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EU4Environment in Ukraine:

Progress in 2019-20 and plans till end 2020

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Result 1. Greener decision making (UNEP)

Progress in 2019-20 (May)



Plans for 2020

- ✓ Identified institution(s) to host, promote and deliver an introductory Green Economy (GE) course
- ✓ Nomination of candidates from various government bodies for participation in an in-depth GE policy-making course
- ✓ On-going consultations to identify an inter-ministerial body for GE dialogue support
- ✓ On-going consultations to determine direction and scope of public awareness/education campaign on the GE transition

- ✓ Translation, hosting, promotion and delivery of the introductory GE course among various civil servants
- ✓ Learning needs assessment conducted among all nominated trainees
- ✓ Delivery of a tailored, interactive webinar training to nominated participants (from all EaP countries)
- ✓ Inter-ministerial coordination mechanism identified for future support
- ✓ Identification of local partners and synergies with other projects to begin development of awareness campaign



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Result 1. Greener decision making (UNECE: SEA/EIA)

Progress in 2019-20 (May)



Plans for 2020

- | Progress in 2019-20 (May) | Plans for 2020 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Coordination meeting with 6 beneficiary countries, incl. Ukraine, in the margins of the UNECE Working Group on EIA and SEA (26-28 Nov, Geneva)✓ Review of the EU4Environment Work Plan (SEA and EIA component) by the former Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection✓ Development of Guidelines (Methodological Recommendations) on SEA of Urban Planning Documentation (preparatory phase)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- preparation of ToRs, selection of consultants, contracting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Reconfirmation of the Work Plan (SEA and EIA component) with the newly established Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources (July-August 2020)✓ Development of Guidelines (Methodological Recommendations) on SEA of Urban Planning Documentation (drafting phase incl. stakeholder consultations)✓ Training workshop on SEA (tbc) as a virtual or hybrid event✓ Selection – in close cooperation with the Ministry - of a draft government plan or programme to be subject to SEA (for a pilot project on SEA under EU4Environment - tbc)✓ Development of Guidelines on Transboundary Consultations in the SEA Procedure (tbc) initiated |



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNEP)

Progress in 2019-20 (May)



Plans for 2020

- | Progress in 2019-20 (May) | Plans for 2020 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Assessment of current status and progress on SPP and eco-labelling✓ Presentation and validation of the findings of the assessment and discussion on next steps (10 July 2020)✓ Consultation with the key ministries, WB, GIZ on next steps✓ Began consultations to identify a local partner as well as priority sectors/associations for SME training on eco-innovation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Promotion of SPP and eco-labelling (currently under consultation with key stakeholders): assistance to develop procedure for setting sustainability criteria, development of sustainable criteria for priority products groups, capacity development for SPP and eco-labelling (targeting contracting authorities, business/SMEs), etc.✓ Participation in a regional experience sharing event on eco-innovation for SMEs |



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNIDO)

Progress in 2019-20 (May)



Plans for 2020

- ✓ Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production **National Implementing Partner** contracted (national RECP Center)
- ✓ **8 EaP GREEN demonstration SMEs** on board to monitor RECP implementation
- ✓ Key industrial sectors for **RECP assessments** and demonstration SMEs are being selected
- ✓ 17 experts took part in advanced **RECP training** (2019)
- ✓ Poltava and Khmelnytsky municipalities are hosting **RECP Clubs** with 16 member SMEs as members
- ✓ 17 regions (amalgamated territorial organizations, ATOs) expressed interest in taking part in **Waste Mapping activity**
- ✓ Project **web page and social media** are regularly updated
- ✓ **RECP Awareness events** conducted in different regions of the country
- ✓ Overview of labelling practices prepared and its summary published in EcoBusiness Journal (July, 2020)
- ✓ Platform for RECP **experts network** launched

- ✓ **10 business cases** to be developed from results of monitoring the EaP GREEN alumni SMEs
- ✓ **RECP assessments** launched in 12 SMEs
- ✓ Virtual **RECP trainings** to be conducted for 20+ experts
- ✓ **16 Clubs** members complete RECP work plans and start implementation
- ✓ Launch of waste mapping studies in two regions
- ✓ Kick off meeting for RECP **stakeholders group**
- ✓ Communication **events** and on-going **newsfeed** on RECP and Circular Economy on the web page and in social media
- ✓ Single Market for Green Products awareness activities launched



