



Implementation of the Programme of Work of the GREEN Action Task Force

*Status Update (October 2021)
Room Document 1*



FOUR WORK PROGRAMME AREAS

- 1. Economy-wide, cross-sectoral policies for green growth and sustainable development**
- 2. Environmental policies for green growth: Climate change mitigation, air pollution, circular economy**
- 3. Water and ecosystems management, biodiversity protection and climate change adaptation**
- 4. Sustainable infrastructure, green investment and finance**



WORK PROGRAMME AREA 1:

**ECONOMY-WIDE, CROSS-SECTORAL
POLICIES FOR GREEN GROWTH AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**





1. Economy-wide, cross-sectoral policies for green growth and sustainable development

Meetings and events

- Launch of deployment of **advisory services for greening economic recovery in Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan** (July 2021)
- Webinar: “**Is a green COVID-19 economic recovery possible?** Perspectives for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia”(virtual, June 2021)
- Kick off meeting on **green growth indicators in Ukraine**, (virtual, March 2021)
- Kick off meeting on **green growth indicators in Moldova** at the Working Group meeting on Green Economy, with high-level representatives (virtual, September 2021)
- **Implementation of EU4Environment** Programme, including Regional Assembly meeting (virtual, 21 September 2021)

Forthcoming

- **GREEN Action Task Force** meeting (12-13 October, 2021)
- Policy Dialogue on **benefits of regional cooperation on the energy-water-land nexus transformation in Central Asia** (Tashkent, 14 October 2021)



1. Economy-wide, cross-sectoral policies for green growth and sustainable development: Publications and reports

- Report and an update on **COVID-19 and greening** the economies of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- EU4Environment **Brochure**: Progress at Mid-term
- Second edition of green growth indicators' based **country profiles**, covering six EaP countries (April 2021), available in English and national languages
- Video on **green growth indicators** (May 2021)

Forthcoming

- **Updated EU4Environment work plans** for the six EaP countries and the region
- Report on **green growth indicators in Moldova**
- Report on **green growth indicators in Ukraine**
- **Green growth indicators based country profiles** for six EaP countries
- **Greening the economic development** in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia – report for the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference





WORK PROGRAMME AREA 2:

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES FOR
GREEN GROWTH: CLIMATE CHANGE
MITIGATION, AIR POLLUTION,
CIRCULAR ECONOMY**





2. Environmental policies for green growth: Meetings and events

- **EU4Environment event “Towards Zero Pollution in the Eastern Partner countries”** as part of the EU Green Week (virtual, May 2021)
- Regional meeting on **greening SMEs** (virtual, June 2021)
- Two meetings to discuss draft **environmental compliance assurance system reviews** of Armenia (June 2021) and Moldova (September 2021)
- Capacity-building seminar on **information systems used by environmental permitting and inspection authorities** (July 2021)

Forthcoming

- Regional workshop on **implementing a BAT approach** (virtual, 9 November 2021)
- Regional seminar on **environmental compliance assurance** (virtual, 17-18 November 2021)
- Meeting to discuss the draft environmental compliance assurance system review of Georgia (April 2022)



2. Environmental policies for green growth: Publications and reports

Forthcoming


- Update of the report “**Covid-19 and greening the economic responses in EECCA**” (October 2021)
- Reviews of the **environmental compliance assurance systems** of Armenia and Moldova (November 2021), and of Georgia (April 2022)
- Six reports on **administrative capacity strengthening in the environmental sector**, covering six EaP countries (November 2021)
- **Green growth and mining**: Armenia and Georgia (December 2021)
- EU4Environment multi-country report on **reforming regulatory regimes for large-emission sources (BAT)** in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Moldova (June 2022)



PROGRAMME AREA 3:

**WATER AND ECOSYSTEMS
MANAGEMENT, BIODIVERSITY
PROTECTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
ADAPTATION**



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3. Water and ecosystems management, biodiversity protection and climate change adaptation: Meetings and Events

Multi-stakeholder dialogues on water policy:

- EUWI policy dialogue meetings (August 2020-March 2021): Kyrgyzstan (November 2020), Kazakhstan (November 2020), Moldova (November 2020), Belarus (March 2021)
- Policy dialogues in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, EUWI+ Regional Steering Committee (April-July 2021)

Capacity building and expert meetings:

- Regional workshop on equitable and sustainable water allocation (October 2020)
- New design and construction norms for small-scale water supply and sanitation systems in Moldova (October 2020)
- Regional capacity development workshop on water-related SDGs integration and implementation in EaP countries and beyond (November 2020)
- Strengthening the economic dimensions of the water resource management reform in Georgia (February 2021)
- Expert workshop - Benefits of regional cooperation on the energy-water-land nexus transformation in Central Asia (June 2021)
- High-level regional dialogue on “Benefits of regional cooperation on the energy-water-land nexus transformation in Central Asia” (October 2021)

