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This document is prepared for the second Regional Assembly meeting, to be held in a virtual format on 22 September 2020, to reflect the discussion during the country consultations with the Republic of Moldova (29 May 2020), in regard to the implementation of the current work plan.

The Tables 1-4 present, in a consolidated manner, the final plan of work in the Republic of Moldova for Results 1-3 and 5 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 the Republic of Moldova (12 April 2019, Chisinau), 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 the Republic of Moldova (29 May 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.

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

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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 the Republic of Moldova 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 the Republic of Moldova with respect to the proposals specified in the Description of the Action (DoA) for **Results 1-3 and 5**. The regional activities, involving the Republic of Moldova, 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 (12 April 2019, Chisinau) 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.

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 the Republic of Moldova. 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 the Republic of Moldova (29 May 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);

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- **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 the Republic of Moldova

To support the Programme implementation, the Ministries of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment and of Economy and Infrastructure 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 the Republic of Moldova for Results 1-3 and 5

Table 1. Mapping of selected activities in the Republic of Moldova for Results 1-3 and 5.

Activities	The Republic of Moldova
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	V
Activity 1.4.2: Awareness raising campaigns for general public	V
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	V
Activity 2.1.2: Supporting RECP Clubs	V
Activity 2.1.3: Promoting Circular Economy – Waste mapping in municipalities	O
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	X
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	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	V
Activity 2.3.2: Capacity development of business sectors to respond to public tenders/eco-labelling	V
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)	V
Activity 2.4.2: Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility schemes	X
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	V
Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustment of enabling policies and policy tools in priority sectors	V
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	V
Activity 2.6.3: Assess SMEs/companies' potential for eco-innovation & provide advisory services for business strategy review/development	V
Activity 2.6.4: Awareness raising activity among business sector and government	V
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
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	V
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	V
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 Republic of Moldova for Results 1

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	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 the national language, delivered on a regular basis to government officials via a national academic/public training institute	Development, translation and delivery of an introductory GE course, in close collaboration with the Academy of Public Administration, the State University or other 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	Use existing body created under EaP-GREEN, also facilitating development/revision of strategic GE documents/policies.
1.2: Sectoral investment planning and comparative analysis of costs and benefits (UNEP)											
Activity 1.2.1: Investment needs assessment in priority sectors											Investment needs based on the revised GE programme (to be released still).

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line								Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021-22		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Activity 1.2.2: Development of investment strategy proposals or action plans										
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 drafting: 1) Amending SEA, and EIA and Ecological Expertise legislation (in line with last developments in the relevant EU Directives and national legislation) - development of a draft law on amendments of a number of legal acts [Q4 2019 – 2020]; 2) Development and approval by the Order of the Minister of the procedure/system for the assessment and certification of individual experts or legal persons/companies for the development of the EIA/SEA documentation, list of official registration of certified/licenced/authorised experts [2021 - 2022]; 3) Development and approval of an Order of the Minister of the new Instruction on the procedure of State Ecological Expertise [2021 - 2022].			(1) X	(2) (3) X						
Activity 1.3.2: Comprehensive capacity and institutional building										
– Pilot project on transboundary SEA or on transboundary EIA								X (2021)	1 pilot project	
– Methodology/Guidelines on Quality Control of SEA and transboundary EIA Documentation				X	X	X	X		1 set of guidelines	
– Methodology per each stage of SEA and transboundary EIA								X	1 methodology	
– Guidelines for internal procedure for EIA and SEA in a transboundary context								X		

