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Green growth indicators in Eastern Partner countries

Progress on EU4Environment Activity 5.3

*18th session of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators will
be held on 18-19 October 2021*

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Key objectives and the scope of EU4Environment Activity 5.3

Objective

- Green growth indicators systematically applied or used on a pilot basis to **monitor the green transformation** in the six EaP countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine)

Outputs

- Preparation/annual update of **country profiles** with headline indicators to assess progress with policy reform
- Development of GGIs-based **country reports** to promote policy debates on green growth
- Preparation of a **regional report** on progress with integration of economic & environmental goals in the EaP countries
- Development of **policy briefs** and organising policy debates around key messages derived from the analysis
- Support for dissemination of collected information, including through international databases

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Green growth indicators in the Republic of Moldova

Earlier work

- 2017 report “Measuring the performance of green economic development in the Republic of Moldova” with 33 indicators. This set was included in the Chapter on monitoring the Program on the Green Economy and provided a monitoring basis for the Road Map on Green Economy Promotion in Moldova

Purpose and outputs under EU4Environment

- Evaluate implementation of the GE promotion program 2018-2020 and to contribute to the preparation of the new Action Plan for the GE promotion programme for 2022-24 and the development of the Environmental Strategy till 2030
- Updated 2017 green growth indicators report
- Digitalization of the updated GGIs set

Milestones

- Special high-level session on green growth indicators at WG on GE (10 September 2021);
- Draft report and database are being submitted for comments to relevant stakeholders (feedback by the end of Oct);
- Start of work on a digital interface for the Ministry of Environment’s website; 1st draft will be available by the end of Oct;
- Finalization of the report (mid-November);
- Final event - end of November or early December 2021 (TBC)



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Green growth indicators in Ukraine

Earlier work

- “Towards Green Growth: Monitoring Progress in Ukraine” (2014)
- “Report on Green Transformation in Ukraine. Based on OECD green growth indicators” (2016)

Purpose and outputs under EU4Environment

- Contribute to the European Green Deal initiative and to improve a framework for monitoring progress towards green growth
- Updated (3d monitoring) report, with a separate Chapter indicators set of the National Environmental Policy Strategy until 2030

Milestones

- Kick-off event (29 March 2021)
- Public consultations, using online platform (July 2021)
- Draft report submitted for comments to relevant stakeholders (October 2021)
- Final event – November 2021 (tbc)



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GGIs in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine: scope, coverage, gaps

Republic of Moldova:

- Report elaborated in the context of the evaluation Green economy promotion program 2018-2020
- Data coverage : 2010 – present, evaluating 33 categories indicators, with 7 new indicators
- Additionally, the 2021 report: 1) presents international comparison on 21 dimensions; 2) suggests other 20 indicators to be calculated in order evaluate the situation; 3) assesses the situation from a quantitative and qualitative perspective.
- Identified issues:
 - ✓ Comparability (national/international indicators, ex. municipal waste, use of fertilizers);
 - ✓ Access to data (in national sources, ex. energy subsidies);
 - ✓ Territorial coverage (entire territory of the country, over not, ex. CO2 productivity);
 - ✓ Lack of data (some indicators are no longer calculated, ex. access to improved sources of water);
 - ✓ Methodological changes (impossibility to build long time series, ex. population);
 - ✓ Cooperation (inter-institutional cooperation is needed to facilitate the annual compilation process of indicators).



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Ukraine

- The report unveils green growth trends for at least five recent years period: 2015-2019/2020
- Main part covers 51 indicators and special part covers 30 indicators for evaluating implementation of the National Environmental Strategy till 2030
- Identified issues, similar to Moldova:
 - ✓ Lack of data, unable to evaluate progress (special part – 1/3 indicators lacking data)
 - ✓ Some trends to be taken with caution due to change in methodology
 - ✓ Partial overlaps among national indicators of SDGs, Strategy of State Environmental Policy till 2030, and GGIs. Further development of the GGI monitoring should ensure maximum added value and efficient use of necessary resources



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Video

**on green growth indicators
in the EaP countries**

Also coming in national languages



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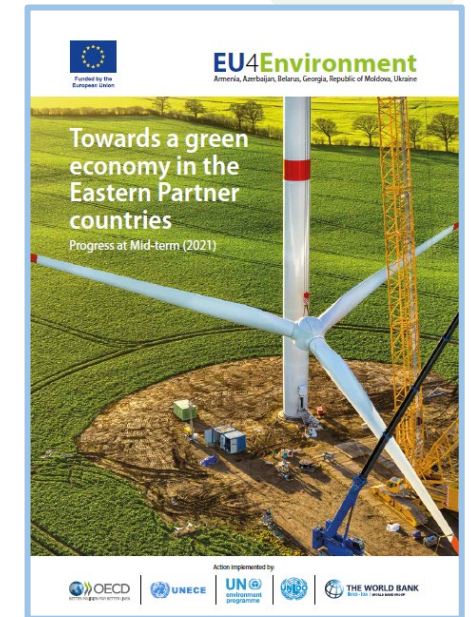


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Country profiles and Brochure – 2021 edition





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Other related work

- Collection and inclusion of 2010-19 data on **fossil fuel subsidies for the EaP countries** in the Fossil Fuel OECD-IEA database: an important milestone in achieving transparency
- Armenia was selected to be a **pilot country for on progress in meeting the SDGs**, including on FFSs phase-out, using a template, developed by UNEP. OECD is supporting Armenia to prepare its first SDG-related FFSs report

What's next

- New editions of the country profiles
- Launch of development/update of GGIs in other EaP countries
- Inclusion of the EaP countries into the OECD “Environment at a Glance”
- Possible international conference on GGIs to present the findings from Moldova and Ukraine and other related work



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