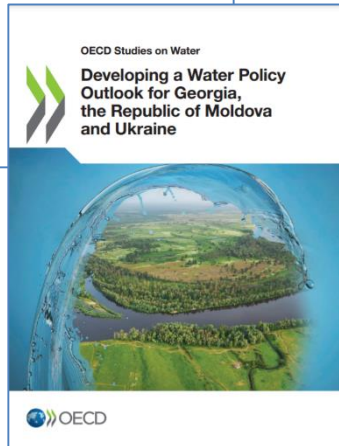
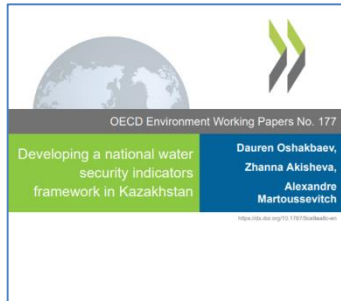


3. Water and ecosystems management, biodiversity protection and climate change adaptation: Publications and reports

- Developing a Water Policy Outlook for Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine (Q2 2021)
- Developing national water security indicators framework in Kazakhstan (Q2 2021)

Forthcoming

- Benefits of regional cooperation on the energy-water-land nexus transformation in Central Asia – A discussion document (Q4 2021)
- EUWI+ Policy Highlights (Q 4 2021)
- Towards a national water strategy in Ukraine (Q 4 2021)
- Towards a national water strategy in Georgia (Q 4 2021)





PROGRAMME AREA 4:

SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE, GREEN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE





4. Sustainable infrastructure, green investment and finance: Meeting and events

- Designing and implementing **green public investment programmes**: Experience from Poland and the Czech Republic (virtual, 04 February 2021)
- Implementing the **Designed Clean Public Transport (CPT) Programme in Moldova** (virtual, 05 February 2021)
- Designing **Green Public Investment Programme and Conducting Training in Georgia** (virtual, 11 March 2021)
- Designing **Green Public Investment Programme** in Azerbaijan (June, 2021)
- Launch of analysis of the use of **green bonds in the EaP countries and Kazakhstan** (May 2021)
- **Alternative schemes for implementing green public investment programmes**: Experience from Austria, Switzerland and the Netherlands (virtual, 22 June 2021)
- Regional Dialogue: **Accelerating the race to net zero in Central Asia** (virtual, 23 September 2021)

Forthcoming

- Meeting to launch a project **measuring and reporting tax expenditure in the energy sector** (Q4 2021)
- Final workshops and trainings on **Designing Green Public Investment Programmes** (in Moldova, Georgia and Azerbaijan (Q1 2022)
- Conference on the **use of green bonds** in the EaP countries and Kazakhstan (Q3 2022)

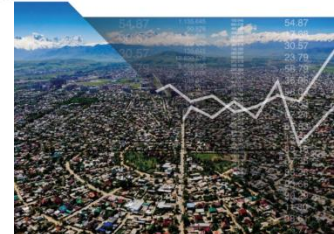


4. Sustainable infrastructure, green investment and finance: Publications and reports

- **Fossil-Fuel Subsidies** in the EU Eastern Partner Countries: Estimates and Recent Policy Developments (5 August 2021) (English and Russian)
- Inclusion of 2010-19 **data on fossil fuel subsidies for the EaP countries into the OECD-IEA database**
- Assessment of **Investment Needs for Climate Action** in Armenia to 2030 (April 2021)
- Accessing and Using **Green Finance** in the Kyrgyz Republic: Evidence from a Household Survey (July 2021)
- Promoting **Clean Urban Public Transportation** in Moldova (Romanian, April 2021)
- Policy Highlights: “**Promoting Clean Urban Public Transportation and Green Investment in Moldova**” (in Romanian, March 2021)
- **Promoting Clean Urban Public Transportation in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Moldova** (in Russian, February 2021)

Forthcoming

- Review of **energy subsidy schemes** in the context of Energy Sector Reform in Ukraine (Q4 2021)
- 3 reports on designing and costing **green public investment programmes** in Moldova, Azerbaijan and Georgia (Q4 2021)
- Report on **reforming the National Ecological Fund** in Moldova (Q1 2022)
- Measuring and reporting **tax expenditure in the energy sector** (Q3 2022)
- Report on the use of **green bonds** in the EaP countries and Kazakhstan (Q3 2022)
- Report on reforming **environmental taxes and charges** in Ukraine (Q2 2022)



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