



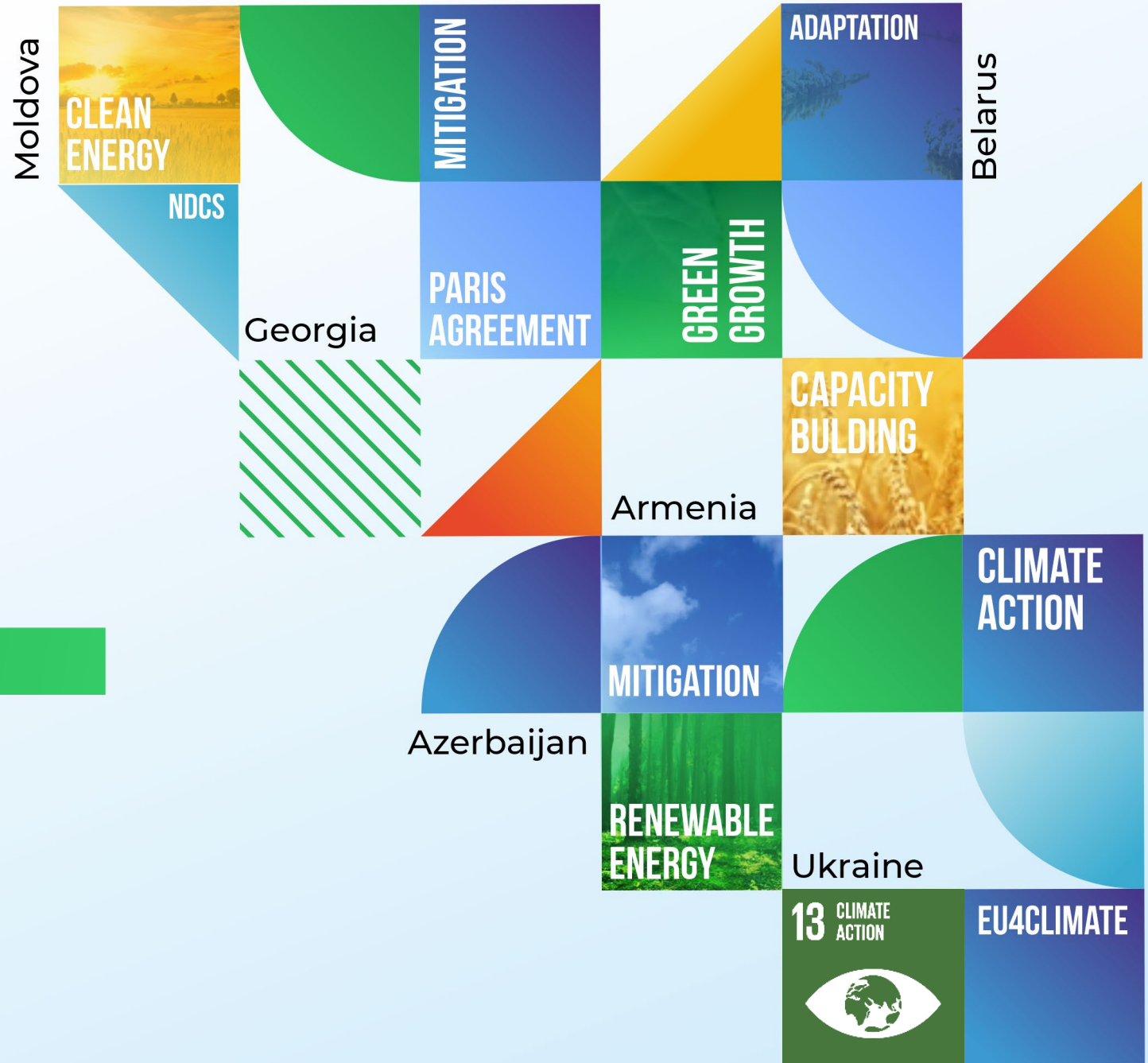
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# EU4Climate

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## Key results



Progress with  
NDC updates in  
EaP countries



Legal  
alignment



Progress with  
national MRV  
systems  
enhancement



Capacity  
building



Climate finance  
and adaptation  
planning



Presentations  
by the Project  
Partners



Progress with  
developing LEDS  
and Climate policies  
mainstreaming



Assistance to  
war - impacted  
population of  
Ukraine



# NDC update

✓ Project Output / Results achieved

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECOND NDCS IN EaP COUNTRIES

- ① **NDC-2 of Armenia** was submitted to UNFCCC on 5 May 2021. The document was developed with the support of EU4Climate
- ② **NDC-2 of Georgia** was submitted to UNFCCC on 5 May 2021. EU4Climate supports NDC update by organizing public consultation process and developing Climate communication strategy
- ③ **NDC-2 of Belarus** was submitted to UNFCCC on 11 October 2021. The document was developed with the support of EU4Climate
- ④ **NDC-2 of Azerbaijan** was submitted to UNFCCC on 10 October 2023. The document was developed with the support of EU4Climate
- ⑤ EU4Climate analyzed key commitments in the updated **countries** in a study presented in November 2021

NDCs of EaP



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



### NDC preparation and implementation in EaP countries

Comparative analysis of the first and the updated  
NDCs in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia,  
Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Technical document  
November 2021



