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CASE STUDIES ON SPP AND ECO-LABELLING IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-LABELLING SYSTEM

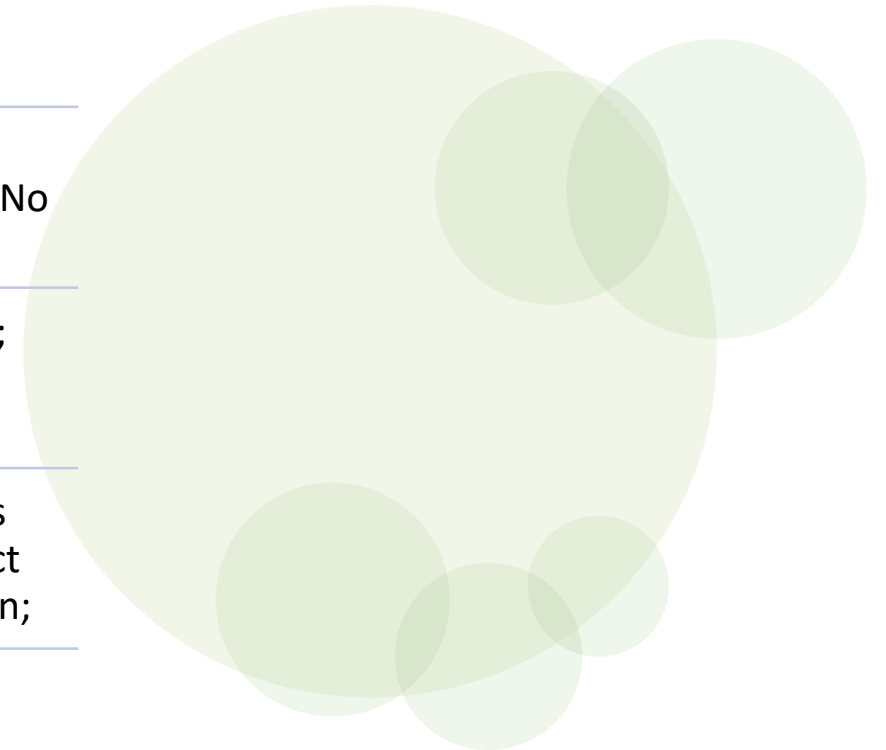
In 2020, with the support of the EU4Environment - Green Economy in Eastern Partner Countries regional project, the Republic of Moldova initiated the process of developing an eco-labelling system at the national level. With the support of the project, were developed:

Assessment of the eco-labelling system in the Republic of Moldova in line with EU requirements (for environmental goods/products and services);

Roadmap for the establishment of a national eco-labelling scheme through the implementation of EU Regulation (EC) No 66/2010;

Guideline: Ecolabelling Scheme in the Republic of Moldova;

The **Regulation on Eco-labelling** and supporting documents (Information Note, Table of Concordance, Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)) for the promotion of the draft Regulation;





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CASE STUDY: LEGISLATION ON ECO-LABELLING IMPROVED



- Government Decision No. 204/2023 approving the Ecolabel Regulation (*Published: 28.04.2023 in the OFFICIAL MONITOR No. 147-150 art. 326*)
- ***Next steps in developing the Eco-label system:***
 - • **Approval** of the **Regulation on eco-label graphic** and conditions of use;
 - • **Develop** the **national eco-labelling criteria** according to EU standards and approval in line with national procedures;
 - • **Training workshops for the business community** and competent authorities for eco-labelling;
 - • **Including ecolabelling** in all **secondary legal provisions** and policy documents.



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CASE STUDY: LINK BETWEEN ECO- LABELLING AND SPP HIGHLIGHTED

- *Setting environmental standards:* The Ecolabel sets rules and criteria for labelling products as organic.
- *Incorporating standards into public procurement:* Public procurement explicitly requires products to meet environmental standards. **Ecolabeling can be one criterion during PP.**
- *Encouraging competition between certified products:* Competition between producers of eco-labelled products is encouraged as well the consumer's interest increases.
- *Regular updating of labeling criteria:* Organic standards are regularly reviewed to keep pace with technological progress.
- *Implementation and compliance monitoring:* Verification of compliance with environmental standards during and after purchase.
- *Education and awareness:* Informing and educating public authorities and suppliers about the benefits and importance of the eco-label. This will show how EU environmental standards (the eco-label) are integrated into the procurement process to promote sustainable and responsible procurement.



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