



Third meeting of the EU4Environment Regional Assembly

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Tuesday, 21 September, 2021

10:00 - 14:00 (Paris/Brussels) 11:00 - 15:00 (Chisinau/Minsk/Kyiv) 12:00 - 16:00 (Baku/Tbilisi/Yerevan)

Zoom registration link

Meeting web site:

https://www.eu4environment.org/events/third-meeting-of-the-eu4environment-regional-assembly/

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Meeting objectives and expected outcomes

The third EU4Environment Regional Assembly will be held virtually on 21 September 2021. The meeting will:

- take stock of the project implementation, assess the progress and showcase key achievements:
- discuss the country specific and regional work plans for 2020-21;
- present and discuss the findings of the Result Oriented Monitoring of EU4Environment carried out for the European Commission by independent evaluators; and
- update on governance arrangements and progress on communication.

Participants

The meeting will bring together the National Focal Points from the Ministries of Environment and of Economy of Eastern Partner countries, the National Action Coordinators, representatives of the European Commission and the EU Delegations, EU Member States, civil society, and the EU4Environment Implementing Partners (OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank). Representatives of other co-operation programmes in the EaP countries will also be invited to attend.

Meeting documents available on the meeting web page:

- Country and regional Work Plans
- Pre-recorded presentations on progress with country and regional activities
- EU4Environment Programme Brochure: progress at mid-term
- Country profiles with key results 2020-21

Background documents

- <u>Joint Staff Working Document. Recovery, resilience and reform: post 2020 EaP priorities, European Commission</u>
- <u>Joint press release on the third Eastern Partnership formal ministerial meeting on environment and climate change, 22 June 2021</u>

Practical Information

- Virtual platform: <u>Zoom registration link</u>
- English-Russian interpretation

About EU4Environment

The "European Union for Environment" (EU4Environment) Action aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

The Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022. More on www.eu4environment.org

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Time	Item
09:50 - 10:00	Connection by the participants
	Chair of the meeting: Michaela HAUF, Team Leader for Environmental and Climate Resilience and Connectivity, DG NEAR, European Commission
10:00 – 10:20	Item 1. Welcome, opening and adoption of the agenda
	Welcome by the Chair
	 Michaela HAUF, Team Leader for Environmental and Climate Resilience and Connectivity, DG NEAR, European Commission
	Opening speech
	 Diana JABLONSKA, Head of Unit C.1, Georgia, Moldova, Economic Investment Plan, DG NEAR, European Commission
	 Key messages and lessons learned from the Action implementation by the lead Implementing Partners
	Carolina GONZALEZ MUELLER, UNIDO
	Krzysztof MICHALAK, OECD
10:20 – 10:25	Online poll on the EU4Environment achievements
10:25 – 11:10	Item 2. Country-level activities: progress on the Action implementation under Results 1-3 and 5, its impact and priorities for 2021-22 in the Eastern Partner countries
	Georgia
	Republic of Moldova
	Ukraine
	Each country segment will start with a short presentation on key activities and selected achievements by the Implementing Partners.
	The National Focal Points from the respective country will be asked to provide feedback by answering the following questions:
	 What is your assessment of progress in the implementation of the EU4Environment in your country and of selected achievements?
	 What should be the priority areas of activities for the remaining period of the Programme?
11:10 – 11:15	Online poll on communications

11:15 - 12:00

Item 3. Country-level activities: progress on the Action implementation under Results 1-3 and 5, its impact and priorities for 2021-22 in the Eastern Partner countries

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan

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Break: EU4Environment videos

12:15 - 12:45

Item 4. Presentation of the Findings and Recommendations of the Result Oriented Monitoring (ROM) evaluation

- Presentation of the ROM results
 - o Melanie INNISS, ROM Evaluator
- Comments from the European Commission
 - Angela BULARGA, Programme Manager, DG NEAR, European Commission
- Reactions from the floor on the key findings and recommendations, including on the strengthening of in-country monitoring of the Programme Implementation and the possibility of the extension of the EU4Environment for 2023

12:45 - 13:15 (30 min)

Item 5. Progress on the implementation of regional activities

- Presentation of selected regional activities from Results 1-5 by the Implementing Partners
 - o Rie TSUTSUMI, UNEP
 - Leonid KALASHNYK, UNECE
 - o Tatiana CHERNYAVSKAYA, UNIDO
 - Krzysztof MICHALAK, OECD
- Reactions from the floor

13:15 - 13:45

Item 6. Draft Work Plans for Result 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods

	 Presentation of the planned activities under Result 4 by the World Bank Madhavi M. PILLAI, the World Bank Reactions from the floor
13:45 – 13:55	 Item 7. Action governance, cross-cutting issues, coordination with other programmes Update on coordination with other programmes and cross cutting issues Krzysztof MICHALAK, OECD Tatiana CHERNYAVSKAYA, UNIDO Update on communication activities Maria DUBOIS, OECD
13:55 – 14:00	 Dates of the next Regional Assembly meeting (Thursday, 22 Sept 2022 and/or Friday, 23 Sept 2022, TBC) Closing remarks Michaela HAUF, Team Leader for Environmental and Climate Resilience and Connectivity, DG NEAR, European Commission
14:00	Meeting closure: EU4Environment Video