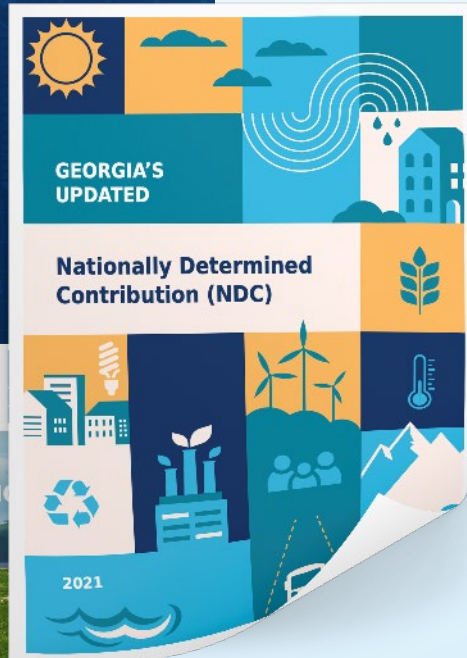
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2021-2030

NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION

Armenia



# Low Emissions Development Strategies



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## ✓ Project Output / Results achieved

- National Programme on Energy Saving and Renewable Energy of Armenia for 2021 to 2030 (considered the **LEDS in energy sector**) was developed with full support from EU4Climate ; the Programme is approved on 24 March 2022
- Development of **LT-LEDS for Armenia**, based on the National Programme on Energy Saving and Renewable Energy was initiated in 2022. Final draft of the LT-LEDS was presented during UNFCCC SB58 meeting in June 2023
- Draft **LT-LEDS for Azerbaijan** was developed in 2021 and submitted to the governments for consultations. Approval is expected in 2023
- The 2050 Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy of **Georgia** was officially adopted on 24 April 2023
- The updated **LEDS 2030**, considered the NDC implementation plan for **Moldova**, was approved in September 2023

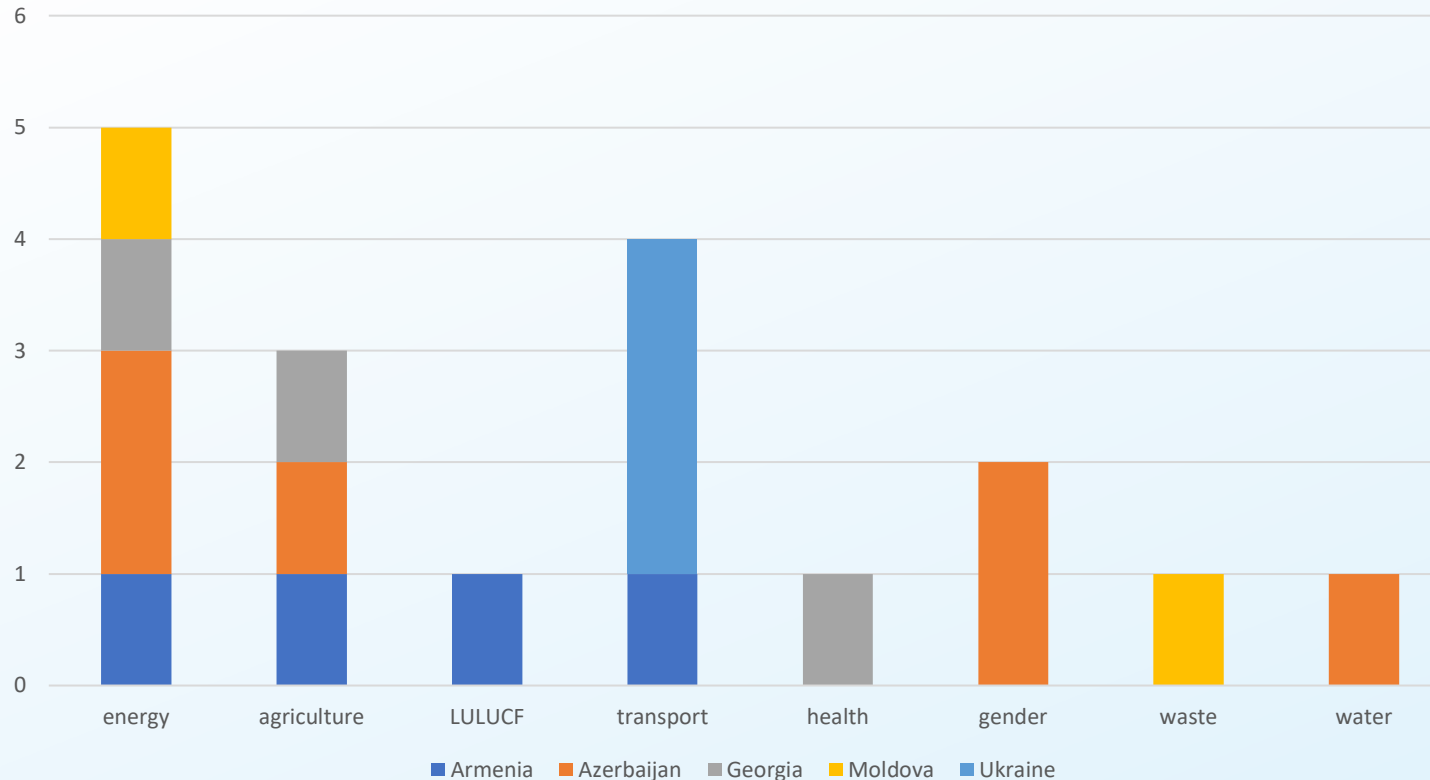


# Climate policies mainstreaming

## ✓ Project Output / Results achieved

- Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine developed 17 sectoral mainstreaming studies, dealing with energy, agriculture, LULUCF, transport, health, gender, waste and water:

Areas addressed in mainstreaming studies



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WHITE PAPER:  
MICROMOBILITY



MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE  
CHANGE INTO THE ENERGY  
SECTOR

Briefing paper



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Analysis of problems in the agricultural sector in  
Azerbaijan related to climate change and  
preparation of proposals

# National MRV systems



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✓ Project Output / Results achieved

## PROGRESS WITH ENHANCING THE NATIONAL MRV SYSTEMS



Implementing the partnership agreement with EU4Climate, the EAA during 2021 - 2022 developed gap analysis and recommendations for enhancing national **MRV systems in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova**



Key recommendations were presented during the **regional MRV workshop** in May 2022. Series of national MRV workshops were conducted in 2023

More details on the MRV and EU Acquis work performed by EAA up to date is provided in the EAA presentation



# EU Acquis alignment



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## ✓ Project Output / Results achieved

- In 2021 EU4Climate developed roadmaps outlining alignment with the relevant EU *acquis* for **Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus** (further details in the presentation by the **Environment Agency Austria** )
- Partnership agreement with the **Energy Community Secretariat (ECS)** in 2020-2021 to provide assistance to **Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine** with developing the legal alignment roadmaps based on the respective Association Agreements (further details in the presentation by the Energy Community)
- **General Concept for improving air quality monitoring** ; and the draft **Climate Law** were developed for **Armenia** . Official presentation of the draft Climate Law is expected in November 2023
- The **F-gas Law** has been adopted by Parliament of Moldova in April 2023. The draft **Climate Law of Moldova** was presented to the Ministry of Environment in September 2023.
- EU4Climate provided assistance to the MEPNR of **Ukraine** with developing the draft **Climate Law** during 2022-2023

*On 17 June 2022, the European Commission presented its Opinions on the application for EU membership by Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Subsequently, 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 the Republic of Moldova** . On 8 November 2023 the European Commission has recommended to grant the EU candidate status to **Georgia** ; and recommended to open the accession negotiations with Ukraine and with Moldova*

# Climate Finance and Adaptation Planning



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## ✓ Project Output / Results achieved

- **Climate Finance Forum** conducted in September 2021
- Climate finance **budgeting study in Armenia** completed in March 2021
- Climate finance **budgeting study in Georgia** completed in May 2022
- Climate finance **budgeting study in Azerbaijan** is expected in 2022
- **Ukraine's** Environmental Security and Climate **Adaptation Strategy** by 2030 was approved in October 2021
- Adaptation Communication for **Ukraine** developed in September 2023



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## response to the war

- Since 24 February 2022, Russia has started aggression against Ukraine
- The ongoing war resulted in large number of civilian casualties, severe damage to the civilian infrastructure – utilities, hospitals, schools
- A **new Activity #10** was added to the Logical framework of EU4Climate – ‘To address the immediate war-related needs of the Ukrainian central and local authorities, and reduce the impact of the war on the distressed population of Ukraine
- **Food and hygiene products** were delivered to internally displaced people by the project’s partner – the Frankfurt Zoological Society – for the total amount of \$43,000
- Twelve **mobile generators** purchased for the territorial communities of Pokrovsk, Novopokrovska, Blyzniukivska, Chuguyivska, Mykolaivska, Druzhkivska, Kramatorsk, Mykolaiv and two for villages in Kharkiv oblast. The total amount of spent resources is about \$46,000
- The **medical equipment** for a total value of \$445,000 was delivered to the hospitals in Dnipro, Kremenchuk and Lutsk in September 2023



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# Capacity building:

study of the institutional capacity to  
implement the Paris Agreement



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Capacities and progress	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Belarus	Georgia	Moldova	Ukraine	Mean
Baseline, %	55.65	50.17	49.66	53.79	53.55	47.71	<b>51.75</b>
<b>Cumulative progress</b>	<b>36.62</b>	<b>73.89</b>	<b>7.58</b>	<b>35.07</b>	<b>46.52</b>	<b>43.91</b>	<b>40.60</b>
2022, %	66.98	69.45	n/a	66.45	67.96	58.87	<b>65.94</b>
2021, %	63.91	71.25	n/a	59.87	66.62	68.65	<b>66.06</b>
2020, %	61.77	73.29	52.06	63.67	65.59	59.33	<b>62.62</b>
2019, %	66.56	60.57	54.85	60.22	60.55	47.90	<b>58.44</b>

