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Impact of the war in Ukraine



On 24 February 2022, Russia launched a large-scale military invasion of Ukraine. The unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine has caused severe human and physical damage, also heavily targeting the civilian population and civilian infrastructure nationwide. To respond to the humanitarian emergency caused by the war, the EU4Climate has been repurposing part of the project's budget towards emergency response and addressing the immediate needs of the war-distressed population, complementing EU humanitarian assistance:



procurement of medical supplies to address the immediate needs of the Ukrainian population;



provision of basic needs for internally displaced people staying in Ukraine's national parks and other protected areas (with the engagement of the Frankfurt Zoological Society);



assisting in needs assessment of the impacted municipalities, purchasing and delivering equipment such as power generators for critical infrastructure, and providing training on the safe use of the generators for selected municipalities (in cooperation with the Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine").

Ongoing and planned activities of the EU4Climate Ukraine are being implemented as conditions allow.



> The war in Ukraine, in all its dimensions, is producing alarming cascading effects on a world economy already battered by COVID-19 and climate change, severely disrupting food, energy, and financial markets.

A preliminary assessment of damage to the environment and its climate impact



Some early assessments have already registered pollution incidents that place people and ecosystems at risk of acute and long-term harm. Ukraine will be facing huge environmental problems as the war is poisoning the nation's air, water and soil. These concern air pollution from military sites and materiel, including soil and water contamination, also coming from coal mines in the zone of conflict.

Besides recorded and future damage to the ecosystems, both the military build-up and impacts from the fighting will generate significant GHG emissions. Compared to 2021, the total area of the forest fires in Ukraine increased 100 times, with the majority of fires happening in the South and East of Ukraine. Additionally to the serious biodiversity losses, destroyed forests and peatlands will largely impact the possibility a) to offset carbon emissions; and b) to increase adaptation capacity via the nature-based solutions. Additional pressure is created by the occupation of Ukrainian sea ports by the Russian military, already causing serious concerns about the world's food security and forcing Ukrainian authorities and the international community to seek alternative logistical solutions to deliver lifesaving food supplies to the most vulnerable countries, which will generate additional GHG emissions.



Green reconstruction



The post-war reconstruction of Ukraine will have to take the energy, environmental and climate impacts seriously from the outset to cope with future energy supply and climate change impacts. The impact of the war on Ukrainian society and economy has been severe, estimated financial needs for reconstruction and recovery in Ukraine are €349 billion according to the report released by the European Commission, the World Bank and the Government of Ukraine. Those figures are expected to further increase as the war continues.

Accelerating the pace of the green transition is more important than ever to mitigate negative environmental and climate impacts and to ensure Ukraine rebuilds a sustainable, green and just economy. Initial steps towards the post-war reconstruction have already been made. To support the post-war reconstruction, the Commission has proposed to set up the 'RebuildUkraine' Facility which will be implemented through the 'Ukraine reconstruction platform', led by the Ukrainian government. The European Union stresses that the reconstruction should be in line with the European green and digital agenda.

Energy relations with Ukraine will remain focused on sustainable energy security and the green energy transition. Implementing reforms to enhance Ukraine's resilience, energy security and green transition are closely linked to the European Union's candidate status and, therefore, a priority.



EU4Climate support



With EU4Climate support, policy-making and research will also contribute to building back Ukraine better, increasing its climate resilience, financing climate solutions and decreasing energy dependence on fossil fuels. Reconstruction of infrastructure and areas affected by hostilities should take into account the restoration of the ecosystems' adaptability to climate change. In this context, the Methodological Guidelines for Risk Assessment and Vulnerability to Climate Change, which are currently being developed, are of particular importance, as due to hostilities natural and natural-anthropogenic systems were heavily destabilised, significantly increasing their vulnerability to external influences, resilience and ability to adapt to climate change. EU4Climate also develops a feasibility study on the potential of alternative fuel use in aviation and water transport. Refueling from sustainable and achievable sources is a major part of the energy security, rebuilding the energy system in a green way and achieving the GHG emissions targets.

On 23 June 2022, the European Council adopted conclusions on the membership applications from Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia and has decided to grant the status of candidate country to Ukraine and to the Republic of Moldova, also recognising the European perspective of Georgia.



