

**ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE
ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE**

GREEN Action Task Force

**Progress in implementing the GREEN Action Task Force programme of work
(November 2017 - October 2018)**

Third Annual Meeting of the GREEN Action Task Force

22-23 October 2018

Hotel Devin (Meeting Room “Ambassador”), Bratislava, the Slovak Republic

For Agenda Item 8. The 2019-2020 Programme of Work and Budget of the GREEN Action Task Force (Reporting, feedback, discussion)

Action required: The Task Force members are invited to take note of, and provide feedback as appropriate on, activities carried out since the **last** meeting of the Task Force (**Almaty, Kazakhstan, October 2017**).

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PROGRAMME AREA 1. NATIONAL GREEN ECONOMY DIALOGUES AND STRATEGIES	
Activity	Completed deliverables/activities (November 2017 to October 2018)
1.1 In-country GREEN Action Platforms and 1.2 Analytical support to the development of country-level Green Economy Strategies	
Events	<p>Policy Dialogue on Green Economy in Kazakhstan (October 2017, Astana)</p> <p>Policy Dialogue on Green Finance Mobilisation in Georgia (March 2018, Tbilisi)</p> <p>High level session on smart environmental regulations organised during the Astana Economic Forum (May 2018, Astana)</p> <p>Policy Dialogue on the update of the GREEN Economy Concept in Kazakhstan (May 2018, Astana)</p> <p>Policy Dialogue on Sustainable Finance Roadmap of the Kyrgyz Republic (June, 2018, Bishkek)</p>
PROGRAMME AREA 2. GREEN FINANCE AND INVESTMENT	
Activity	Completed deliverables/activities (November 2017 to October 2018)
2.1 Greening public finance policy	
Events	<p>Stakeholder meeting and training to present and agree on the main elements of the green investment programme in Moldova (February 2018, Chisinau/Balti)</p> <p>Consultations on energy affordability in Moldova linked to the reform of VAT-related energy subsidies (March 2018, Chisinau)</p> <p>Stakeholders workshop on green finance tracking in Kazakhstan (June 2018, Astana)</p> <p>Regional seminar on Improving Efficiency of the Transport Sector in Kazakhstan and other Central Asian countries (July, 2018, Astana)</p> <p>Final stakeholders meeting and a training workshop of the project on Design and Costing of a Green Public Investment Programme in Kyrgyzstan with the focus on clean (primarily urban) public transport (July, 2018, Bishkek)</p>
Reports	<p>Promoting Clean Urban Transport and Green Investment in Kazakhstan (with accompanying Policy Highlights in English and Russian) (October, 2017)</p> <p>Promoting Clean Urban Transport and Green Investment in Moldova (forthcoming)</p> <p>Promoting Clean Urban Transport and Green Investment in Kyrgyzstan (forthcoming)</p>
2.2 Facilitating access to finance for green investment, including climate finance	
Events	<p>Expert workshop on improving investment policies and access to finance in Belarus (March 2018, Minsk)</p> <p>Expert workshop on improving investment policies and access to finance in Azerbaijan (April 2018, Baku)</p> <p>Stakeholder meeting on improving investment policies and access to finance in Ukraine (April 2018, Kiev)</p>
Reports	<p>Mobilising Finance for Climate Action in Georgia (with accompanying Policy Highlights in English and Georgian) (February 2018)</p> <p>Scaling up Green Investment and Finance in Azerbaijan (in English and Azerbaijani) (March 2018)</p> <p>Scaling up Green Investment and Finance in Belarus (in English and Russian) (March 2018)</p> <p>Financing Resource Efficient and Cleaner Products by SMEs in the EaP Countries - A Stakeholders' Guidebook (April, 2018)</p> <p>Inventory of Energy Subsidies in the EU's Eastern Partnership Countries (English and Russian and with country chapters in Azerbaijani, Armenian, Georgian, Moldovan, Russian and Ukrainian) (June 2018)</p> <p>Access to Private Finance for Green Investments: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Financing in Ukraine (in English and Ukrainian) (July 2018)</p> <p>Energy Subsidy Reform in the Republic of Moldova: Energy Affordability, Fiscal and Environmental Impacts (in English and Romanian) (October, 2018)</p> <p>Improving Access to Green Finance for SMEs in Georgia (forthcoming)</p>

