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The Tables 1-4 present, in a consolidated manner, the final plan of work in Azerbaijan as part of the European Union for Environment Action (EU4Environment), as it was agreed in September 2019. It was prepared based on the discussions at the National launch event in Azerbaijan (15 April 2019, Baku), the Inaugural EU4Environment Regional Assembly meeting (27-28 June 2019, Brussels) and takes into account the final comments received by 6 September 2019.

Annex 1 to the work plan presents key outcomes of the discussion during the country consultations with Azerbaijan (4 June 2020), in regard to the implementation of the current work plan and proposals, if any, to adjust it. The Implementing Partners agreed to follow up bilaterally on the respective activities.

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List of acronyms

CAS	Compliance assurance system
CE	Circular Economy
DoA	Description of the Action
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPR	Extended Producers Responsibility
EU	European Union
EU4Environment	European Union for Environment Programme
EUR	Euros
GBR	General Binding Rules
GE	Green Economy
GGI	Green growth indicators
NFPs	National Focal Points
NIP	National implementation partner
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PEF	Product environmental footprint
RA	Regional Assembly
RECP	Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production
SDG	Sustainable development goals
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SMEs	Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
SMGP	Single Market for Green Products
SPP	Sustainable public procurement
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
WB	World Bank

Introduction

This document is the final country-specific **Plan of Work in Azerbaijan for 2019-2022** of the European Union for Environment programme (EU4Environment), as it was agreed in September 2019. It consolidates the activities identified for implementation in Azerbaijan with respect to the proposals specified in the Description of the Action (DoA) for **Results 1-3 and 5**. The regional activities, involving Azerbaijan, are covered separately by the regional work plan.

The document does not include the work plan for **Result 4**, led by the World Bank, due to administrative procedures around the signatory contract between the European Commission and the World Bank, which made it difficult to conduct all the necessary country consultations and preparatory technical work. The work plan for Result 4 will be added after the completion of the contractual procedure.

It builds on initial commitments discussed at the EU4Environment national launch event (15 April 2019, Baku) and the follow-up consultations, including mapping exercise, and discussions at the EaP Panel on Environment and Climate Change (27 May 2019, Vienna) and at the EU4Environment Inaugural Regional Assembly meeting (27-28 June 2019, Brussels). It also takes into account the final comments received by 6 September 2019 and – for **1.3: Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment** – additional clarifications on SEA and EIA-related activities provided by 27 September.

It accommodates, to the extent possible, the country requests taking into account feasibility and the resources available.

Table 1 below maps all activities agreed for implementation in Azerbaijan. Tables 2-4 present more detailed planning under each Result, expected output targets and indicative timeline for the 2019-20 implementing period. A detailed description of each activity is available from the DoA. This work plan is kept flexible, to adjust, if necessary, in the course of implementation the timeline and activities, in case of any issues beyond Partners control.

The Annex 1, added to this document, presents the key outcomes of the discussion during the country consultations with Azerbaijan (4 June 2020), in regard to the implementation of the current work plan and proposals, if any, to adjust it.

Given the unprecedented challenge brought in 2020 by the covid-19 pandemic, and still highly uncertain situation, the current work plan, in particular its timeline, may be revised towards end 2020 – beginning 2021.

About EU4Environment

The **general objective of EU4Environment** is to help the partner countries 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 EU4Environment programme is structured around **five Results**:

- **Result 1.** Greener decision-making (implemented by UNEP and UNECE, with coordination by UNIDO);
- **Result 2.** Circular economy and new growth opportunities (implemented by UNEP and UNIDO, with coordination by UNIDO);

- **Result 3.** An environmental level playing field (implemented by OECD);
- **Result 4.** Ecosystem services and livelihoods (implemented by the World Bank);
- **Result 5.** Knowledge sharing and coordination (implemented by OECD, with input from all implementing Partners).

The total EU4Environment budget for four years (2019-2022) is about EUR 20 million, of which EUR 19 million were provided by the European Union.

The Programme implementation started in January 2019. During the first half of 2019, so called “mobilisation and inception phase”, the Partners formalized and operationalized Programme implementation in all six countries and started selected activities.

National Focal Points in Azerbaijan

To support the Programme implementation, the Ministries of Ecology and Natural Resources and of Economy appointed **National Focal Points** (NFPs) of the EU4Environment. The NFPs aims to serve the coordination role and represent their respective countries during and between the annual Regional Assembly meetings.

