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EU4Environment Regional Meetings

Agenda

Date: 8 June 2026, 09:30 – 17:00 (CEST)

**Ecosystem services and livelihoods in the Eastern Partnership countries:
From project results to future action**

**Venue: Meeting room «Germany»
Thon Hotel EU, 75 rue de la Loi, Brussels, Belgium**

Format: On-site with online connection

**Languages: English with interpretation in
Armenian, Romanian, and Ukrainian**

Background

The final regional meeting is organised within the EU4Environment Programme, under Result 4, “*Advancing ecosystem services and livelihoods in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries*”, implemented by the World Bank. Within this framework, the World Bank provided technical support to partner countries in several areas: advancing the expansion of the Emerald Network; strengthening sustainable forest management and reducing illegal logging; fostering community engagement in nature conservation; and raising awareness of emerging green finance instruments that support sustainable forest management and the provision of ecosystem services.

The meeting aims to:

- Review achievements under the Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods workstream, implemented by the World Bank
- Demonstrate national ownership of results and their integration into policies, institutions, and practices.
- Reflect on opportunities for sustaining and scaling up results beyond EU4Environment.

The final regional meeting will be followed on Day 2 (9 June 2026) by the regional workshop “[Advancing nature-positive investments: Progress and challenges ahead in the EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood](#)”, organised as part of the EU Green Week campaign. The workshop will explore how Eastern Partnership countries can scale up investments in forests and other priority ecosystems and advance nature-positive development pathways. It will also present relevant financing instruments and highlight key country insights:

Organisers

The meeting is organised by the World Bank.

Participants

The meeting will bring together government officials from ministries responsible for environment and other relevant government agencies, representatives of EU institutions, the World Bank, academia, consultants, NGOs, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders from partner countries.

Venue

Meeting room “Germany”, Thon Hotel EU, 75 rue de la Loi, Brussels, Belgium.

Practical arrangements

The meeting will be held in person and via ZOOM. Participants are asked to register for the events in advance via the links: <https://avp-be.zoom.us/meeting/register/LOTkcD8WTu--i0BWtCjblA>.

The meeting will be conducted in English and translated simultaneously into Armenian, Romanian, and Ukrainian languages.

About EU4Environment

Since 2018, the European Union for Environment (EU4Environment) Programme has helped Eastern Partnership countries turn environmental priorities into practical results—protecting natural capital, improving environmental well-being, and opening opportunities for greener growth. It has also helped strengthen policies and tools to prevent and manage environmental risks and impacts.

Funded by the European Union, the programme was delivered mainly in 2019–2024 by OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank. In 2025–2026, the World Bank is completing the Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods workstream (the area where it provided support).

For more information, please visit our website: www.eu4environment.org.

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CEST time	Date: 8 June 2026 Venue: Meeting room «Germany», Thon Hotel EU, 75 rue de la Loi, Brussels, Belgium
Time	Item
09:00-09:30	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
09:30-10:00	<p>Item 1. Opening remarks: Welcome address and introduction to the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Michael Voegele</i>, Head of Unit, European Commission • <i>Gayane Minasyan</i>, Regional Manager, Environment, World Bank • <i>Sergiu Lazarencu</i>, Deputy Chair, Committee on Environment, Climate and Green Transition, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova • <i>Oleg Bondarenko</i>, Chair, Committee on Environmental Policy and Natural Resources Use (online) • <i>Ruzanna Grigoryan</i>, Head of the External Relations Department, Ministry of Environment (online)
10:00-10:10	<p>Item 2. Scene-setting: purpose and expected outcomes of the final regional meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fisseha Tessema Abissa</i>, Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist, EU4Environment Task Team Leader, World Bank
10:10-11:30	<p>Item 3. Country-level activities: key achievements and national ownership – Session I</p> <p>Objective: To enable national counterparts to reflect on how the outputs developed under EU4Environment were used at country level, what changes they helped inform, and how this experience can guide future work.</p> <p>Format: Session with country presentations (15 minutes each). Presentations will be delivered by the World Bank team, followed by reflections from national counterparts in response to the guiding questions below.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How have the outputs developed under EU4Environment been used or will be used by national counterparts? 2) What changes have these outputs helped inform in policies, institutional frameworks, or practices? 3) What aspects of the work were especially useful, and how can this experience help shape similar efforts in the future? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armenia • Georgia <p>Q&A</p>
11:30-11:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:50-13:00	<p>Item 3. Country-level activities: key achievements and national ownership – Session II</p> <p>Objective: Same as Session I.</p> <p>Format: Same as Session I.</p> <p>Guiding questions: Same as Session I.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republic of Moldova • Ukraine <p>Q&A</p>