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
– Training on quality control of SEA and EIA documentation						X	X		1 training event	
– Development of a course on SEA for public servants			X	X	X				SEA course curriculum/plan	
– Support in the development of a university-level course on SEA and transboundary EIA						X			SEA course curriculum/plan	
– Awareness raising event on SEA and transboundary EIA and SEA (I)			X						1 event	
– Awareness raising event on SEA and transboundary EIA and SEA (II)								X (2021)	1 event	
– Developing awareness raising materials on SEA and/or transboundary EIA to provide good practice examples					X	X	X		1 set of awareness raising materials	
– Model for a SEA on-line database; a register of undergoing SEA/transboundary EIA procedures for public information						X	X	X (2021)	model, incl. a register	
1.4: Awareness, education and public acceptance of the Green Economy transition (UNEP)										
Activity 1.4.1: Educational courses (on-line and/or lecture series)										Network of academics to be invited to the GE webinar series <i>Country need:</i> Lecture courses developed could be disseminated to network of universities.
Activity 1.4.2: Awareness raising campaigns for general public									Mass media campaign	Activity depends on availability of additional funding, the country will explore media team and set up options.

* 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 3. Presentation of selected activities in the Republic of Moldova for Results 2

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	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 2.1.1: Eco-industrial parks feasibility										
– Analysis of existing industrial parks									report	Select from 10 existing industrial parks in consultation with MinEconomy <i>County need:</i> It is proposed extension of this activity to cover "Free Economic Zones"
– A set of recommendations to "green" existing parks									report	
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 2.1.4: Training national experts										
– Identifying and recruiting National Implementing Partner (NIP)									NIP recruited	
– Trainee experts identified and recruited									around 15 experts	
– Training program conducted									around 10 experts	
– Advanced RECP training modules identified and implemented									2-3 modules	
Activity 2.1.5: Additional RECP Assessments										
– Recruitment of demonstration companies									around 15 SMEs	

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	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	
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	
2.3: Green Public Procurement and complementary tools (UNEP)										
Activity 2.3.1: Assessments/advisory services to establish SPP and eco-labelling policies									Advisory services for establishment of an eco-labelling scheme	
Activity 2.3.2: Capacity development of business sectors to respond to public tenders/eco-labelling										
– Trainings for companies and authorities on SPP and eco-labelling/certification										
– Launch of new pilot tenders										
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)										
– Development of national action plans									National waste Action Plan	

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line								Expected output target	Comments
	2019			2020				2021-22		
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
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									Priority sectors identified	
Activity 2.5.2: Support introduction/adjustment of enabling policies and policy tools in priority sectors									Enabling policies/tools developed	
2.6: Ecological value-chain and product innovation (UNEP)										
Activity 2.6.1: National trainings on sustainable production/eco-innovation for companies and governments									1 training	Important to also involve ODIM, Chamber of Commerce and other "trainers of trainers", the country will provide possible contacts.
Activity 2.6.2: Market assessment and policy analysis of eco-innovation potential in selected sectors									1 assessment	Important to narrow down what SMEs will be involved, currently few statistics, but the Green Incubation Programme grants could be a start. Draft programme will be shared for our review.
Activity 2.6.3: Assess SMEs/companies' potential for eco-innovation & provide advisory services for business strategy review/development									5-10 SMEs advised	
Activity 2.6.4: Awareness raising activity among business sector and government									1 event	

* 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 3. Presentation of selected activities in the Republic of Moldova for Results 3

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
RESULT 3. An environmental level playing field (OECD)										
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	<p><i>Country need:</i> 1) Support in drafting and finalizing the draft Law on Industrial Emissions, which will also include the rules on the introduction and release of the Integrated Environmental Permit (transposing Directive 2010/75 / EU on Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control): priority 2019; 2) Support for the transposition of Directive 2001/80 / EC on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from large combustion plants and Chapter III, Annex V and Article 72 (3) to (4) of Directive 2010/75 / EU on Industrial Emissions in the new Law on Industrial Emissions: priority 2019; 3) Support for the development and promotion of the mechanism for the implementation of the Industrial Emissions Law (emission limits, permitting, registration, monitoring, enforcement, control, BAT, BREF, etc.): 2020-2022; 4) Support for the elaboration of the draft Governmental Decision on integrated environmental permit (release procedure, authorization format etc.): 2020-2021; 5) Introduction of an integrated permitting system for large sources, General Binding Rules (GBRs) for selected sectors of environmental concern (e.g. agriculture) and registration for SMEs; 6) Carrying out trainings for Environmental Agency staff delivering permits, to enhance their capacity for the development and implementation of an integrated permitting system, GBRs and registration (depending on the sources): 2020-2021; 7) Organizing and participating in training seminars and exchange of experience on environmental regulation and authorization: 2020-2022; 8) Support in development of the enforcement mechanism (Regulations, Instructions, methodologies) for the Law on control of risks of major accidents with involve dangerous substances, developed in accordance with the requirements of the Directive 2012/18 / EU on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances (SEVESO II) which have to be promoted and adopted during the year 2019: 2019-2020.</p>
– 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	