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Final consolidated plan of work in Azerbaijan for Results 1-3 and 5

Table 1. Mapping of selected activities in Azerbaijan for Results 1-3 and 5.

Activities	Azerbaijan
RESULT 1. Greener decision-making	
1.1: Green economy ownership, policy coherence and cross-sectorial coordination (UNEP)	
Activity 1.1.1: Survey and large-scale training of public sector employees	V
Activity 1.1.2: Fitness tests of relevant policy documents and policy proposals	V
Activity 1.1.3: Facilitation of National Policy Dialogues on Green Economy	V
1.2: Sectoral investment planning and comparative analysis of costs and benefits (UNEP)	
Activity 1.2.1: Investment needs assessment in priority sectors	V
Activity 1.2.2: Development of investment strategy proposals or action plans	V
1.3: Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment (UNECE)	
Activity 1.3.1: Assistance for finalizing the legal reforms on SEA and on transboundary EIA	V
Activity 1.3.2: Comprehensive capacity and institutional building	V
1.4: Awareness, education and public acceptance of the Green Economy transition (UNEP)	
Activity 1.4.1: Implementation of educational courses	X
Activity 1.4.2: Awareness raising campaigns for general public	X
RESULT 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities	
2.1: Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production and eco-innovation among SMEs (UNIDO)	
Activity 2.1.1: Eco-industrial parks feasibility	X
Activity 2.1.2: Supporting RECP Clubs	V
Activity 2.1.3: Promoting Circular Economy – Waste mapping in municipalities	V
Activity 2.1.4: Training national experts	V
Activity 2.1.5: Additional RECP Assessments	V
Activity 2.1.6: Raising awareness and sharing knowledge	V
Activity 2.1.7: Further institutionalising RECP	V
2.2: Concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products (SMGP) initiative (UNIDO)	

Activity 2.2.1: Mapping of existing practices and barriers for existing labelling schemes	V
Activity 2.2.2: Awareness and understanding of SMGP opportunities and benefits	X
Activity 2.2.3: Piloting product environmental footprint (PEF) in selected industries	X
2.3: Green Public Procurement and complementary tools (UNEP)	
Activity 2.3.1: Assessments/advisory services to establish SPP and eco-labelling policies	O
Activity 2.3.2: Capacity development of business sectors to respond to public tenders/eco-labelling	X
2.4: Use of strategic approaches on waste management (UNEP)	
Activity 2.4.1: Developing draft action plan for waste management (national or municipal level) ¹	O
Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility schemes	V
2.5: Reforms in priority green economy sectors (UNEP)	
Activity 2.5.1: Identify priority sectors for policy reform, suitable policy instruments and support needs	X
Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustment of enabling policies and policy tools in priority sectors	X
2.6: Ecological value-chain and product innovation (UNEP)	
Activity 2.6.1: National trainings on sustainable production/eco-innovation for companies and governments	V
Activity 2.6.2: Market assessment and policy analysis of eco-innovation potential in selected sectors ²	O
Activity 2.6.3: Assess SMEs/companies' potential for eco-innovation & provide advisory services for business strategy review/development	X
Activity 2.6.4: Awareness raising activity among business sector and government	X
RESULT 3. An environmental level playing field	
3.1: "Smart" regulation of environmental impacts (OECD)	
Activity 3.1.1: Reforming regulatory regimes for large emission sources, including State Owned Enterprises	V
Activity 3.1.2: Greening Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)	V
3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes (OECD)	
Activity 3.2.1: Strengthening of Compliance Assurance Systems, Instruments, and Tools	V

¹ For possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability.

² The overall scope and depth of Output 2.6 will be decided after having the national trainings as part of Activity 2.6.1. This Activity will be considered for possible implementation in a later stage of the project – subject to the country's potential and capacity, and available funds.

Activity 3.2.2: Reform of high impact enforcement and compliance promotion instruments, including environmental liability	V
Activity 3.2.3: Networking and capacity building	X
3.3: Domestic public finance, subsidy reforms, public-private partnerships and private finance for green investment (OECD)	
Activity 3.3.1: Greening public expenditure	V
Activity 3.3.2: Review of selected national funding entities	V
Activity 3.3.3: Reforming energy subsidies	X
Activity 3.3.4: National and regional policy dialogues on green finance and investment	V
3.4 Administrative capacity for environmental management (OECD)	
Activity 3.4.1: Assessment of existing and required administrative capacity in the environmental sector	V
Activity 3.4.2: Provision of Expert Support to the Ministries of Environment and or Economy	V
RESULT 5. Regional knowledge sharing and coordination	
Activity 5.3: Monitoring of progress at the economy-environment nexus	V

Notes: V – selected; O – for possible implementation at a later stage – subject to funds availability; X – not selected.