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Result 3. Environmental level playing field (OECD)

Progress in 2019-20 (May)



Plans for 2020

- ✓ Workshop on **BAT** in the EaP countries (October 2019, Seoul)
- ✓ Environment dimension of the **SME Policy Index** (including a chapter on Ukraine)
- ✓ **Draft estimates of fossil-fuel subsidies for 2016-2019** for the OECD-IEA Fossil-fuel subsidies database
- ✓ Draft Concept Note for the project on **Energy subsidy reform in Ukraine**
- ✓ Launch of **preparatory work on green finance and investment (green bonds)** project (draft ToR)
- ✓ Launch of **preparatory work on administrative capacity** for environmental management project (consultations with SIGMA, draft ToR, outline and concept note)

- ✓ **Fact-finding mission** to Ukraine on Projects “Reforming regulatory regimes for large emission sources” and “Strengthening of Compliance Assurance Systems” (subject to easing travel policy)
- ✓ Report on incorporating green components in the SME Development Strategy
- ✓ Regional meeting on **BAT** (November 2020)
- ✓ Regional seminar on **greening SMEs**
- ✓ **Two assessment reports**: on the compliance assurance system and on administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance
- ✓ Regional meeting on **compliance assurance**
- ✓ Analytical report on **fossil-fuel subsidies**, including Ukraine
- ✓ **Collection of data on energy-related taxes**
- ✓ Fact-finding mission on **green bonds project** (subject to easing travel policy)
- ✓ Regional meeting on **green finance** (October 2020)
- ✓ Analytical report on **existing/required administrative capacity in the environmental sector**



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Result 5. Monitoring progress at environment-economy nexus (OECD) (5.3. Green growth indicators)

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Plans till end 2020

- ✓ Overview of available **green growth indicators** in the OECD database for Ukraine and initial internal discussions on its extension
- ✓ **Country profile**

- ✓ Critical amount of work on **green growth indicators** in planned for 2021-22
- ✓ **Video** on green growth indicators (regional)
- ✓ New edition of the **country profile**

Activities 5.1 and 5.2 on coordination and communication will be discussed under Items 4 and 5 of the Agenda.



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Discussion

1. Feasibility of using alternative modes of operation (e.g. virtual meetings, web-based trainings, use of local consultants)
2. Maintaining/postponing/advancing activities



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Item 4: Co-ordination (Result 5.1)

Progress in 2019-20 (May)

- ✓ **Launch event** in Ukraine (March 2019, Kyiv)
- ✓ **Inaugural Regional Assembly meeting** (June 2019, Brussels)



Plans till end 2020

- ✓ **Six EaP country virtual consultations** (May-July 2020)
- ✓ **Second Regional Assembly meeting:**
 - ✓ **Virtual (Zoom) meeting** on 22-23 September 2020
 - ✓ **in-person meeting** in November-December 2020, if travel restrictions lifted, possibly in Kyiv, Ukraine



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Item 5: Communication (Result 5.2)

Progress in 2019-20 (May)



Plans till end 2020

- ✓ [Programme leaflet](#)
- ✓ [Country profile](#)
- ✓ **Web site** (OECD domain:
<http://www.oecd.org/site/eu4environment/>)
- ✓ [Inaugural Newsletter](#), reaching more than 200 subscribers*
- ✓ **Videos** “[About EU4Environment](#)” and “[About the Inaugural Assembly meeting](#)”
- ✓ Use of **social media** (YouTube, Flickr, existing Twitter channels)
- ✓ Generic **totems** for meetings

* Please sign-up for EU4Environment newsletter [here](#)

- ✓ **Newsletter** on a monthly basis (extension of the list of subscribers)
- ✓ Development and launch of a **new web site** (more interactive features)
- ✓ Production of **new videos** (Regional Assembly, thematic videos, interviews)
- ✓ Use of **Social media** on a regular basis
- ✓ Work with “**young EU ambassadors**”
- ✓ Promotion at **national and international** events (incl. the EaP Ministerial, 22 October 2020, Luxembourg)
- ✓ Translation of totems/selected documents into **national languages**
- ✓ Reinforced coordination with other programmes (i.e., OPEN Programme, EU4Business, etc.)