

GREENING ECONOMIES IN THE EASTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD

‘From Commitment to Results’ Final National EaP GREEN Conference

15 December 2017

Summit Events Centre¹, Red Room, 49/3 Tighina Street
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Background

The “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighborhood” (EaP GREEN) project was launched in 2013 to support the six European Union’s Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine – to progress faster towards a green economy through better management of natural capital supporting a higher economic productivity and competitiveness. The above listed EaP GREEN countries made their commitments related to the transition towards a green economy in the 2011 and 2013 Declarations of the EU Eastern Partnership Summits and on other international fora.

The EaP GREEN has supported countries in developing methodological, legal, and conceptual material based on international good practice adapted to the country conditions and needs. In-country pilot projects have also been implemented to demonstrate how relevant policies and tools can be applied in practice. The EaP GREEN has been funded by the European Union and supported by several EU and OECD countries. It has been jointly implemented by four international organizations: the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The outcomes of the EaP GREEN show a significant progress made both in the EaP countries and at the regional level, in particular related to following principal objectives of the EaP GREEN:

- To promote the use of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and environmental impact assessment (EIA) at the strategic and project level;
- To mainstream sustainable consumption and production (SCP) and green economy principles in national development plans, sectoral legislation and regulatory framework;
- To facilitate the greening of selected economic sectors, with a special focus on small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs);
- To mobilize national and international financing and make returns on environmental investments attractive to the private sector.

¹ <https://summit.md/en/>

The final event it is jointly organized by the UN Environment, UNECE, the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development, and Environment, and the Ministry of Economy, to present the results and outcomes achieved during the EaP GREEN project implementation in the Republic in Moldova and to discuss way forward to further reinforce the transition of the country to the green economy.

The section on SEA and EIA component, facilitated by the UNECE, will aim to:

- Take stock of key results and impacts of the EaP GREEN implementation in the field of environmental assessment in Moldova since 2013;
- Highlight good examples and lessons learned as well as to summarize remaining challenges;
- Outline how Moldova can further increase efficiency of SEA and EIA application.

The section on Promotion of Green Economy will present the Green Economy programme for the Republic of Moldova, supported by the UN Environment, and disseminate a wide range of results and achievements of the EaP GREEN activities in the Republic of Moldova.

Participants

The event will bring together high-level government officials, development partners and NGOs, experts, practitioners, and officials involved in specific EaP GREEN activities.

The representatives of the EU Delegation to Moldova, Government of the Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, governmental agencies, implementing organizations (UNECE, OECD, UN Environment, and UNIDO), NGOs and other international organizations will also participate.

Representatives of media will also be invited.

The English-Romanian interpretation will be provided during the meeting.

Agenda

Time	Issue	Speaker/moderator
8.30 – 9.00	<i>Participants registration and dissemination of materials</i>	
9.00 – 9.30	Official opening	<p>Mr Vasile BÎTCA, Minister of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (MARDE)</p> <p>HE Ambassador Peter MICHALKO, Head of the Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Mr. Valentin GUZNAC, Deputy Secretary General of the Government of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Ms. Iuliana DRAGALIN, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure</p> <p>Mr. Jan DUSIK, Director, UN Environment Regional Office for Europe (video message)</p> <p>Mr. Martin SMUTNY, Consultant, UNECE</p>

		Secretariat to the Espoo Convention Ms. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov , Executive Director, PA EcoContact
9.30 – 10.15	Session 1. Major outcomes of the EaP GREEN Project in Moldova: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Economy, EIA/SEA, GGIs • Cleaner Production • Greening SMEs • Sustainable Procurement Q&A	Presentations made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andrei Isac, Consultant, EaP GREN • Ms. Lucia SOP, Director, RECP Centre • Ms. Liudmila STIHI, Head of Division, ODIMM • Mr. Ruslan MALAI, Director, Public Procurement Agency
10.15 – 10.30	Festive handing of the EaP GREEN Awards	
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break (vegetarian/fasting food)</i> <i>Press conference</i>	
11.00 – 13.00	Session 2. Promotion of SEA and EIA in Moldova: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits of SEA and EIA • Video on benefits of SEA Protocol • SEA good practice examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEA of Green Economy Program pilot from Moldova – Program on Green Economy • Examples from transport and energy sectors • Legislative framework on SEA and EIA and Guidelines on SEA • Road Map on Capacity Building on EIA and SEA in Moldova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Group work • Discussion, conclusions and follow up Q&A	Moderator: Mr. Martin SMUTNY , Consultant, UNECE Presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michal Musil, Consultant, UNECE • Representatives of NGOs EcoContact <i>The group work will address following topics:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main existing challenges related to SEA/EIA in Moldova and the ways to overcome them; 2. Benefits and costs of application of SEA/EIA in Moldova, 3. Actions needed to make SEA and EIA operational (i.e. that is it applied as a standard tool)?
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Buffet Lunch (vegetarian/fasting food)</i>	<i>Summit Events Restaurant</i>
14.00 – 15.30	Session 3. Promotion of Green	Presentations by:

	<p>Economy in Moldova:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Program on the promotion of Green Economy in Moldova • Video on Circular Economy • RECP implementation and outcomes (examples from companies) • Presentation of the National GGIs report • Green Investments in Moldova: challenges and opportunities • Discussion/Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andrei Isac, Consultant, EaP GREEN • Mr. Oleg MANCAS , RECP • Mr. Valentin UNCU, CEO • J.S.C. ORHEI-VIT • Consultants within EaP GREEN • Mr. Mihai ROȘCOVAN, Prezident, BCI
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break (vegetarian/ fasting food)</i>	
16.00 – 17.00	<p>Green economy in the context of Agenda 2030 and NDS Moldova 2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining Q&A • Next steps • Concluding remarks closure of the event 	
17.00 – 19.00	<p>Festive Reception on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, UN Environment, UNECE, OECD and UNIDO.</p>	
<p>General information about EaP GREEN: http://www.green-economies-eap.org/ The event will be held in the GREEN meeting and paper less format: http://www.greeningtheblue.org/sites/default/files/GreenMeetingGuide.pdf and http://www.ecoprocura.eu/fileadmin/editor_files/Sustainable_Events_Guide_May_30_2012_FINAL.pdf</p>		