Table 2. Presentation of selected activities in Azerbaijan for Result 1

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line								Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021-22			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
RESULT 1. Greener decision-making											
1.1: Green economy ownership, policy coherence and cross-sectorial coordination (UNEP)											
Activity 1.1.1: Survey and large-scale training of public sector employees											
– General training courses on Green Economy (GE)										Online course, translated into national language, delivered to government officials via a national academic/public training institute	Development, translation and delivery of an introductory GE course, in close collaboration with the Institute on Economic Reforms, or another nominated agency
– Training civil servants from line ministries to apply GE concepts										Tailored webinar delivered to nominated public servants from line ministries, with regular assignments and supervision by an international expert	Capacity-building trainings for civil servants to improve GE knowledge, establish necessary pre-requisites for GE introduction, and be able to carry out GE policy fitness tests (activity 1.1.2)
Activity 1.1.2: Fitness tests/analytical documents of relevant policy documents and policy proposals											
– Fitness tests/analytical documents of relevant policy documents and policy proposals										Analysis of at least 2 sectoral policies by trained civil servants	
Activity 1.1.3: Facilitation of National Policy Dialogues on Green Economy											
– Support for interministerial and cross-sectorial policy coordination meetings										At least 4 meetings conducted/supported	Support to the Commission on SDGs or facilitating establishment and functioning of a new inter-ministerial body
– Establishment of a functional green planning and decision-making system											
1.2: Sectoral investment planning and comparative analysis of costs and benefits (UNEP)											
Activity 1.2.1: Investment needs assessment in priority sectors											

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
– Investment needs assessment in priority sectors									At least 1 assessment in a selected sector	Prioritisation of sectors for investment needed by country
Activity 1.2.2: Development of investment strategy proposals or action plans										
– Development of investment strategy proposals or action plans									At least 1 investment proposal/action plan for a selected sector	
1.3: Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment (UNECE)										
Activity 1.3.1: Assistance for finalizing the legal reforms on SEA and on transboundary EIA										
– Legal review and drafting (in support of finalization of secondary implementation legislation), including a round-table										Possibility to extend this activity into the first quarter of 2020, if need be
Activity 1.3.2: Comprehensive capacity and institutional building										
– Pilot project on SEA (on regional development, or transport, or agriculture)								2021	1 pilot project	
– Training workshops on SEA (regional development, transport and agriculture)								2021	2 workshops	
– Guidelines on SEA (in line with the focus of the pilot project on SEA)								2021	1 set of guidelines	
– Preparation of Azerbaijani translation of a video on transboundary EIA and its benefits (to be prepared by UNECE in English)								2021 (1)	1 video	
– Developing other awareness materials on SEA and EIA, incl. transboundary EIA (leaflet and brochure)								2021-22 (2)	1 leaflet, 1 brochure	
– Awareness raising event to promote the application of SEA and EIA, incl. transboundary EIA								2021-22 (3)	1 event	
– A model for a SEA database to support application of SEA procedures								2021-22	1 model	

Table 3. Presentation of selected activities in Azerbaijan for Result 2

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line								Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020				2021-22			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
RESULT 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities											
2.1: Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production and eco-innovation among SMEs (UNIDO)											
Activity 2.1.2: Supporting RECP Clubs											
– Identifying and recruiting Clubs Facilitator										1 facilitator	
– Recruiting municipalities for RECP Clubs										2 municipalities	
– Identifying and recruiting companies-members of RECP clubs										Around 20 SMEs	
– Delivery of replication programmes										2 programs	
– Evaluation of replication programme										1 report	
– Monitoring of RECP measures implementation and companies' support										2-3 reports	
Activity 2.1.3: Promoting Circular Economy (CE) – Waste mapping in municipalities											
– Awareness events on CE concepts and approaches										1-2 events	Mapping of industrial waste to support efforts of recently adopted waste management strategy (2018)
– Identification and assessment of waste sources from production activities										1 report	
– Identification of recycling options for identified waste sources										1 report	
– Preparation of waste maps in 2-3 municipalities of selected pilot countries										1 report	
Activity 2.1.4: Training national experts											
– Trainee experts identified and recruited										Around 15 experts	
– Training program conducted										Around 10 experts	
– Advanced RECP training modules identified and implemented										1-2 modules	
Activity 2.1.5: Additional RECP Assessments											
– Recruitment of demonstration companies										Around 15 SMEs	

