

EU4Environment in UKRAINE

Highlights of progress

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Highlights of the achievements with EU4Environment support

- ✓ **22 experts** trained on contaminated site assessment, focusing on high-risk industrial facilities damaged during the ongoing conflict (UNEP)
- ✓ **Sustainability criteria** and **environmental standards** elaborated for new products and e-procurement system improved allowing non-price criteria use (UNEP)
- ✓ **Bilateral agreement on transboundary EIA** was signed in Nov 2022, ratified and entered into force. It establishes a bilateral commission and simplifies transboundary EIA of the countries' projects in such sensitive areas as the Carpathians and the Danube delta (UNECE)
- ✓ Over **500 representatives** of local and regional authorities trained on SEA in spatial and urban planning in 2023 (UNECE)
- ✓ Over **EUR 800 000** is the projected amount of annual savings from implementing the RECP measures by 21 companies in Ukraine (UNIDO)
- ✓ Nearly **150 participants** (61% women) learned about **Product Environmental Footprint**, the EU tool to quantify environmental impact of goods, to support Ukrainian industries, manufacturing sector in particular, exporting to the EU Single Market. **35 experts** received deep dive coaching for 3 selected products from the export-oriented business (UNIDO).
- ✓ **Energy subsidies** review in the context of energy sector reforms finalized, tracking progress of the subsidy reforms since their launch in 2016 (OECD)
- ✓ Comprehensive analysis of a **system of environmental taxes and charges and environmental expenditures** (OECD)
- ✓ Support to the development of methodologies for **assessing environmental damage** from the Russian aggression against Ukraine (OECD/UNECE)
- ✓ Identification of climate finance and carbon pricing opportunities in the **forestry sector** is underway (World Bank)

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Zoom on... Progress and perspectives for Sustainable Public Procurement and eco-labelling in Ukraine (UNEP)

- Two **new product groups** were selected for SPP:
 - Road repair/construction materials/services and
 - Catering services in educational institutions
- “**Prozorro**” e-procurement system integrates now **sustainability** and non-price criteria
- **Eco-labelling standards** developed for furniture, flooring materials & other timber/polymer consumer products
- Over **1300 persons** trained on SPP and ecolabelling



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Zoom on... Results of support to relocated enterprises (UNIDO)

Purpose: support relocated companies to **identify their needs & help to be greener & more resilient.**

1) The **survey of 50 companies** was conducted. The results show: problems with product sales (50%); shortage of skilled labour (43%); high energy costs (30%); low awareness of SMEs on regional, national and international support programmes.

2) **Pilot the support of 15** relocated companies with providing them **consultations on resource efficiency, energy security, waste management and finance mobilisation**. 20 consultations were conducted and 24 solutions were proposed (6 out of them are under implementation). They require EUR 200,000 of investment.

All companies were equipped with the **tailored list of financial opportunities** for the green recovery.

Example: *One of the consulted companies (relocated from Kharkiv to Lviv region) used the identified regional programme and invested EUR 9,500 into installation of laser cutting machine for textile. It helps them to reduce the amount of waste generated (and consequently textile used), improving the quality of the finished product, speed up the cutting operations, and eliminate expenses for cutting tools replacement.*



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Feedback from the country

1. How can **SPP** and **eco-labelling** be tools for a greener post-conflict recovery of the country? What additional support does Ukraine need in this regard?
2. What is the Government's position on **support of relocated companies**? What programmes were launched? What do you need to support Ukrainian SMEs?
3. How can EU4Environment support Ukraine in the current situation?