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Highlights of progress

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Highlights of the achievements with EU4Environment support

- ✓ National **eco-label** and national regulation on **eco-labelling** developed (UNEP)
- ✓ **1.4 mln citizens** reached by a **public awareness campaign** promoting sustainable lifestyles & consumption choices (UNEP)
- ✓ Two **guidelines** on quality control in **SEA** and **EIA** developed to support the implementation of newly amended primary legislation (UNECE)
- ✓ Transforming the Free Economic Zone Valkanes and Industrial Park Tracom into **Eco-Industrial Parks**: pre-feasibility assessments completed & used as an example in the Draft Regional Guide on Advancing Eco-Parks in EaP (UNIDO)
- ✓ Over **40 representatives** from the enterprises, expert community and municipalities (Covenant of Mayors, CoM) discussed introducing **RECP Clubs** into CoM agenda to promote circular economy principles and practices application among businesses (UNIDO)
- ✓ **1230 enterprises** already benefited from online self-assessment tool for greening SMEs (OECD/UNIDO)
- ✓ **National Environmental Fund**: environmental taxation and environmental budget expenditure were analysed to also ensure sustainable revenue streams for the Fund and develop related laws and regulations (OECD)
- ✓ **National Forest Extension and Rehabilitation Program 2023-32** was designed & adopted by the Government on 17 Feb 2023 (World Bank)
- ✓ **High Conservation Value Forests Identification Analysis** completed (World Bank)

More results in [audio-recorded presentation](#)



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Zoom on... Guidelines on quality control in SEA and in EIA (UNECE)

- ✓ Amended **Law on Environmental Impact Assessment** and amended **Law on Strategic Environmental Assessment** (adopted by Parliament on 30 September 2022)
- ✓ Recently drafted **guidelines** on quality control for SEA and EIA documentation



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Zoom on... Strengthening Moldova's Forests: Assistance for the National Extension and Rehabilitation Program (World Bank)

- ✓ **National Forest Extension and Rehabilitation Program for 2023-32** developed & adopted by the Government on 17 Feb 2023. It aims to increase resilience to climate change and support country's needs in forest products and services through conservation and sustainable development of national forest resources.
- ✓ At least **15% of territory** will be covered by **forest** through planting of new forests on **110,000** hectares and rehabilitation of existing forests on **35,000** hectares of land
- ✓ Nearly **14 000 jobs** will be created in rural communities through program activities
- ✓ Programme estimated cost: **EUR 759 mln**, providing opportunity for international development partners to engage with Ministry of Environment and civil society
- ✓ It propels Moldova towards meeting commitments under **EU Association Agreement** and aligns with **EU Green Deal's forest strategy 2030**



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Feedback from the country

1. What are the key aspects and outstanding challenges for an effective implementation of the **amended Laws on EIA** and **on SEA**, and role in this context of the recently drafted guidelines on quality control for SEA and EIA documentation?
2. What are the main advances and challenges in the implementation of the **National Forest Extension and Rehabilitation Program** since its adoption in February 2023? What needs to be done to make the Program fully operational?
3. What are the most tangible achievements and priorities on **greening the economy** with EU4Environment support in your country?