PROGRAMME AREA 3. INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND SECTORAL POLICIES FOR GREEN GROWTH	
Activity	Completed deliverables/activities (November 2017 to October 2018)
3.1 Promoting "smart" environmental regulations	
Reports	Chapter on Green Economy of the UNECE Environmental Performance Review of Kazakhstan (forthcoming) Reducing Environmental Impacts of the Extractive Industry (forthcoming)
3.2 Integrating environmental and sectoral policies for green growth	
Reports	Environmental Policy Toolkit for SME Greening in EU Eastern Partnership (April 2018)
3.3 Measuring and assessing progress towards green growth	
Events	Final Conference of the EaP GREEN project (December 2017, Brussels) Stakeholders workshop on Green Growth Indicators in Kazakhstan (June 2018, Astana)
Reports	Measuring the Performance of Green Economic Development in the Republic of Moldova: National Report based on the OECD Set of Green Growth Indicators (November 2017) EaP GREEN final brochure: Greening Economies in the EU Eastern Neighbourhood From Commitment to Results (December 2017) Measuring the Performance of Green Economic Development in Azerbaijan: National Report based on the OECD Set of Green Growth Indicators (forthcoming)
PROGRAMME AREA 4. STRENGTHENING WATER MANAGEMENT	
Activity	Completed deliverables/activities (November 2017 to October 2018)
4.1 Strengthening the economic and financial dimensions of water management, including adaptation to climate change	
Events	EUWI+ Regional Progress Meeting, Minsk, Belarus (April 2018) Expert Workshop, Water Security, Infrastructure and Consumption in Water intensive Industries, Belarus (June 2018) Technical workshop and the 2nd meeting the National Commission for Melioration and Irrigation, Dushanbe, Tajikistan (June 2018) Regional Conference to present and disseminate the work on the Economics of Water Security, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (September 2018)
Reports	Publication: Facilitating the Reform of Economic Instruments for Water Management in Georgia (March 2018) Project Report: Recommendations on the use of economic instruments to promote efficient water use in the irrigation sector, and provide recommendations on introducing the economic analysis into river basin management plans Tajikistan (September 2018)
4.2: Strengthening institutions and regulations for water management	
Events	A capacity building study tour to Armenia for 5 senior officers from the Agency for Melioration and Irrigation, the Anti-Monopoly Agency and the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan Development of National Water Strategies – EaP Regional Capacity Development Event (April 2018, Minsk) Expert workshops on developing national water strategies, Tbilisi, Georgia and Baku, Azerbaijan (July 2018). Training programme on applying economic analysis and instruments for water resources management in Kyrgyzstan (September 2018, Bishkek)
Reports	New norms for design and construction of small-scale WSS systems, Kyrgyzstan (September 2018) Draft text book on the use of economic analysis and instruments for water resources management (forthcoming) Guidelines for introduction of sustainable business-models in rural WSS to achieve greater levels of water security in rural areas of Kyrgyzstan (September 2018)
4.3: Support to EECCA countries in addressing the water-food-energy nexus challenge and the link to water security	
Events	Training workshop on using water, food and energy security indicators for informed decision making in Kyrgyzstan (June 2018, Bishkek)
Reports	Strengthening Shardara Multi-Purpose Water Infrastructure in Kazakhstan (April 2018) Developing national definitions and indicators of water security in Kyrgyzstan (jointly with indicators of food and energy security, following the nexus approach) (August 2018)

	Improving coherence between the water and agri-food policies (focusing on economic instrument and identification of capacity development needs) Kyrgyzstan (September 2018)
4.4: Support to national and regional policy dialogues on water, communication and dissemination of programme results and regional reviews	
Events	National Policy Dialogues on Water in Ukraine (November 2017)
	National Policy Dialogues on Water in Kyrgyzstan (January 2018)
	National Policy Dialogues on Water in Moldova (June 2018)
	National Policy Dialogues on Water in Azerbaijan (July 2018)
	National Policy Dialogues on Water in Armenia (October 2018)
	National Policy Dialogues on Water in Georgia (October 2018)
Reports	Publication: Improving Domestic Financial Support Mechanisms for WSS in Moldova (November 2017)