Results of the institutional capacity study are included in the Final report

# Final evaluation



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## ✓ Key conclusions

Final evaluation was conducted by an independent evaluation expert during

**June - October 2023. Key conclusions:**

- **EU4Climate effectively achieved its objectives**. Notably, the development of three Draft Climate Laws signifies that the project surpassed its original goals and exceeded expectations. However, while the project's efforts proved to be effective, capacities in the field of environment and climate change are not yet fully developed.
- **High political and institutional relevance**, the mutual respect among stakeholders, along with acknowledgment of their respective roles, the Project Steering Committee's willingness to accommodate specific country requests and the UNDP capacity to bring in relevant capacities to conduct project activities resulted to be the key factors that contributed to the **good performance of the project**.
- From an operational standpoint, the decision to request and approve a **no - cost extension proved to be a strategic element for the success of the project**. Without this extension, the project's performance would have been less efficient.
- The project's approach to promoting gender equality was in line with its classification as GEN 1, as per UNDP's gender scales: **Gender related considerations were mainstreamed** in relevant project outputs, such as Updated NDC and Draft Climate Laws. This occurrence is regarded as a significant contribution of the project and UNDP engagement.
- The project primarily aimed to provide technical support for reinforcing the institutional and policy goals of EaP countries. **UNDP's coordination and capacity - building efforts** played a key role in assisting these countries in fulfilling their international and bilateral commitments while advancing toward sustainable development. [..]

*Further details are provided in Giacomo Morelli's presentation, and the Terminal Evaluation report included in the Steering Committee document package*



# Partnerships and coordination



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## Environment Agency Austria



- **Partnership agreement** concluded in 2019
- Gap analysis and Roadmap for **EU Acquis** alignment for **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus** developed 2021
- Recommendations for national **MRV** systems for **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova** developed in 2021-22
- Regional and national workshops in 2022-2023

## European Environmental Agency



- **Study tour** to EEA delivered in February 2020
- Participation in the **regional capacity building** events



# Partnerships and coordination



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UNFCCC



- UNFCCC experts involved in major regional events of EU4Climate

EU4Environment

**EU4**Environment

- Continuous coordination of the activities between EU4Climate and EU4Environment (OECD)
- Participation in the major events

EU4Energy



EU4Energy

- Continuous coordination of the activities between EU4Climate and EU4Energy (CEER)



# Partnerships and coordination



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## Civil Society

- Civil Society representatives are always invited to the project's events and are actively participating in the regional and national knowledge sharing and capacity building activities

## Energy Community Secretariat



- **Gap analysis** and **Roadmap** for EU Acquis alignment developed during 2019 - 2020 (Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine) and further updated in 2021 - 2022
- Areas of work: assistance with **EU Green Deal alignment**; development of **climate framework law** for Ukraine; implementing the **Monitoring Mechanism Regulation** 525/2013 for Ukraine; reviewing the proposed amendments to the **Association Agreements**; assistance with alignment to the **EU strategy to reduce methane emissions** ; providing recommendations for developing a **Climate Law for Ukraine**



# Risk Analysis

## Part 1



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#	Description	Date Identified	Type	Probability and Impact	Countermeasures / Management response	Owner	Submitted, updated by	Last Update	Status
1	Lack of full support from beneficiary governments during implementation despite alignment with needs identified by governments during the programming phase	December 2017	Political	P = 3 I = 4	During the project implementation UNDP will be conducting regular policy dialogues with the project countries and their relevant institutions. During the project preparation, all relevant government stakeholders were consulted through UNDP COs and continuous follow up will be provided in order to maintain relevance and ensure project support	UNDP IRH, UNDP COs	UNDP COs	September 2023	UNDP is maintaining dialogue with the focal institutions in the partner countries. Frequent changes of governments, and related to that a risk of decreased political support for climate policy remains valid for most of the countries in the region.
2	Changing policy priorities	December 2017	Strategic	P = 2 I = 4	UNDP will carefully monitor policy reforms in all countries and respond timely	UNDP COs	UNDP COs	September 2023	UNDP continuously monitors policy changes in the partner countries to react to the possible changes in policy priorities.
3	Lack of absorption capacity in beneficiary countries	December 2017	Operational	P = 2 I = 4	The project will coordinate with all relevant on-going activities in countries and sequence activities with other initiatives and coordinate with other donors	UNDP IRH, UNDP COs	UNDP IRH, UNDP COs	September 2023	UNDP continuously coordinates with the ongoing projects/activities and consults with other donors regarding the upcoming programmes to ensure sufficient absorption capacity of the partner countries.
4	Lack of willingness/capability of other ministries or government agencies to participate in the "holistic approach" needed to fight climate change. Institutional tensions among various stakeholders, including governmental authorities	December 2017	Operational	P = 2 I = 3	UNDP will closely coordinate and use all available climate policy tools at the highest political levels as well as at technical level across sectors. Throughout the activities, the project will work on ensuring high-level participation from all sectors in order to ensure support for an integrated approach.	UNDP COs	UNDP COs	September 2023	UNDP continuously works with both focal ministries and other ministries and agencies to increase their awareness about climate change and ensure participation of all relevant government bodies in the climate policy formulation and implementation.