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line								Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021-22		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
– Assessment by RECP trainees									10 reports	
– RECP implementation support									2-3 reports	
– Monitoring and success stories									2-3 reports, 10 success stories	
Activity 2.1.6: Raising awareness and sharing knowledge										
– National RECP websites (re)launched and regularly updated									Web presence	
– National RECP Conferences									2 conferences	
– Thematic awareness events									2-3 events	
– Knowledge sharing platform development and launched; regular alumni meetings									3 meetings	
– Regional expert meetings									3 meetings	
Activity 2.1.7: Further institutionalising RECP										
– National implementation committee (NIC) established									Report/members	
– National implementation partner (NIP) identified and recruited									NIP recruited	
– National capacity and institutional activities regularly planned									Work plans	
2.2: Concept and tools of the EU Single Market for Green Products initiative (UNIDO)										
Activity 2.2.1: Mapping of existing practices and barriers for existing labelling schemes										
– A study on eco-labelling									Report	
– Mapping of barriers in pilot countries in view of SMGP application									Report	
2.4: Use of strategic approaches on waste management (UNEP)										
Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) schemes									EPR integrated into at least 1 existing waste strategy	Further consultations to determine scope of activity to be held. Integration into existing plastic and e-waste strategies is priority. Development of overall EPR strategy subject to funding availability.
2.6: Ecological value-chain and product innovation (UNEP)										

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Activity 2.6.1: National trainings on sustainable production/eco-innovation for companies and governments								1 training	The training will determine the need and modalities of further technical assistance under Activity 2.6	

Table 3. Presentation of selected activities in Azerbaijan for Result 3

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
RESULT 3. An environmental level playing field										
3.1: “Smart” regulation of environmental impacts										
Activity 3.1.1: Reforming regulatory regimes for large emission sources, including State Owned Enterprises										
– Analysis on the existing approaches		Fact-finding mission				Draft report	Final report		Analytical report	<i>Country need:</i> Atmospheric air pollution regulation is one of the emerging issues in Azerbaijan. There is an actual need to support in the development of emission limit settings and environmental permitting for emissions. It will also contribute to the implementation of the UNECE Air Convention.
– Developing/updating road maps for the reform								Roadmap	Roadmap	
– Training (<i>country-specific, sub-regional or regional - subject to confirmation</i>)								Training	10-20 government officials trained	
Activity 3.1.2: Greening Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)										
– Expert support to on the application of General Binding Rules (GBR)		Fact-finding mission						Report	Report	Detailed planning will be made following fact-finding mission
– Analysis of existing instruments for financing SME greening										See regional activities
– Incorporating “green” components in the SME Development Strategies		Fact-finding mission						Report	Report analysing the integration of green components into SME Development Strategy, with recommendations	Adjustments can be made following fact-finding mission, including the timing of the preparation of the analytical report.
3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes										
Activity 3.2.1: Strengthening of Compliance Assurance Systems, Instruments, and Tools (<i>no in-depth country activity planned</i>) ³										

³ “No in-depth country activity” means that due to its limited resources the OECD is not able to accommodate this Activity to its full extent. But taking into account the importance of this work for Azerbaijan, it was decided to conduct a light CAS review and prepare a short assessment report as a background for possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability. Under this Activity, the OECD will address to the extent possible the country needs within the limit of its available human and financial resources. More details will be discussed during the fact-finding mission.

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line								Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021-22		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
– Screening the compliance assurance system (CAS)		Fact-finding mission				Draft review	Final CAS review		1 review of the compliance assurance system to prepare background for possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability	<i>Country need:</i> Currently, there is an ongoing structural reforms in the Ministry of Environment. One of the elements of these reforms is strengthening the compliance assurance systems through establishing new-model subordinates. In order to fully improve the system, to have this activity on board is crucial.
Activity 3.2.2: Reform of high impact enforcement and compliance promotion instruments, including environmental liability (<i>no in-depth country activity planned</i>) ⁴										
– Support to reform of the systems of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance		Fact-finding mission				Draft report	Final report		Assessment report to prepare background for possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability	<i>Country need:</i> Currently, the relevant legislation are reviewed to bettering sanctions, payments and penalties for non-compliance systems. This activity will be important to support national efforts. Close link to CAS review (possibly one report with two parts) - subject to confirmation
3.3: Domestic public finance, subsidy reforms, public-private partnerships and private finance for green investment										
Activity 3.3.1: Greening public expenditure										
– Project on the costing of priority green economy-related public investment programmes and development of competence profiles for civil servants in the area of green financing				Preparatory work	Analysis			Report	Analytical report	
– Training for government officials					Training				20 people trained; Trainees involved in follow-up programme implementation	