13:00–14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30-14:50	<p data-bbox="416 219 1318 250">Item 4. Regional-level activities: key achievements and knowledge sharing</p> <p data-bbox="416 275 1417 412">Objective: To review the main regional outputs and knowledge products developed under EU4Environment and discuss their practical relevance, uptake, and added value for national counterparts, with a view to informing future regional cooperation and knowledge exchange.</p> <p data-bbox="416 436 1417 501">Format: Presentation by the World Bank team followed by reflections from national counterparts</p> <ul data-bbox="464 526 1374 719" style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the main regional outputs and knowledge products developed under EU4Environment • Reflections on their practical relevance and uptake by national counterparts • Considerations for future regional cooperation and knowledge exchange <p data-bbox="416 730 472 761">Q&A</p>
14:50-15:00	<p data-bbox="416 781 979 813">Item 5. Intervention by the Civil Society Forum</p> <ul data-bbox="464 826 1417 891" style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ruslan Havryliuk</i>, Ukraine National Platform Facilitator and Steering Committee Member of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
15:00-15:20	<p data-bbox="416 958 1134 990">Item 6. Communication and visibility at programme closure</p> <p data-bbox="416 1014 1417 1117">Objective: To present the main communication and visibility products prepared under the programme and discuss how they can support broader dissemination of results and continued outreach beyond the life of EU4Environment.</p> <p data-bbox="416 1142 967 1173">Format: Presentation by the World Bank team</p> <ul data-bbox="464 1198 1382 1442" style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the main communication and visibility products prepared at programme closure • Discussion of how these products can support dissemination of results to different audiences • Consideration of how visibility efforts can continue beyond EU4Environment <p data-bbox="416 1467 472 1498">Q&A</p>
15:20-16:00	<p data-bbox="416 1532 1386 1563">Item 7. Moving beyond EU4Environment: sustainability and scaling up of results</p> <p data-bbox="416 1574 1417 1711">Objective: To look ahead at how the achievements of EU4Environment can be sustained and scaled up, including through follow-on investments, integration into future operations and policies, and continued collaboration between national counterparts, the World Bank, and partners.</p> <p data-bbox="416 1727 783 1758">Format: Roundtable discussion</p> <ul data-bbox="464 1771 1417 2002" style="list-style-type: none"> • What follow-on actions, initiatives, or investment projects have emerged from the work under EU4Environment? • How can the programme’s achievements be sustained through institutions, policies, financing mechanisms, or continued partnerships? • What opportunities exist to scale up the work and integrate it into future World Bank, EU, or national programmes and investments?
16:00-16:20	<i>Coffee break</i>

16:20-16:40

Item 8. European Union perspectives: recent policy and programme developments relevant for EaP countries

Objective: To provide an update on recent EU policy and programme developments relevant to environment, climate, and the green transition, and to reflect on their implications for Eastern Partnership countries and future engagement.

Format: Presentation from the EC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of recent EU policy and programme developments relevant to environment, climate, and green transition• Implications for Eastern Partnership countries• Opportunities for alignment, cooperation, and future engagement beyond EU4Environment
16:40-17:00	<p><i>Item 8. Wrap-up and closing remarks</i></p> <p>Format: Closing reflections by the European Commission and the World Bank, followed by a brief wrap-up of key messages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of key messages and takeaways• Closing remarks by the European Commission• Closing remarks by the World Bank
18:30-20:00	<p><i>Networking dinner (restaurant Le Clan des Belges, 20 Rue de la Paix)</i></p>