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Fourth meeting of the Regional Assembly

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Date: 22-23 September 2022

Time: starting at 10:00 (CEST) on the first day

Meeting venue: International Energy Agency, Conference Room 1
9, Rue de la Fédération, Paris, France

Event's web page:

<https://www.eu4environment.org/events/the-fourth-meeting-of-the-eu4environment-regional-assembly/>

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Fourth meeting of the Regional Assembly of the EU4Environment: Green Economy

22-23 September 2022 (Paris, France)

Meeting objectives

The fourth meeting of the Regional Assembly of the “EU4Environment: Green Economy” will:

- take stock of the Programme implementation and showcase the main achievements;
- review the updated country specific and regional work plans for 2022-23;
- review the governance arrangements and discuss the implementation of the communication activities.

The meeting will also include a special session on the second day (23 September) that will provide an opportunity to discuss in more detail the EU and EU4Environment work on circular economy, including recently completed pilots on the industrial waste mapping, which are among the flagship Programme activities.

Participants

The meeting will bring together the National Focal Points from the Ministries of Environment and of Economy of Eastern Partner countries, the National Action Coordinators, representatives of the European Commission and the EU Delegations, EU Member States, civil society, and the EU4Environment Implementing Partners (OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank). Representatives of other co-operation programmes in the EaP countries will also be invited to attend.

Supporting Documents (see the [meeting web site](#))

- Country profiles with key results 2021-22
- Presentations on progress with country and regional activities
- Country and regional work plans
- Draft executive summaries on Industrial Waste Mapping in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine

Practical Information (see the [meeting web site](#))

The meeting will be held **in the premises of the International Energy Agency in Paris** (address: 9 Rue de la Fédération, 75015 Paris). A Zoom link will also be provided for those participants, who are not able to join in-person.

Logistical information will be circulated closer to the meeting.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment: Green Economy**) Programme helps the European Union’s Eastern 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 Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank. The Action implementation period is 2019-2023.

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Draft Outline Agenda
Day 1: 22 September 2022
10:00 – 18:00 Paris/Brussels time

Time	Item
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Welcome coffee and registration</i>
10:00 – 10:20 (20 min)	<p><i>Item 1. Opening, welcome, and adoption of the agenda</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening by the Chair of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ms Michaela Hauf, Team Leader for Green and Connectivity, DG NEAR</i> • Message from the European Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr Lawrence Meredith Director, DG NEAR (via video)</i> • Welcome on behalf of the Implementing Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ms Jo Tyndall, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD (via video)</i> ○ <i>Ms Elisa Tonda, Chief of Resources and Markets Branch, Economy Division, UNEP</i> ○ <i>Mr Stephan Sicars, Director, Circular Economy and Environmental Protection Division, UNIDO</i>
10:20 – 10:45 (25 min)	<p><i>Item 2: Launch of the EU4Environment Country Profiles</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key messages on the Action implementation and the presentation of the Country Profiles that highlight the key activities and achievements during the period 2021-22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Implementing Partners: OECD, UNIDO and the World Bank</i>
10:45 – 11:45 (60 min)	<p><i>Item 3. Country-level activities: progress on the Action implementation, its impact and plans for 2022-23 in the Eastern Partner countries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory presentations on key activities by Implementing Partners followed by interventions from the country National Focal Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Armenia ○ Georgia • <i>Open discussion</i>

