

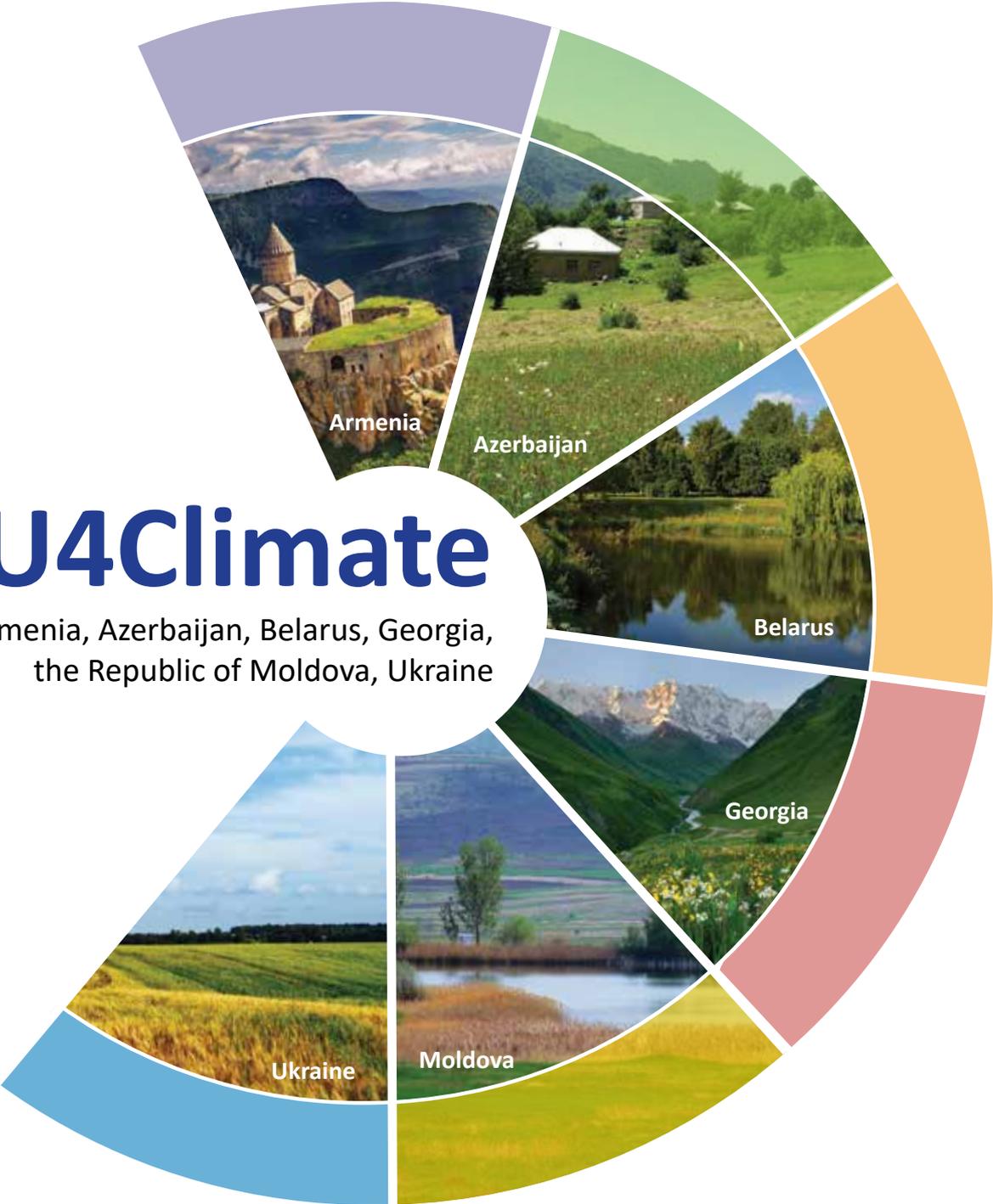


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European Union for Climate in Eastern Partner countries



EU4Climate

in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia,
the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

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Objective: The EU4Climate programme will contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to the development towards a low-emissions and climate-resilient economy in line with the Paris Agreement in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. It will assist the EaP countries to integrate the low-emissions and climate resilience objectives into development policies and plans, to improve and consolidate climate policies and legislative alignment.

