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Background

In 2014, the Republic of Moldova signed an Association Agreement with the European Union (EU) demonstrating its commitment and readiness to reform and harmonise different sectors' policies aligned with the EU approaches. Several Agreements' articles foresee the transformation towards Green Economy principles, where the Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) is considered as an efficient way in shifting to Green Economy.

Annually, the part of the state budget is expended by contracting authorities in the Republic of Moldova for the procurement of goods, services and infrastructure construction works. Public procurement represents approximately 10% of the GDP of the Republic of Moldova. Shifting that spending towards more sustainable goods and services can generate positive social, environmental and economic results such as poverty reduction, improved equity, reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increased energy and resource efficiency. It also offers a largely untapped opportunity to drive businesses and domestic markets towards innovation and increased sustainability. SPP is thus emerging as a key policy instrument to support sustainable development and leverage an inclusive green economy transition.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is one of the five partner agencies implementing the EU-funded EU4 Environment (2019-2023) Action. This regional programme supports 5 countries, including the Republic of Moldova, in making policy planning and investment greener, stimulating the uptake of innovative products and technologies, and raising awareness about the benefits of environmental action. More specifically, within EU4Environment's component on "circular economy and new growth opportunities", UNEP supports the Republic of Moldova to promote activities related to SPP issues and its complementary tools (such as inter alia eco-labelling).

UNEP in close cooperation with the Public Procurement Agency (PPA) of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova implements a set of activities on promotion and application of SPP. It includes improvement of the legislation to introduce the SPP provisions, elaboration of complementary tools (by-laws, guidelines, training and communication materials), identification of priority goods and services for SPP pilot tenders accompanied by elaboration of the sustainability criteria per prioritised products. Raising awareness of governmental authorities, as well as the business sector, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and business associations on the SPP benefits is envisaged in order to build capacity of business to respond to public tenders.

Objectives of the training seminar

- Presentation on the current status, legal framework and perspectives of promotion and application of SPP in the Republic of Moldova
- Presentation of 5 priority products for SPP identified in the result the prioritization exercise and market readiness in the country
- Presentation of technical specifications and sustainability criteria for 5 prioritized product groups.

- Training of the participant on how to use the elaborated specifications and sustainability criteria for SPP pilot tenders.

Participants

Representatives of contracting authorities, economic operators, employees of the PPA, control entities etc.

Practical information

The training seminar will take place on **08 November (09:00-15.30) at the Jolly Alon hotel complex, Marble Hall, (floor 1, right wing, next to the Restaurant), Strada Maria Cebotari 37, Chisinau 2012.**

The seminar will be held in Romanian/English, translation will be provided.

Moderator of the training seminar: Mrs. Natalia Postolache, PPA.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the five partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine 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 based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period is 2019-2023.

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Time	Agenda item
08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants
09.00 – 09.15	<p>Point 1. Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vladimir ARACHELOV, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance • Ruslan MALAI, Director, Public Procurement Agency • Alex Leshchynskyy, Programme Management Officer, UNEP Europe Office
09.15 – 09.45	<p>Point 2. The place of SPP in the public procurement system of the Republic of Moldova: the current situation, legal provisions, plans for the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergiu CAINAREANU, Ministry of Finance <p>Questions and answers</p>
09.45 – 10.15	<p>Point 3. Importance of capacity building events, communication and training materials for promotion of SPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesya NIKOLAYEVA, International Expert, UNEP Europe Office <p>Questions and answers</p>
10.15 – 11.00	<p>Point 4. The role of environmental labels in SPP: focus on type I ecolabel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laetitia MONTERO, Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP Industry and Economy Division <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 11.30	<p>Point 5. Presentation of 5 priority products for SPP identified in the results of prioritization and market readiness research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vladimir VORNIC, Public Procurement Agency <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.30 – 12.30	<p>Point 6. Training session 1: General notions on SPP. Technical specifications and sustainability criteria for prioritized products for SPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalia POSTOLACHE, Public Procurement Agency <p>Questions and answers</p>
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.15	<p>Point 6. Training session 2: General notions on SPP. Technical specifications and sustainability criteria for prioritized products for SPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalia POSTOLACHE, Public Procurement Agency <p>Questions and answers</p>
15:15-15:20	<p>Closeure of the trainign seminar Ruslan MALAI, Director, Public Procurement Agency</p>
15.20-15.30	Coffee break