<p>11:45 – 12:45 (60 min)</p>	<p>Item 3 cont. Country-level activities: progress on the Action implementation, its impact and plans for 2022-23 in the Eastern Partner countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory presentations on key activities by Implementing Partners followed by interventions from the country National Focal Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Azerbaijan ○ Republic of Moldova • <i>Open discussion</i>
<p>12:45 – 14:00 (75 minutes)</p>	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
<p>14:00 – 15:00 (60 min)</p>	<p>Item 4. Special session on Ukraine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by the Chair • Opening remarks by the European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ms Chloé Allio, Head of Section "Economic Cooperation, Energy, Infrastructure and Environment" of the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine</i> • Recent developments in Ukraine, impacts of the war on the environment, preparation of the Reconstruction/Recovery Plan, including its environmental part <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr Evgeniy Fedorenko, Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, Ukraine</i> • EU4Environment contribution and support to the recovery of Ukraine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Interventions by the Implementing Partners and the presentation of the adjusted country work plan</i> • <i>Open discussion</i>
<p>15:00 – 15:30 (30 min)</p>	<p>Item 5. Co-operation with Civil Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ms Olena Kravchenko and Mr Ruslan Havryliuk, Environment People Law, Ukraine/Civil Society Forum</i> ○ <i>Elena Culighin, Chair, National Environmental Center Moldova</i> • <i>Open discussion</i>
<p>15:30 – 16:00 (30 min)</p>	<p>Item 6. Coordination with other EU4 Programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr Matthew Griffiths, OECD on behalf of EU4Environment: Water Management and Environmental Data</i> ○ <i>Mr Yevgen Groza, UNDP on behalf of EU4Climate</i> ○ <i>Mr Francesco Alfonso, OECD on behalf of EU4Business</i> • <i>Open discussion</i>

16:00 – 16:30 (30 min)	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 – 17:30 (60 min)	<i>Item 7. Regional activities, governance, sustainability and communications</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on regional activities, governance arrangements and long-term sustainability of work<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Mr Krzysztof Michalak, OECD</i>○ <i>Open discussion</i>• Update on communication activities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Ms Maria Dubois, OECD</i>○ <i>Open discussion</i>
17:30 – 18:00 (30 min)	<i>Item 8. Wrap up of the day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other business• Closing remarks by the Implementing Partners• Closing remarks by the European Commission
18:00 – 20:00	<i>Networking cocktail</i>

Day 2: 23 September 2022
9:30 – 16:00 Paris/Brussels time

Special session – Circular Economy

Objectives

This special session will aim to present and discuss the recent development on circular economy (CE) in the European Union and will review the progress on related activities under EU4Environment.

The session will also include the presentation of the recent EU4Environment work on piloting industrial waste mapping (IWM) which promotes the minimisation of industrial waste as a pillar of circular economy. It will focus on presenting the results and conclusions of the IWM pilots implemented by UNIDO in Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Ukraine.

Participants will discuss the benefits, opportunities, and challenges in the transition to CE in the EaP region, building on the experiences from the pilots. They will also discuss the use of IWM as a tool to foster circularity and contextual systemic factors (including political, regulatory and institutional) to enable and accelerate the development of a more circular economy.

The session will increase the understanding of the role that IWM plays in circular transition, improve readiness of stakeholders in EaP countries to take action based on opportunities evidenced by Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Ukraine and familiarize the audience with the draft IWM Guidelines on how to make such studies the norm rather than the exception.

Participation

The key target groups of the session are representatives of government institutions, agencies and regulators (e.g. Ministries of economy, natural resources and/or environment, regional development), regional authorities, municipalities and mayoralities in the EaP countries. Moreover, industrial enterprises and public and private organisations involved in waste management (e.g. collection companies, recyclers) and sector associations are encouraged to participate.