# Risk Analysis

## Part 2



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#	Description	Date Identified	Type	Probability and Impact	Countermeasures / Management response	Owner	Submitted, updated by	Last Update	Status
5	Administrative reforms and staff turn-over within the key government agencies weakens the efficiency of the project's capacity building activities, causes implementation delays and erodes institutional memory	December 2017	Operational	P = 4 I = 3	The risk cannot be mitigated fully. As a risk mitigation strategy, the project will involve technical staff and mid-level managers and also will exercise a whole-of-the-government approach to engage all relevant institutional stakeholders in the beneficiary countries and secure sustainability of action. The project will develop tools and guidelines to be disseminated across participating entities.	UNDP IRH, UNDP COs	UNDP COs	September 2023	UNDP works with mid-level managers and technical staff of the ministries to ensure that in the case of staff turnover, the new staff are trained, become knowledgeable and institutional memory on the issues is transferred.
6	Delays because of heavy bureaucratic procedures within the beneficiary governments	December 2017	Operational	P = 2 I = 2	Systematic involvement of the UNDP COs and EU Delegations and provision of support to project implementers, blended with careful planning of activities and good knowledge of procedural requirements by the beneficiary governments	UNDP COs	UNDP COs	September 2023	UNDP IRH works in close partnership with UNDP Country Offices and EU Delegations to ensure effective planning and thorough knowledge of the national procedures.
7	Political and social unrest	December 2017	Political	P = 4 I = 4	Flexibility in reallocating resources to other countries if activities are at the country level	UNDP IRH, UNDP COs	UNDP COs	September 2023	UNDP monitors political changes in the partner countries to be able to adjust the project's activities if necessary. The project's workplan for 2023 was developed reflecting the political situation in a few countries of the region.



# Risk Analysis

## Part 3



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#	Description	Date Identified	Type	Probability and Impact	Countermeasures / Management response	Owner	Submitted, updated by	Last Update	Status
8	Major disasters / extreme weather events in the region, including those caused by the changing climate, result in temporary disruption of the government operations and/or constraints in national budgetary resources for climate policy reform	December 2017	Environmental	P = 2 I = 3	Flexibility in reallocating resources to other countries if activities are at the country level. The project itself will contribute to the enhanced resilience of governance and government systems to withstand disasters and extreme weather events.	UNDP COs	UNDP COs	September 2023	UNDP monitors the developments in partner countries to be able to adjust the project's activities if necessary. The project's Output 7 (adaptation planning) shall contribute to increased resilience of the partner countries to extreme weather events related to climate change.
9	Restrictions imposed on travel and meetings due to the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic situation	March 2020	Environmental	P=4 I=3	Use of videoconferencing to conduct meetings and workshops. Postpone the events which cannot be conducted online	UNDP IRH, UNDP COs	UNDP IRH, UNDP COs	September 2023	UNDP monitors the progress with the epidemic restrictions related to the SARS-CoV-2 in the beneficiary countries and in the EU. As restrictions were gradually lifted, the project's events in 2023 are planned either in-person or in hybrid mode.



# Key issues and risks



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## Lessons learned and key issues



**Ongoing Russian aggression against Ukraine**



**Project suspension in Belarus**



**Staff turnover**

- Frequent change of both the Ministry Focal Points, and UNDP National Coordinators
- UNDP is in continuous contact with the focal ministries to ensure continuity of cooperation



# Key issues and risks



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## Deviations from the workplan



### THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING RESULTS WAS DELAYED:

- Finalization of the LT-LEDS in Azerbaijan, the LEDS is expected to be approved in 2023
- Approval of the draft **Climate Laws in Armenia, Moldova, Ukraine** is expected in 2023 -2024. Draft Climate Law of Moldova presented to the Ministry of Environment in 2023; presentation of the draft Climate Law of Armenia to the Ministry of Environment is planned for November 2023



# Draft decisions



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## Items for consideration of the Steering Committee



Acknowledge the results of the Terminal Evaluation



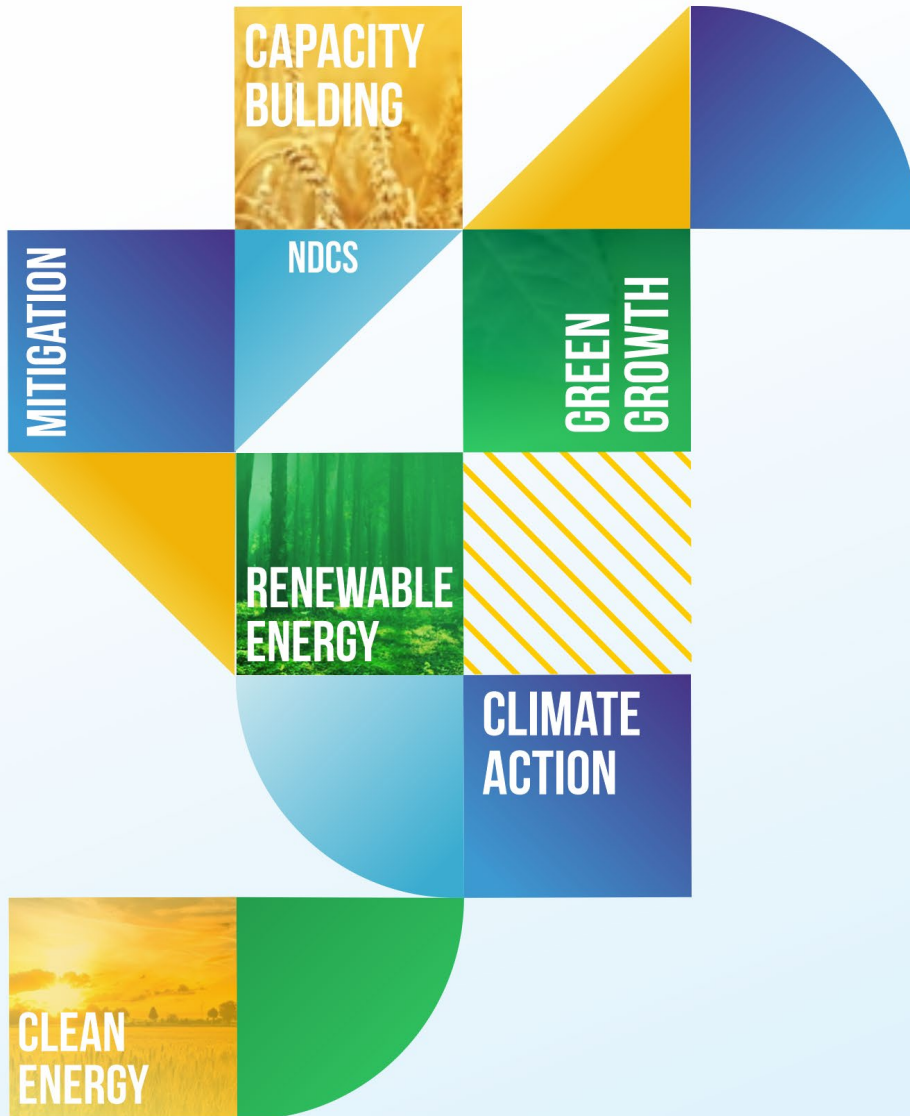
Endorse the proposed changes to the Budget of the Action



