

Background

Meetings of Moldova's Inter-ministerial Working Group (WG) 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 activities of all relevant stakeholders in accelerating this process in Moldova.

These meetings are supported by the EU-funded EU4Environment programme, as part of its 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 8 years of activity (2015-2023). The latest meeting of the WG/NIC took place on 17 February 2023. On July 10, 2023, was signed the joint Order of the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization and the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova which approved the new name, composition, and updated regulation of the WG.

The WG will implement and promote provisions of the National Development Strategy "European Moldova 2030", the European Green Deal, and the Moldova-EU Association Agreement 2021-2027. It also serves to promote decarbonization of the economy, green technologies and investments, and to ensure the sustainability of strategies and programs in the field. This includes coordination of the implementation of Moldova's Green and Circular Economy objectives from its Environmental Strategy 2023-2030, and of the Programme on the promotion of Green Economy for 2024-2028 (developed with EU4Environment support). The WG is also responsible for the coordination and facilitation of implementation of regional projects such as the EU-funded EU4Environment "Green Economy" programme, the OECD's "GREEN Action Programme", as well as provisions of the Batumi Green Economy Initiative (BIG-E) and the Nicosia Ministerial Declaration (2022).

The WG consists of government ministries and agencies, business associations, research institutions, as well as environmental organizations and public associations. The WG also collaborates with public associations, regional development agencies, local authorities, media, and the business community.

The WG is co-chaired by the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization and the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova.

Meeting objectives

- Present the government priorities in the field of green and circular economy including those outlined in the draft "Programme on the Promotion of Green and Circular Economy in the Republic of Moldova for the period 2024-2028";
- Review implementation of the EU4Environment in Moldova in 2023; and
- Discuss EU4Environment activities in Moldova by the end of 2023 and follow-up.

Participants

The meeting will gather Ministers/State Secretaries (EU4Environment NFPs/Co-chairs from MEDD and MoEnv), Members of the NIC/WG on GCE, representatives of governmental agencies, business sector and environmental NGOs, as well as EU4Environment Implementing Partners (OECD, UNEP, UNECE, UNIDO and the World Bank).

Practical information

Online event via Zoom, with English/Romanian interpretation.

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 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 (moderator) • Veronica ARPINTIN, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, National Focal Point for EU4Environment • Adam GRODZICKI, Deputy Head of Operations, Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Moldova
10.15 – 11.00	<p>Item 2. Promotion of Green Economy in Moldova: Government Priorities and the Draft Programme on the promotion of Green and Circular Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the priorities of the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation and of the Ministry of Environment (representatives of the ministries); • Presentation of the draft Programme on the promotion of Green and Circular Economy for 2024-2028: goals, objectives and actions (project experts) • Moderated discussion on priority future actions and plans. <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
11.00 – 11.55	<p>Item 3. Implementation of EU4Environment Green Economy in Moldova in 2023 (major results) and plans by end of the year</p> <p><i>This session takes stock of progress under EU4Environment sub-components from January to September 2023, and remaining plans for 2023, including at the regional level. The implementing partners will also present needs and options for follow up of key activities beyond EU4Environment.</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 LESHCHYNSKYI, Programme Management Officer, UNEP, Regional Office for Europe • Leonid KALASHNYK, Project Coordinator, UNECE • Tatiana CHERNYAVSKAYA, Project Coordinator, Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Unit, 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.</i></p>
11.55 – 12.00	<p>Item 4. Wrap up</p> <p>Co-chairs of the Working Group/NIC will summarise the key points from the meeting and set the scene for the next steps.</p>