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
									<i>Additional country comment:</i> Support in drafting and finalizing the draft Law on Industrial Emissions, which will also include the rules on the introduction and release of the Integrated Environmental Permit (transposing Directive 2010/75 / EU on Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control); priority 2019.	
Activity 3.1.2: Greening Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)										
– Expert support to on the application of General Binding Rules		Fact-finding mission						Report on GBRs and legislative proposals	Develop GBRs for a specific economic sector	<i>Country need:</i> 1) Evaluation of section 2.2.8 on Developing the green economy for Small and Medium Enterprises in the National Strategy for Development of the SME Sector and the Program for Promoting the Green Economy in the Republic of Moldova for the years 2018-2020 (GD no 160/2018). Based on the assessments - providing recommendations for improvement (to be included in the following policy documents) and clear steps to be implemented: 2019-2020; 2) Supporting SMEs in implementing the principles of energy management (ISO 50001) and environmental management (ISO 14001) in their work, as well as mapping opportunities to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy measures: 2020-2021. Adjustments can be made following fact-finding mission.
– Analysis of existing instruments for financing SME greening ¹										
– Operationalising support to SME Development Strategy		Fact-finding mission			Draft report	In-country discussion			Develop new guidelines for support with finalisation/implementation of a new draft Programme on greening SMEs.	
3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes										
Activity 3.2.1: Strengthening of Compliance Assurance Systems, Instruments, and Tools										
– Screening the compliance assurance system (CAS)		Fact-finding mission				Draft review	Final CAS review		CAS review	<i>Country need:</i> 1) Develop criteria for identifying, classifying and selecting installations for compliance monitoring and use of risk-based tools for inspection planning: 2019-2020; 2) Support in carrying out coordinated (joint) inspections based on standard checklists: 2019-2020; "3) Systematic training of inspectors to carry out planned, ad-hoc and joint inspections: 2019-2022
– In-depth review (based on CAS analysis)								Review	1 review (possibly combined with CAS)	

¹ See regional activities.

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
									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			Follow-up project	Follow-up project					Analytical report	<i>Country need:</i> 1) - Support for the finalization and implementation of the Investment Program for Promotion of Green Urban Transport in Moldova (elaborated with OECD support during 2017-2018): 2019-2020; 2) - Strengthening of the public-private partnership for the promotion of green economy development principles and actions: 2020; 3) - Assessment of the potential for greening public finance in Moldova: 2019-2020.
– Training for government officials									Training 20 government officials	Optional - subject to confirmation
Activity 3.3.2: Review of selected national funding entities										
– Review of selected national public funding entities' practices for providing green finance			Preparatory work	Review mission		Report			Review and evaluation of the National Ecological Fund	<i>Country need:</i> Review and evaluation of the National Ecological Fund: revision of criteria for identifying and selecting investment projects; reviewing the rules and procedures for project evaluation; management practices, spending plans and payment mechanisms; the risk assessment of financial instruments and the mechanisms that can be provided; and / or possible business models to provide green financing: priority – 2019-2020. This work will also include analysis of strengthening the normative framework on environmental pollution taxes and payments ("Polluter Pays" principle) by amending Law no. 1540/1998 on payment for pollution: priority - 2019-2020.
Activity 3.3.3: Reforming energy subsidies										
– Assistance to a pilot country to design a tax expenditure reporting methodology								Review	Review of relevant legislation that will need to be revised	<i>Country need</i> Develop a roadmap for the phasing out of energy subsidies and strengthening social aid policies, with support for its implementation.

