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Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP GREEN)

5th Meeting of the EaP GREEN Steering Committee

10-11 February 2016

Brussels, Belgium

ANNOTATED AGENDA

The meeting will be held at the **Thon Hotel EU in Brussels** (Rue de la Loi 75, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium, web site: www.thonhotels.com/eu/) starting at 9:00 on Wednesday, 10 February 2016 and finishing by lunch time on Thursday, 11 February 2016 at the latest.

The working languages at the meeting were be English and Russian.

EaP GREEN project

The Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP GREEN) project aims to support the six Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries to move towards green economy by decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation and resource depletion. The EaP countries are: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

The EaP GREEN aims to:

- mainstream sustainable consumption and production (SCP) into national development plans, legislation and regulatory framework with a view to provide a sound legal basis for future policy development, in line with the regional and international agreements and processes and consistently with existing EU acquis in the relevant policy areas;
- promote the use of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as essential planning tools for an environmentally sustainable economic development; and
- achieve a shift to green economy through the adaptation and adoption of sustainable consumption and production practices and techniques in selected economic sectors (manufacturing, agriculture, food production and processing, construction).

Accordingly, the EaP GREEN is structured around three components:

1. governance and financing tools;
2. SEA and EIA accompanying SCP policy implementation; and
3. demonstration projects.

The project is funded by the European Union and other donors, and involves joint implementation by four international organisations – OECD, UNECE, UNEP, and UNIDO.

EaP GREEN Steering Committee meeting

Annual Steering Committee meetings bring together the National Focal Points from the EaP country Ministries of the Environment and Ministries of the Economy, the representatives of the European Commission and of the four EaP GREEN implementing partners.

The key objectives of the 5th Steering Committee meeting were to:

- review progress since the previous Steering Committee held in June 2015 and progress towards reaching the objectives of the EaP GREEN project;
- discuss the results of the EaP GREEN Result Oriented Monitoring carried out by an independent consultant for the European Union;
- discuss and agree on specific activities that will be carried out under the three Components of the EaP GREEN until the end of the project in December 2016;
- identify key outputs of the project, including country and regional activities, and the means for their dissemination.

5TH MEETING OF THE EaP GREEN STEERING COMMITTEE

10-11 February 2016, Brussels

ANNOTATED AGENDA

10 February 2016	
9:00 – 9:30	Item 1. Opening remarks, approval of the draft agenda and draft Summary Record of the Fourth Steering Committee Meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Vassilis Maragos, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood East, DG NEAR, European Commission• Mr. Andrzej Januszewski, DG ENV, European Commission <p><i>Background documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Draft Annotated Agenda</i>• <i>Draft Summary Record of the Fourth Steering Committee meeting (18 June 2015 Chisinau, Moldova)</i>
9:30 – 10:15	Item 2. Result-Oriented Monitoring of the EaP GREEN project
	<p>Chair: <i>Mr. Vassilis Maragos, European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ali Dastgeer, Consultant to the European Commission, was invited to present the findings of a report “Result-Oriented Monitoring of the EaP GREEN” (ROM). The objective of the ROM is to provide an external review of the project implementation in order to support project management by the EC Headquarter services. The ROM of the EaP GREEN reviewed progress in input provision, activities undertaken and results delivered (outputs, direct outcomes) in four countries: Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The ROM assessed the status of a project through an analysis of project documentation and consultation with stakeholders.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presentation• The Steering Committee members commented on the presentations, discussed lessons learned and activities proposed for 2016.• The Chair summarised the discussion and outline the next steps. <p><i>Background document: EaP GREEN: Result-Oriented Monitoring report</i></p>