Partner Countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

Duration: 2019-2022

Budget: EUR 8.8 million (EU contribution: EUR 8 million)

Implementing Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Overall direction: DG NEAR and DG Clima of the European Commission

Actions are clustered around seven priority results:

1. Implementation and update of NDCs to the Paris Agreement

- ✓ Regional training and knowledge exchange workshops on the NDC implementation and reporting to UNFCCC
- ✓ Support to NDCs implementation in at least four Eastern Neighbourhood countries
- ✓ Public awareness on NDCs for private sector, academia, NGO community and for other relevant stakeholders

2. Development of mid-century Low-Emission Development Strategies (LEDS)

- ✓ Regional training workshops on the LEDS development process
- ✓ National technical roundtables to discuss and set up national coordination mechanisms for the development of LEDS
- ✓ Development of gender sensitive mid-century, long-term LEDSs in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Georgia based on NDC targets

3. Introduction of robust domestic emissions monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) frameworks

- ✓ Regional training workshops on MRV (GHG inventory) systems according to the UNFCCC requirements and aligned with the EU Energy Union Governance Regulation.
- ✓ A study tour to learn about MRV (GHG inventory) system in the EU
- ✓ Review of the existing MRV systems in the beneficiary countries and proposals for national MRV (GHG inventory) systems

- ✓ Trainings of MRV experts from technical departments of line ministries (i.e. energy, transport, environment, agriculture, forestry) and other relevant government agencies
- ✓ Training materials for the private sector stakeholders related to their contributions to national GHG inventories

4. Alignment with EU acquis included in bilateral agreements and Energy Community Treaty on Climate Action

- ✓ Workshops in each of the countries on respective EU acquis
- ✓ Analysis of the national legislation and fiscal policies, elaboration of proposals and plans for legislative alignment that is foreseen in the Association Agreements with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in the CEPA agreement with Armenia, Partnership Priorities with Belarus and Azerbaijan, as well as with relevant decisions of the Energy Community
- ✓ Inputs to relevant Sub-Committee meetings, Platform and Panel discussions, Energy Community meetings and updates to DG NEAR and relevant EU Delegations

5. Mainstreaming climate in sectors and sectoral guidelines for the implementation of Paris Agreement

- ✓ Inception and training workshop on CC mainstreaming into sectoral policies
- ✓ Each country develops gender-sensitive mainstreaming recommendations for at least two priority sectors. Energy sector will be a strong priority for this component
- ✓ Three sub-regional sector-based training and knowledge exchange workshops, and a series of national consultations and workshops
- ✓ Sectoral guidelines for the implementation of Paris Agreement

6. Climate Investment

- ✓ Two regional climate finance forums on investment planning and increased mobilization of climate finance
- ✓ Training, consultations and capacity building to relevant ministry staff on developing prioritized pipeline of bankable projects and mainstreaming CC into national funding instruments
- ✓ Regional and national workshops on climate finance frameworks engaging the ministries of finance, economy and planning
- ✓ Two national pilot studies on gender-responsive climate finance frameworks, climate budget tagging and integrating CC indicators into national budget planning and reporting systems with the Ministries of finance

7. Adaptation planning: adoption and when necessary development of adaptation plans

- ✓ Support to the national adaptation planning (NAP) in at least 2 countries
- ✓ Follow up and facilitation of adoption of national and sectoral adaptation plans
- ✓ Cross country knowledge exchange on NAP development, implementation and reporting to UNFCCC
- ✓ Workshops involving local and central authorities

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Climate change has emerged as one of the most important issues facing the humanity in the 21st century. Countries' climate pledges towards the Paris Agreement or Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) provide a framework for guiding national action on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Accelerating climate action requires system-level transformations supported by leadership at the highest levels and by diverse coalitions across all sectors of society.

EU4Climate helps governments in the six EU Eastern Partner countries Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to take action against climate change. It supports countries in implementing the Paris Climate Agreement and improving climate policies and legislation. Its ambition is to limit climate change impact on citizens lives and make them more resilient to it.

The scope of the Initiative was defined in cooperation with all partner countries.

The Initiative builds on important achievements of past cooperation programmes, such as EU ClimateEast Programme, which supported Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Neighbourhood East and was completed in 2017.

EU4Climate takes into account the enhanced cooperation endorsed as part of **“20 Deliverables for 2020”** at the EU Eastern Partnership Summit in November 2017.

The Initiative is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme.
The European Commission provides the overall direction.

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