully publicly available, several national partners in EaP countries are also working to integrate the course content into regular training packages for civil servants.
- **GEN Eco-labelling course** – Developed by the Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the course enhances participants’ understanding of ecolabelling while giving insight on the importance of and impact that credible labelling has on the environment. The course has been designed for diverse stakeholders – such as ecolabelling scheme owners, buyers, policy makers, governments, large organisations, manufacturers and auditors. All modules, the facilitator’s guide a communication kit is accessible on demand.

### In-person courses

- **In-depth course on Green Economy policy development and analysis for civil servants** – The course was composed of five modules presenting different facets of green and circular economies, as well as regional, national and sector-specific challenges and opportunities for their advancement. Emphasis was placed on regional and national context in EaP countries, as well as on transferrable practices from the EU.
- **Resource efficiency courses**
  - **Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP)** trainings – updated materials were delivered in all EaP countries to support the continuous introduction of resource efficiency among manufacturing enterprises/SMEs;
  - **Circular Economy courses** – these are specialized and RECP-backed courses based on EU models and practices. They provide in-depth analysis to institute circularity in specific sectors (i.e., footwear and apparel, food processing), promote the use of best available techniques (BATs), and introduce industrial symbiosis at industrial sites;
  - **Courses on greening processes and products** – here, the EU initiatives related to the Single Market for Green Products (and Product Environmental Footprint) and other relevant Directives featuring Environmental and Energy Management Systems were promoted.
- The course “**Identification and assessment of remediation measures for significant environmental damage and preparation of a remediation plan**” introduces the EU Environmental Liability Directive (ELD) and its application in European Union countries; builds capacity in identifying, characterising and assessing pollution of soil and groundwater; and provides information on different remediation technologies. The theoretical learning was complemented by a practical exercise and a field trip to a mining company.

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## Reskilling and upskilling towards a green transition in the EAP countries

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