Take note of the draft Executive Summary of the Final Report of EU4Climate



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## Communications



Communications  
goals and objectives



Events



Website



Newsletter



# EU4Climate website



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## Key data about the website



**Visitors since launch in 2020** – 84,204 (October 1, 2023)

with a number of visits 218,617



### Top referring sites:

EU4Climate 57,105

Google 20,325

EUNeighbours 611

Climatepromise 160

Social media (LinkedIn, Facebook)



### Mostly searched words:

EU4Climate, MRV, EU Climate

Policy, GHG emissions, Ukraine



### Top countries visiting:

1	United States	24,116
2	Unknown	5,116
3	Germany	4,101
4	China	3,151
5	Russian Federation	2,987
6	<b>Ukraine</b>	2,792
7	France	2,770
8	Netherlands	2,425
9	United Kingdom	2,272
10	Armenia	1,994
11	Azerbaijan	1,537
12	Georgia	1,503
13	Moldova	1,348



# EU4Climate quarterly newsletter



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## Quarterly newsletters

- Summarizing quarterly activities/topics
- Sharing the latest news
- Materials about the progress of the project activities
- 320 subscriptions/subscribers

15 newsletters starting from November 2020

Special additions for COP - related activities

The EU4Climate initiative is funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme. It supports [Armenia](#), [Azerbaijan](#), [Belarus](#), [Georgia](#), [Republic of Moldova](#), [Ukraine](#) in implementing the Paris Climate Agreement and improving climate policies and legislation. Its ambition is to limit the effects of climate and make citizens more resilient to them.

On 24 February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine. The ensuing military operations have included attacks on the civilian population and the destruction of civilian infrastructure across the country. The latest estimates by UNHCR indicate that the number of refugees fleeing Ukraine was 4.98m while an additional 7.13m are internally displaced according to the IOM. The UN OHCHR estimates the number of civilian casualties at 3 776 people. To respond to this humanitarian emergency, the EU4Climate has been repurposing part of the project's budget towards the humanitarian response and addressing the immediate needs of the war-distressed population, complementing EU humanitarian and civil protection assistance. All project activities in Belarus are on hold until further notice.



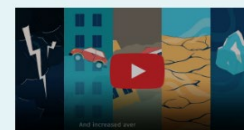
### LATEST NEWS



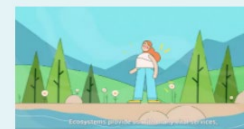
### CHECK OUR VIDEOS



"Solar Energy4Climate – Armenia" on enhancing the country's Paris Agreement commitments with a focus on renewable energy advancement, was officially launched in May 2021 at the UNDP Armenia event "Proceedings Presentation of the 7th International Renewable and Clean Energy Conference"



Featuring video animation on the updated NDC and CSAP of Georgia prepared by the EU4Climate Georgia



In the scope of EU Green Week, a short video animation on ecosystems was prepared by EU4Climate Georgia.



To raise awareness among the audience on the NDC related issues in Belarus, a video on the topic was created and disseminated through communication channels in a partnership with the GEF Small Grants Programme



In celebration of World Environment Day, the "Time #ForNature" poster contest with over 300 participants promoted the environment.

[Read more](#)



The painting contest "Generation Restoration" for children helped to raise awareness about environmental protection.

[Read more](#)

[Press conference](#) on improving climate policy and about the EU4Climate t in Belarus

[Marathon "Be Eco"](#) in Belarus with 00 participants

[All start for you, a big start for city!](#) – an Energy Day "Eco Go!" Belarussian city of Homiel.