10:15 – 11:00	Item 3. Progress in the project implementation since the last Steering Committee (June 2015): outputs and results achieved at the regional level
	<p><i>Chair: Ms. Andreja Skerl, European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EaP GREEN Partner organisations (OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO) presented progress in the implementation of each component at the regional level with the focus on achievements, lessons learnt (successes and challenges) and activities planned for 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation • The Steering Committee members commented on the presentations, discussed lessons learned and activities proposed for 2016. • The Chair summarised the discussion and outlined the next steps. <p><i>Background document: “Progress in Implementing the “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN) Project in the Period June – December 2015 and Draft Work Plan for the Period January – December 2016.</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 - 12:45	Item 4: Countries' presentations on progress made, lessons learnt and plans for 2016
	<p><i>Chair: Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegations of Moldova and Belarus made presentations on progress in implementing the EaP GREEN activities in their countries. They were invited to present an overall progress in promoting green economic development and highlight most successful activities carried out under the Project that assisted in this process. They also shared lessons learnt (successes and challenges) and commented on the activities proposed for 2016 in their countries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation from the Ministry of Environment of Moldova ○ Presentation from the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus • The Steering Committee members commented on the presentations, discussed lessons learned and activities proposed for 2016. • The Chair summarised the discussion and outlined the next steps. <p><i>Background document: “Progress in Implementing the “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN) Project in the Period June – December 2015 and Draft Work Plan for the Period January – December 2016.</i></p>

12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 - 15:30	Item 5: Countries' presentations on progress made, lessons learnt and plans for 2016
<p><i>Chair: Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegations of Azerbaijan and Ukraine provided presentations on progress in implementing the EaP GREEN activities in their countries. They were invited to present an overall progress in promoting green economic development and highlight most successful activities carried out under the Project that assisted in this process. They also shared lessons learnt (successes and challenges) and commented on the activities proposed for 2016 in their countries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Presentation from the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan</u> ○ <u>Presentation from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine</u> • The Steering Committee members commented on the presentations, discussed lessons learned and activities proposed for 2016. • The Chair summarised the discussion and outlined the next steps. <p><i>Background document: “Progress in Implementing the “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN) Project in the Period June – December 2015 and Draft Work Plan for the Period January – December 2016.</i></p>	
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:45 - 17:15	Item 6: Countries' presentations on progress made, lessons learnt and plans for 2016
<p><i>Chair: Ms. Rie Tsutsumi, UNEP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegations of Armenia and Georgia were invited to make presentations on progress in implementing the EaP GREEN activities in their countries. They were invited to present an overall progress in promoting green economic development and highlight most successful activities carried out under the Project that assisted in this process. They also shared lessons learnt (successes and challenges) and commented on the activities proposed for 2016 in their countries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Presentation from the Ministry of Economy of Armenia</u> ○ <u>Presentation from the Ministry of Environment of Armenia</u> ○ <u>Presentation from the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia</u> • The Steering Committee members commented on the presentations, discussed lessons learned and activities proposed for 2016. • The Chair summarised the discussion and outlined the next steps. <p><i>Background document: “Progress in Implementing the “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN) Project in the Period June – December 2015 and Draft Work Plan for the Period January – December 2016.</i></p>	

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9:00-9:45

Item 7: Review of progress and next actions on communication and visibility

Chair: Mr. Vassilis Maragos, European Commission

- **The OECD** was invited to report on progress and actions on communication and visibility by the EaP GREEN Partners. The focus will be on achievements, lessons learnt (successes and challenges) and activities planned for 2016.
 - [Presentation](#)
- **The Steering Committee members** commented on the presentations, discussed lessons learned and activities proposed for 2016.
- **The Chair** summarised the discussion and outlined the next steps.

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9:45 – 10:45

Item 8. Key final outputs of the project, including country and regional activities

Chair: Ms. Carolina Gonzales-Mueller, UNIDO

- **The EaP GREEN Partner organisations (OECD, UNECE, UNEP and UNIDO)** presented final outputs of the project, including country and regional activities.
 - [Presentation from UNECE](#)
- **The Steering Committee members** were invited to comment on the presentations, and proposed outputs.
- **The Chair** summarised the discussion and outlined the next steps.

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10:45 – 11:00

Item 9. Conclusions and next steps

Chairs: Mr. Vassilis Maragos and Mr. Andrzej Januszewski, European Commission

- **The Steering Group members** will be invited to raise any other points.
- **The Chairs** will summarise the discussion and the key next steps, make the concluding remarks and close the Steering Committee meeting.