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Activity 3.3.4: National and regional policy dialogues on green finance and investment (<i>No in-depth country activity planned</i>)										
– 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 <i>Country need</i> : 1) National-level analysis and discussion of the best ways to support green investment (2019-2022); 2) Participation in regional conferences to take stock of recent initiatives, policy developments and financial vehicles in the EaP countries that support government efforts to shift towards a greener and more energy efficient path of economic development (2019-22); 3) Identification of key challenges and ways forward to better align financial mechanisms with policy reforms to speed and scale up green investments (2019-22).	
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		Analytical report <i>Country need</i> : 1) Analysis and assessments of existing and required administrative capacity in the environmental sector (gaps and needs assessment; recommendations for capacity development): 2019; 2) Supporting the revision and amendment of the MARDE Regulation (existing situation regarding the merging of the agriculture and environment sectors and elaboration of recommendations on some divergences in the joint activity of these sectors): 2019; 3) Support in assessing the current institutional capacities of the Environmental Agency and those required to implement environmental functions and objectives and develop recommendations for the development of these capacities: 2019; 4) Support for the development of the Institutional Development Program (Environment): 2019-2020; 5) Support in the elaboration of a project proposal for the central environmental authority headquarters, which would integrate all subordinate environmental institutions based on the "green building" (zero emissions) principle: 2020-2021; 6) Examining the possibility of implementation of the ISO 14001 provisions within the central environmental body, including the promotion of green meeting, green office with the dissemination of this experience within the governmental institutions: 2019-2020.	

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
									Key findings of a draft report tentatively are aimed to be presented at the 2d 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	<p><i>Country need:</i> 1) Elaboration of an Action Plan for strengthening the institutional capacities of the Environmental Agency (2019); 2) Supporting the development, promotion for approval and implementation of a TWINING project on strengthening the institutional capacities of the Environmental Agency in implementing environmental policies (2019-20); 3) Provide technical support to the creation and management of information and data systems for the Environmental Agency's fields of activity (2019-22).</p> <p>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.</p>
– Possibly, development of sustainable and targeted training mechanisms								Training		
– Provision of on-going/ad hoc expert support to the Ministry of Environment or the 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 the Republic of Moldova for Result 5

Selected activities in the Republic of Moldova	Time line							Expected output target	Comments	
	2019			2020						2021-22
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
RESULT 5.										
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)	See below.
– Preparation of GGI report								Update with new data, possibly with new indicators	1 report	<p><i>Country need:</i> Elaborate / update annually and supplement with new indicators of the Green Growth Indicators Report, publishing online data, ensuring synergy with Moldova 2030/SDGs objectives and targets. (2019-22). First update of the report could be carried out in 2020, second update in 2022, as foreseen by the provisions of the Program on the promotion of Green Economy and proposed to be included in the NBS plans and statistical works.</p> <p>Preparatory work on GGI report may already start in 2019-20 (in link to preparation of a regional mid-term report), but in-depth analysis is envisaged in the second phase of the Programme.</p>

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Annex 1. Key outcomes of the discussion during the EU4Environment country consultations with the Republic of Moldova (29 May 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 extent 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 on bilateral basis on individual activities and include them as much as possible in the Work Plan, in particular:
 - Activity 2.1.2 - 2.1.6 – UNIDO on RECP in line with SMEs greening programme;
 - Activity 2.3.1 – UNEP on eco-labelling and waste management; EPI regional activities;
 - Activities 3.1 and 3.2 – OECD on environmental liability;
 - Activity 3.3 – OECD on Ecological Fund;
 - Activity 3.4.2 – OECD on expert support to the Environmental agency;
 - Activity 5.3 – OECD on green growth indicators, with MARDE and MEI;
 - Result 4: address an urgent need for support on forest management.
- See for further details the Summary Record of the meeting.