Climate policy development and advancing cooperation with the EU in Ukraine



2014

- Association Agreement with EU National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP) (2015-2020)



2015

- INDC 2021-2030
- Paris Agreement
- Pledge to Sustainable Development Agenda 2030
- National Renewable Energy Action Plan till 2020



2016

- Ratification of Paris Agreement
- The Concept on State Policy on Climate Change till 2030



2017

- EU-Ukraine AA fully effective
- The Action Plan to Implement Concept on State Policy on Climate Change till 2030
- Energy Strategy of Ukraine (2035)



2018

- LEDS submitted (2021-2050)
- National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP) working group



2019

- EU4Climate launched
- Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of GHG emissions Law adopted
- Law on Ozone-Depleting Substances and F-gases adopted



2020

- Secondary legislation on MRV implementation adopted
- Sublegal acts on Ozone-depleting substances and F-gases adopted



2021

- Updated NDC to Paris Agreement (2021-2030) approved
- National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) (2021-2030) - *under development*
- Environmental Safety and Climate Change Adaptation Strategy by 2030 and Adaptation Action Plan



2022

- NDC Implementation Plan - *under development*
- NDC Financial Strategy and Action Plan by 2030 - *under development*
- Framework Climate Law of Ukraine - *under development*
- National reconstruction plan, including environment and climate elements - *under development*

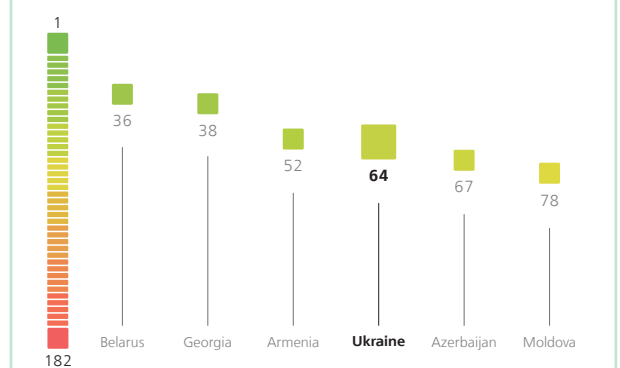
Result areas and timeframe in Ukraine

RESULT AREAS	2019		2020		2021		2022	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
NDC								
MRV System								
EU Climate Acquis								
Climate Mainstreaming								
Climate Investments								
Adaptation Planning								



The Implementation of the EU4Climate activities started in Ukraine in the second half of 2019, with some initial activities relating to the stocktaking, planning and development of a National Adaptation Strategy and aligning the national climate change legislation with the EU *Acquis* performed in 2019.

Country Climate Vulnerability Index



ND-GAIN Country Index, composed of vulnerability and readiness score, ranks the vulnerability of countries to the impacts of climate change; a higher number means a higher vulnerability (as developed by the University of Notre Dame).





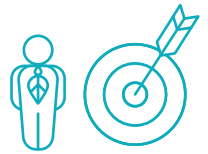
> The primary tool for bringing Ukraine and the EU closer together is the Association Agreement (AA), including its Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) signed in 2014. One of the priority reforms in the AA is energy efficiency. The EU contributes substantially to the Ukrainian Energy Efficiency Fund and supports raising awareness for energy efficiency investments. The EU continues providing assistance for the modernisation of the gas and electricity sectors and market reform in Ukraine. It is also supporting the establishment of an independent energy regulatory authority and new gas and electricity laws to improve efficiency in the energy sector. The EU also helps Ukraine in its ambitious transport agenda, and the country has drafted a comprehensive action plan to improve and decarbonise the transport sector.

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> The EU4Climate Programme, funded by the European Union, aims to support the development and implementation of climate-related policies by the Eastern Partnership countries. In Ukraine specifically, the project's main components are the development of a National Adaptation Strategy and further mainstreaming climate change into the energy and transport sectors. The best international and EU practices will be applied throughout the project, including alignment with EU *Acquis* according to the bilateral agreements and the Energy Community Treaty on Climate Action.



1 Alignment with EU *Acquis* included in bilateral agreements and Energy Community Treaty on Climate Action

2 Adaptation planning

● **Compliance check** on compatibility of Ukraine's legislation with the EU *acquis* was performed by the Energy Community Secretariat in 2020. A **roadmap for alignment** with the EU *acquis* was produced by the **Energy Community Secretariat** and presented on 29 September, 2020.