⁴ “No in-depth country activity” means that due to its limited resources the OECD is not able to accommodate this Activity to its full extent. But taking into account the importance of this work for Azerbaijan, it was decided to conduct a light CAS review and prepare a short assessment report as a background for possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability. Under this Activity, the OECD will address to the extent possible the country needs within the limit of its available human and financial resources. More details will be discussed during the fact-finding mission.

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Activity 3.3.2: Review of selected national funding entities										
– Review of existing national public funding entities and practices of a selected entity (-ies) (to be identified in consultation with the Government)			Preparatory work	Analysis		Report			Review	Country need: By getting the best experiences through this activity will enable us to understand green financing approaches and related practices better. An entity subject to the review will be identified by end of 2019
Activity 3.3.4: National and regional policy dialogues on green finance and investment (no in-depth country activity planned) ⁵										
– National-level analysis to support green investment (green bonds), identification of key challenges/ways forward to align financial mechanisms with policy reforms						Preparatory work	Fact-finding mission		Major findings from in-depth interviews	For possible implementation in a later stage of the project - subject to funds availability
3.4 Administrative capacity for environmental management										
Activity 3.4.1: Assessment of existing and required administrative capacity in the environmental sector										
– Analytical report on existing/required administrative capacity in the environmental sector and development of recommendations		Preparatory work	Preparatory work	Country mission (tbc)	Draft report	Present findings at 2d RA meeting	Final report		Report	Country need: the structural reforms are ongoing within the Ministry of Environment. Therefore, this is the one activity we need to have as early as possible. Key findings of a draft report tentatively are aimed to be presented at the 2d Regional Assembly (RA) meeting.
Activity 3.4.2: Provision of Expert Support to the Ministries of Environment and or Economy										
– Plans for administrative strengthening					Analysis	Draft Plan	Final Plan		1 plan	

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Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
– Possibly, development of sustainable and targeted training mechanism								Training	Country need: This activity will complement the activity 3.4.1 and is considered as important as the first one. The plan will be prepared on the basis of the analysis (3.4.1); possibly one report with two parts (overview and plan) - subject to confirmation.	
– Provision of on-going/ad hoc expert support to the Ministry of Environment or Economy								On as needed basis		

Note: The country-specific needs, if any, identified in this Table will be accommodated, to the extent possible, taking into account feasibility and the resources available; subject to further discussion and confirmation.

Table 4. Presentation of selected activities in Azerbaijan for Result 5

Selected activities in Azerbaijan	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
5.3: Monitoring of progress at the economy-environment nexus (OECD)										
– Preparation /update of country profiles using indicators			country profile				country profile	2 country profiles	4 profiles (1 per year)	Preparatory work may already start in 2019-20 (in link to preparation of a regional mid-term report), but more in-depth analysis is envisaged in the second phase of the programme.
– Update of GGI report								Update with new data, possibly indicators	Updated report	

Note: The country-specific needs, if any, identified in this Table will be accommodated, to the extent possible, taking into account feasibility and the resources available; subject to further discussion and confirmation.

Annex 1. Key outcomes of the discussion during the EU4Environment country consultations with Azerbaijan (4 June 2020) in regard to the current work plan implementation and proposals, if any, to adjust the work plan

The Implementing Partners agreed to follow up bilaterally on the respective activities. All proposals will be considered by the Partners and incorporated to the extend possible, subject to resource availability and additional bilateral discussions. The current work plan, in particular its timeline and activities, if applicable, may be revised towards end 2020 – beginning 2021.

- Continue to implement the activities as envisaged in the Work Plan and in line with the agreed timeline, using alternative modes of operation (virtual communications/meetings and engaging local consultants);
- Follow up bilaterally on selected activities behind schedule, and provide update to Azerbaijan any adjustments of the Work Plan;
- Follow up on bilateral basis on questions related to individual activities, in particular:
 - UNECE – feedback on SEA/EIA round table;
 - UNEP – on eco-labelling and SPP;
 - UNIDO – on upcoming tender;
 - OECD – Activity 3.3.2 and on energy-related taxes.
- See for further details the Summary Record of the meeting.