



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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EaP GREEN Steering Committee

Thursday, 18 June 2015  
Chisinau, Moldova

#### DRAFT AGENDA

The meeting will be held in the Hotel Codru, Chisinau, Moldova, starting at 9:30 on Thursday, 18 June, 2015. The working languages at the meeting will be English and Russian.

The meeting of the EaP GREEN Steering Committee will be preceded by the UNECE meeting on Strategic Environmental Assessment as a tool for greening economy and on the role of the sectoral authorities in SEA, organised on 17 June 2015 in Hotel Codru. The EaP GREEN Steering Committee members are invited to take part in this meeting.

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## **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:

- i. governance and financing tools;
- ii. SEA and EIA accompanying SCP policy implementation; and
- iii. 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 objective of the 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting is to review progress with the implementation of the components of the project since the last meeting on 8 October 2014 (Minsk, Belarus), discuss achievements and challenges in project implementation and agree on a work plan until the end of 2015 and the outlook for activities to be carried out in 2016.

The Steering Committee members agreed that each meeting would feature a substantive discussion on a selected theme implemented as part of the EaP GREEN. The 2015 meeting will focus on organic agriculture, a component led by UNEP, which was identified as providing a significant opportunity to stimulate green economic growth, given the low level of pesticide and fertilizer use since 1994, the significant share of small farms, the availability of agricultural labour and the export potential. The session will discuss policies and instruments for the promotion of organic agriculture, including strengthening the organic agri-food supply chains by developing traceability systems, certification schemes, investment mechanisms and research, as well as building the capacity of the private sector (farms and companies) to access growing international and European markets for organic products.

## DRAFT AGENDA

<b>4TH MEETING OF THE EAP GREEN STEERING COMMITTEE (open to the Steering Committee members only)</b>	
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>Item 1. Opening remarks and approval of the draft agenda</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Sergiu PALIHOVICI, Minister of the Environment of Moldova (tbc)</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Laura GIAPPICHELLI, European Commission</i></li> </ul>
<b>9:15 – 10:45</b>	<b>Item 2. Progress in the project implementation since the last Steering Committee (October 2015-May 2015), outputs and results achieved</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reporting by the EaP GREEN Partners (UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and OECD)</i></li> <li>• <i>Roundtable interventions by EaP countries, including on progress with national level actions by the Governments to promote green economy</i></li> </ul>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:15</b>	<b>Item 3. Work plan for 2015 and outlook for 2016</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Presentation of plans for the period June –December 2015 and outlook until end of 2016 by the EaP GREEN Partners (UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and OECD)</i></li> <li>• <i>Roundtable interventions by EaP countries, including on planned national-level initiatives and actions to promote green economy</i></li> </ul>
<b>12:15 – 12:30</b>	<b>Item 4. Conclusions and next steps, including dates of the next meeting</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Laura GIAPPICHELLI, European Commission</i></li> </ul>
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>SPECIAL SESSION ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (publicly open meeting)</b>	
<b>14:00 – 14:20</b>	<b>Keynote address: Green Economy and Organic Agriculture</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ministry of Economy and Ministry of the Environment, Moldova (TBC)</i></li> <li>• <i>UNEP</i></li> </ul>
<b>14:20 – 15:20</b>	<b>Organic agriculture in Moldova: policies and instruments</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Setting the framework for the promotion of organic agriculture: policies, instruments – presentation by the Ministry of Agriculture of Moldova</i></li> <li>• <i>Stimulating organic agriculture through public procurement – presentation by the Public Procurement Agency of Moldova</i></li> <li>• <i>Questions and discussion</i></li> </ul>

<b>15:20 – 16:00</b>	<b><i>Coffee break: Taste of Organic Moldova!</i></b>
<b>16:00 – 17:45</b>	<b>Round table presentations by the EaP countries on the promotion of organic farming</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Success stories and challenges from organic producers</i></li> <li>• <i>Exporting organic products to foreign markets</i></li> <li>• <i>Supply chains for organic products</i></li> <li>• <i>Challenges and way forward</i></li> </ul>
<b>17:45 – 18:0</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ministry of the Agriculture and Ministry of the Environment, Moldova</i></li> <li>• <i>UNEP</i></li> <li>• <i>European Commission</i></li> </ul>
<b>18:00 – 19:30</b>	<b><i>Cocktail: Taste of Organic Moldova!</i></b>