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5th EU4Environment Regional Assembly

DRAFT AGENDA

Date: 20 September 2023

Time: starting at 14:30 (CEST)

Meeting venue: Bedford Hotel, Brussels

Action implemented by:



5th meeting of the Regional Assembly of the “EU4Environment - Green Economy”

20 September 2023, Brussels

Meeting objectives

The 5th meeting of the Regional Assembly of the “EU4Environment - Green Economy” will:

- take stock of the Programme implementation & showcase key achievements.
- review national and regional work plans for the remaining period.
- reflect on national ownership and sustainability of activities beyond EU4Environment.

The meeting will be supplemented by pre-recorded comprehensive presentations of achieved results in each country. All meeting documents will be made available on the programme [web site](#).

The meeting will be held **back-to-back to the regional conference “Financing the Green and Net-zero Transition in the EaP countries & Central Asia” (19-20 September 2023)**. The participants are welcome to attend both events. See more on the [dedicated web page](#).

Participants

The meeting will be held in hybrid format at the “**Bedford**” Hotel, Brussels (address: rue du Midi 135, 1000 Brussels, Belgium). The participants are invited to register using the [following link](#).

Further logistical information will be circulated closer to the meeting.

Practical Information

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About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment - Green Economy**) Programme helps the European Union’s 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.

The Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations - OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank, over the period 2019-2024.

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Draft Outline Agenda
20 September 2023
14:30 – 18:00 Brussels time

Time	Item
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 14:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee and Family picture
	<i>The meeting is moderated by: Mr. Gérald AUDAZ, Team Leader Connectivity and Green, DG NEAR, European Commission</i>
14:35 – 14:45 (10 min)	<p>Item 1. Opening and welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by EC/DG NEAR • Welcome by the Implementing Partners: OECD, UNIDO on behalf of the UN Partners and the World Bank
14:45 – 15:30 (45 min)	<p>Item 2. Country-level activities: Highlights of achievements</p> <p><i>This session will demonstrate the selected achievements of the Programme and provide an opportunity for the country representatives to update the participants on the latest green developments. A 15-min slot is allocated per country. It is complemented by the pre-recorded presentations, made available on the meeting page.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armenia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental compliance assurance and liability for environmental damage in Armenia (OECD). ○ Tracking Our Progress: Advancing the Emerald Network in Armenia (World Bank). • Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial and environmental benefits from RECP application in SMEs (UNIDO). ○ Progress and perspectives for Sustainable Public Procurement in Georgia (UNEP). • Republic of Moldova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidelines on quality control in SEA and in EIA (UNECE). ○ Strengthening Moldova's Forests: Assistance for the National Extension and Rehabilitation Program (World Bank).
15:30-15:45 (5 min)	Interlude: Programme achievements in figures
15:45 – 16:15 (30 min)	<p>Item 2 (cont.). Country-level activities: Highlights of achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving water infrastructure in Azerbaijan using an expenditure support scheme (OECD).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pilot SEA in urban planning: progress and preliminary outcomes (UNECE). ● Ukraine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Progress and perspectives for Sustainable Public Procurement and eco-labelling in Ukraine (UNEP). ○ Results of support to relocated enterprises (UNIDO).
<p>16:15 – 16:30 (15 min)</p>	<p>Item 3. Highlights of regional activities, cooperation with civil society and other Programmes</p> <p><i>This session will demonstrate the selected achievements of the Programme at the regional level and provide an opportunity for the Civil Society Forum representative to update the participants on the latest developments.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation of selected highlights by the Implementing Partners and overview of cooperation with other Programmes. The representatives of other Programmes will be invited to complement the interventions. ● Presentation by Civil Society Forum
<p>16:30 – 16:35 (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Interlude: new videos</p>
<p>16:35 – 17:35 (60 min)</p>	<p>Item 4. Break-out sessions</p> <p><i>This session will give an opportunity to the country representatives and the Implementing Partners to discuss any outstanding issues for the remaining implementation period and reflect on the sustainability of the achieved results.</i></p> <p><i>The participants will be invited to join the mezzanine with five round tables (one table per country). A 10-min slot will be allocated for a bilateral discussion between the country and Implementing Partner to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Look at any outstanding issues for the remaining implementation period. ● Reflect on sustainability of the achieved results and share their visions beyond the action for relevant activity streams. <p><i>The Implementing Partners will rotate around the country tables upon a bell ring. The consecutive interpretation will be provided as needed. After the break-out sessions the participants will be invited to come back to the conference room.</i></p>
<p>17:35 – 17:40 (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Interlude: new videos</p>
<p>17:40 – 17:55 (15 min)</p>	<p>Item 5. Beyond EU4Environment: Green Economy</p> <p><i>This session will be dedicated to sustainability of the achieved results and will give an opportunity to the countries to express their needs for future support. To open the session, the National Action Coordinators will be invited to report back on highlights of break-out session's discussion on sustainability.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainability and possible continuation of EU4Environment by EC/DG NEAR ● “Beyond the Action” to sustain the results – brief interventions by the Implementing Partners

**17:55 – 18:00
(5 min)**

- Open round table discussion *by countries*:
 1. What are the key steps to ensure sustainability and upscale the Programme's results?
 2. What would be the national and regional priorities for future support from EU and other donors?

Item 6. Wrap up and closure

- Closing remarks by the European Commission and the Implementing Partners