## Climate policy development/advancing cooperation with the EU

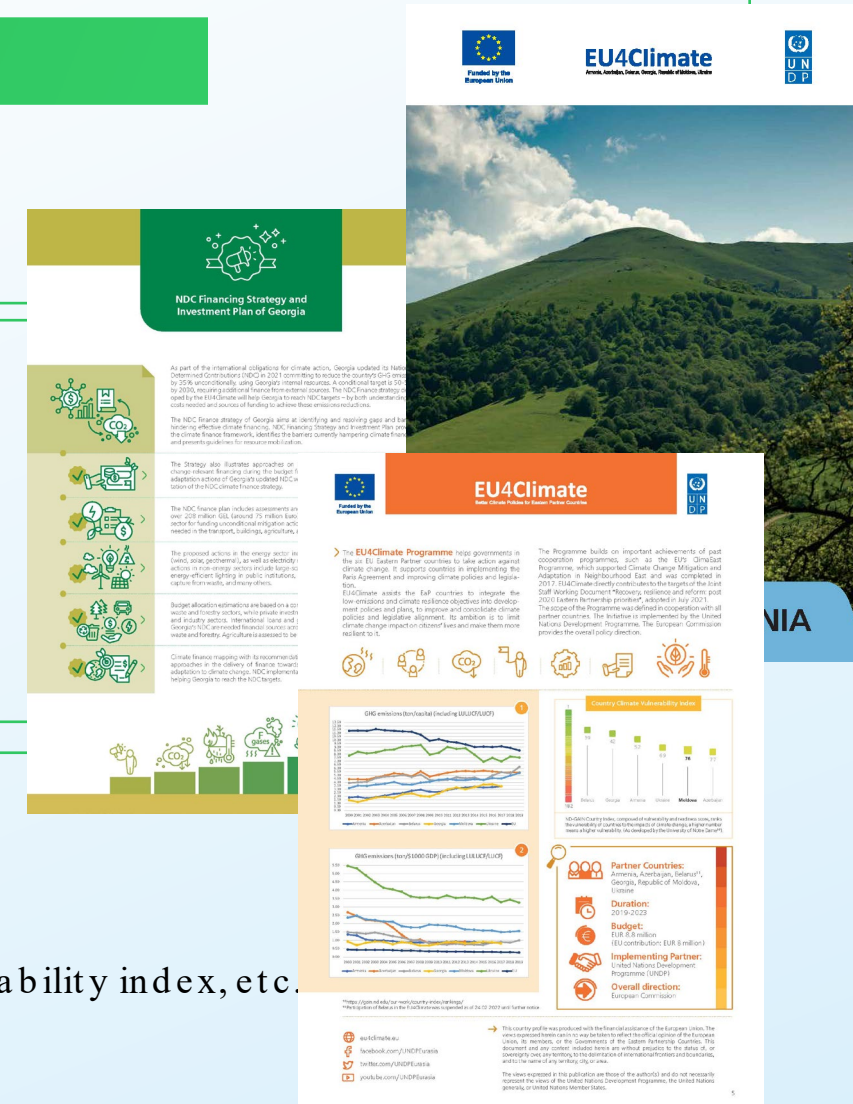
- **Overall information** about the countries
- Main data on **climate - related aspects**

## EU4Climate key policy interventions/activities in EaP

- EU4Climate – EaP – EaP country
- **Result areas** and **timeframe**
- **Activities** for each year in specific areas of project implementation
- **Results** achieved

## Country's success story/EU4Climate project fact sheet

- **Success stories** per country
- **EU4Climate Programme details** – sides, GHG emissions data, Climate Vulnerability index, etc.