● **A climate adaptation working group** was established in October 2020 to further support the development of a **National Adaptation Strategy for Ukraine**. The Environmental Security and Climate Adaptation Strategy, complemented by the **Operational Action Plan**, was approved on 20 October 2021. The Strategy sets the framework for adaptation action in Ukraine, focusing on essential steps to assess climate impacts on society, economy and nature, integrating adaptation in sectoral and local policies, and ensuring the better use of climate data. **The Action Plan sets out required changes to legislation, including incorporating climate adaptation in local economic and social development strategies**, an environmental assessment process, and an environmental impact assessment process.



Activities in 2022

- > Elaborating an NDC implementation action plan and roadmap - *on pause*, will be elaborated in connection to Ukraine's reconstruction plan
- > Developing the framework methodology on climate vulnerability and risks analysis
- > Conducting vulnerability and risks analysis for priority sectors and developing recommendations for sectoral adaptation - *on pause*
- > Developing the National Bicycle Transport Strategy with micro mobility policy recommendations
- > Preparing a Strategic Environmental Assessment procedure for the National Energy and Climate Plan - *on pause*
- > Providing preparatory advice on the climate policy architecture in Ukraine
- > Developing the legislation for transport ecolabelling
- > Developing the Strategy for Low-carbon emission transport development by 2030 - *on pause*
- > Studying the potential of using alternative fuels for aviation and water transport
- > Adaptation Communication to UNFCCC





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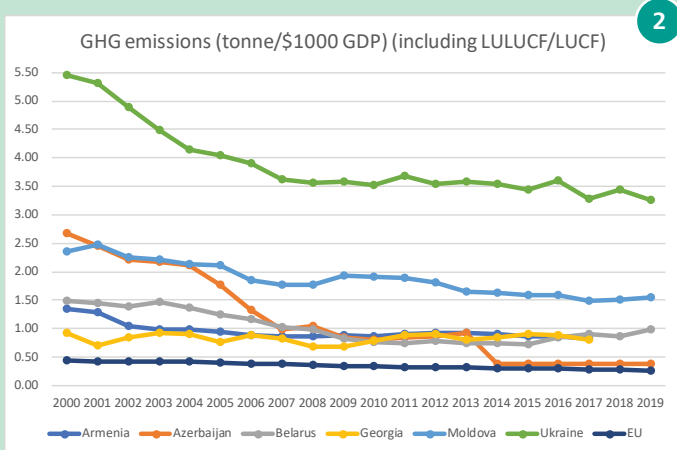
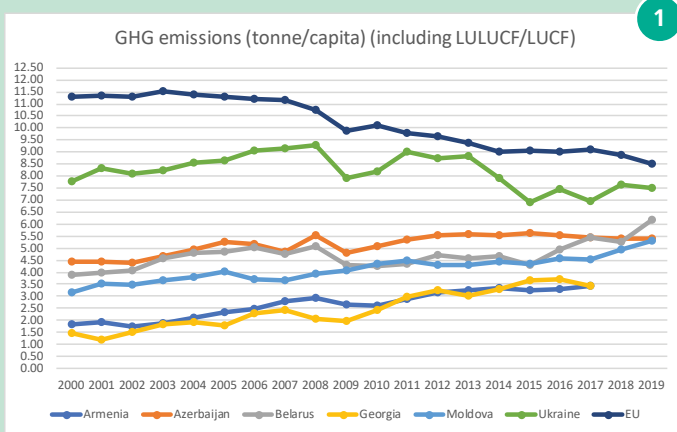
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➤ The **EU4Climate Programme** helps governments in the six EU Eastern Partner countries to take action against climate change. It supports countries in implementing the Paris Agreement and improving climate policies and legislation.

EU4Climate assists 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. Its ambition is to limit climate change impact on citizens' lives and make them more resilient to it.

The Programme builds on important achievements of past cooperation programmes, such as the EU's ClimaEast Programme, which supported Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Neighbourhood East and was completed in 2017. EU4Climate directly contributes to the targets of the Joint Staff Working Document "Recovery, resilience and reform: post 2020 Eastern Partnership priorities", adopted in July 2021. The scope of the Programme was defined in cooperation with all partner countries. The Initiative is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme. The European Commission provides the overall direction.



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:
European Commission

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