Time	Item
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Welcome coffee and registration of additional participants</i>
09:30 – 10:00 (30 min)	<p data-bbox="480 398 973 427"><i>Circular Economy in the European Union</i></p> <ul data-bbox="528 450 1398 551" style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and recent work on circular Economy in the European Union – Ms Guillemette Vachey, Policy Officer - Environment and Climate Action DG NEAR, European Commission
10:00 – 11:00	<p data-bbox="480 593 1094 622"><i>EU4Environment contribution to Circular Economy</i></p> <p data-bbox="480 645 1402 779"><i>This session reviews EU4Environment’s contribution to the circular economy and spotlights selected EU4Environment interventions. Key achievements, lessons learned, as well as recommendations for the future will be presented by implementing partners as well as country representatives.</i></p> <ul data-bbox="528 824 1402 1462" style="list-style-type: none"> • The circularity approach and overview of EU4Environment contributions to its implementation in the Eastern Partner countries - Ms Elisa Tonda, Chief of Resources and Markets Branch, Economy Division, UNEP • Panel discussion moderated by Ms Elisa Tonda: <ul data-bbox="571 1077 1402 1462" style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>What new targets are set to work towards circularity in waste management strategies/programmes and EPR in selected EaP countries?</i> (UNEP) – <i>What is the role of SMEs in adapting circularity and how can they reconcile their efforts towards resource efficiency and eco-innovation?</i> (UNIDO and UNEP) – <i>What are the current opportunities for financing circularity in the EaP region?</i> (OECD) – <i>What recommendations can be put forward for the future programmes/actions to advance Circular Economy in the region?</i> (UNEP, UNIDO, OECD)
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 12:30 (1 hour)	<p data-bbox="480 1588 1305 1617"><i>Industrial waste mapping pilots in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine</i></p> <p data-bbox="480 1639 1402 1848"><i>At this moderated session the approach to IWM and results of the IWM exercises in six pilot regions in Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Ukraine will be described. It will also present the considerations and experiences throughout the process, including the delimitation of the IWM, data collection and datasets, results and graphical waste maps. It will then provide a look at the financial, material and environmental approaches to IWM.</i></p> <p data-bbox="480 1892 1267 1921">Moderator: Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, Project Manager, UNIDO</p> <ul data-bbox="528 1966 1402 2033" style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall scope and methodology - Mr Alastair Carruth, UNIDO International Circular Economy Expert (Sweco International AB)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan: Baku and Absheron-Khizi regions - Mr Henrik Toremark, UNIDO International Circular Economy Expert (Sweco International AB) • Georgia: Rustavi and Zestaponi regions - Mr. Alastair Carruth • Ukraine: Davydiv and Slavutska regions - Ms. Emma Danielsson and Alastair Carruth, UNIDO International Circular Economy Experts (Sweco International AB)
12:30-13:00	<i>Questions and Answers Session</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 14:40	<p><i>IWM Guidelines for EaP countries: Key lessons learnt and recommendations for stakeholders to promote circular economies</i></p> <p><i>This session will share the key lessons learnt and recommendations, focusing on the holistic approach necessary to strengthen waste hierarchy perspective in the governance and legislative and regulatory frameworks to promote circular practices. It will provide recommendations to policy-makers on developing monitoring, organisation, legislation and financial incentives to promote circular economy.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWM Guidelines for EaP countries: Key lessons learnt and recommendations for stakeholders to promote circular economies - Mr. Alastair Carruth with contributions on in-country lessons by national experts: Mr. Volodymyr Popovych (RECP Center, Ukraine) Mr. Irakli Legashvili (REC Georgia), and Mr. Tofig Hasanov (ACE Group Consultant LLC, Azerbaijan)
14:40-15:00	<p><i>Implementation of industrial symbioses: Practical steps towards a circular economy based on the IWM</i></p> <p><i>Experience from Alholmen Industrial Park in Jakobstad, Finland will be shared to illustrate how the industrial synergies can be progressed once you have identified some opportunities working on materials for symbioses and solving organisational issues needed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of industrial symbioses: Practical steps towards a circular economy based on the IWM by Mr. Tomas Knuts, Project Manager, Jakobstad Region Development Company Concordia Ltd, Finland
15:00-15:45	<p><i>Moderated break-out discussion on the role of IWM as a tool to identify technical, systematic and institutional issues in the transition to the circular economy</i></p> <p>Moderators: Mr Alastair Carruth , Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, Dr. Johannes Fresner, and Mr. Henrik Toremark</p>
15:45-15:55	<p><i>Way ahead and next steps</i></p> <p>Moderators: Mr. Alastair Carruth and Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya</p>
15:55 – 16:10	<p><i>Wrap-up of the Side Event</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by EU, UNEP and UNIDO