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# MOLDOVA'S PROGRESS ON BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION: EU4Environment contribution towards better action in the Eastern Partnership countries

## Result Area 4: Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods

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## Integration of EU4Environment into Moldovan policy

Moldova set 2030 as target date for EU Accession (EC opened negotiations process on 14 Dec 2023)

‘Environmental Transformation’ is under implementation by the GoM/MoE (including forest institutional reform, legal frame improvement)

Greening Moldova is a priority now (e.g., NFERP for next 10 years 2023-2032)

Advancing conservation agenda together with civil society (e.g., Emerlad Network advancement, PA system)

Sustainable nature resources management (NRM) is the vision for the future

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## Progress and achievements: completed work

- **National Forest Extension and Rehabilitation Program (NFERP)** elaborated as policy document (GD No 55/2023) and formally launched through national-wide planting (7000 ha / 2023)
- **Identification of high conservation value forests (HCVF)** study finalized (official launch due 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024)
- **Guidelines on developing Management Plans for Emerald Sites in the Republic of Moldova** finalized and submitted to the MoE that already uses data for policy development
- **Understanding Biodiversity for Everyone** campaign conducted with journalists and practitioners to share knowledge and raise awareness

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## More under way: launched activities

- **Emerald Network advancement** (road map, legal analysis, Sufficiency Index, Management Plans for 3 pilot sites)
- **Promoting legal and deforestation-free timber trade** (analytical work on domestic consumption of wood products is designed)

Many activities ready to be launched

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## Support & Areas for consideration for the remaining period

MoE wants to propose new activities:

**A diagnostic study on fresh water ecosystem status and restoration potential,**  
which would help provide answers to:

- What is the real situation nation-wide (quantity, quality, coverage, etc.)
- Identify intervention types/methods at landscape level (meadows, wetlands, forests, etc.)
- Impacted Ecosystem Services (ES)

**Carbon pricing**

- Capturing costs for GHG emissions
- MRV / EST

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