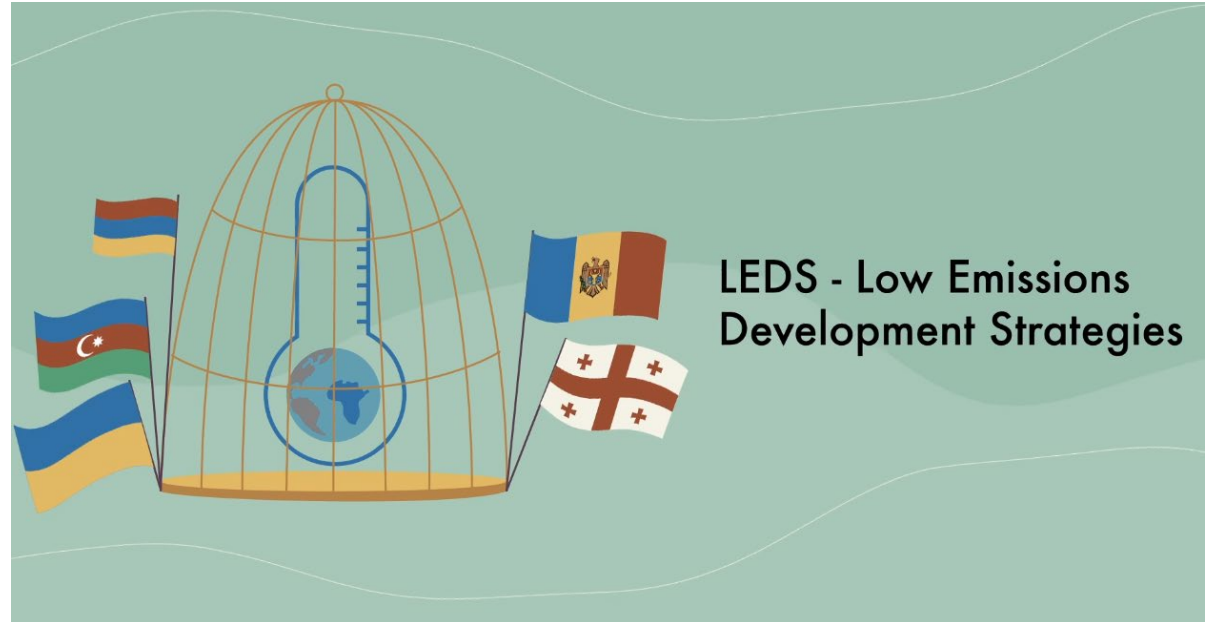
## NDCs video

- **Achievements of the EU4Climate** in relation to NDCs
- **Main promises** under the Paris Agreement, NDCs and documents developed

## LEDs video

- **Achievements of the EU4Climate** in relation to LEDs
- **Main promises** under the Paris Agreement, from NDCs to LEDs, documents developed

Current target to achieve  
55% of GHG reductions  
by 2030 EU-wide

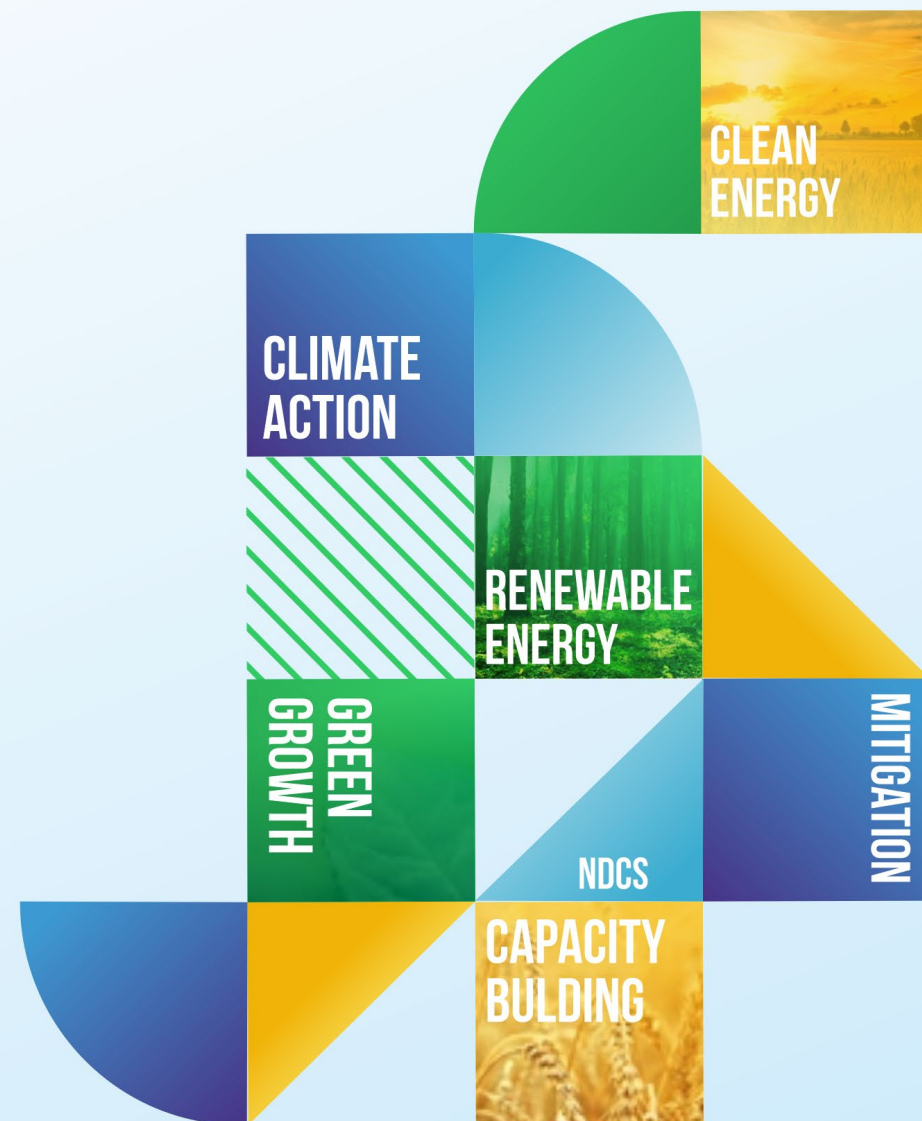




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# Steering Committee decisions and recommendations



# Issues brought to the discussion of the Steering Committee



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- Endorse the EU4Climate Annual report covering 1 January 2023 – 30 September 2023;
- Acknowledge the draft EU4Climate Final report covering 14 December 2018 – 31 December 2023; Request EU4Climate project team to finalize the draft Final report in accordance with the EU-UNDP Financial Agreement requirements;
- Take note of the proposed EU4Climate budget covering 1 January 2024 – 29 February 2024, related to reporting on EU4Climate's activities to the European Commission;
- Any other recommendations.



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# Thank you !

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