



REGIONAL ACTION on Environment in Eastern Partnership Countries

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Eastern Partnership: A Comprehensive Agenda

***1. Economic
development and
market opportunities***

***2. Strengthening
institutions and good
governance***

**4 Riga Priorities –
20 deliverables**

***3. Connectivity, energy
efficiency, environment
and climate***

***4. Mobility and people
to people contacts***

Riga Priority 3 architecture

Deliverable 13: Transport connectivity

Extension of TEN-T
core networks

Governance of
transport and logistics
systems

Common Aviation Area
Agreements

National road safety
action plans

Deliverable 14: Energy supply

EU4Energy - efficiency
and transparency of
energy markets

Update and review of
key priority projects

Moldova-Romania gas
interconnection

Southern Gas Corridor
operational

Deliverable 15: Energy efficiency, renewables and climate change mitigation

E5P investment grants
for energy efficiency

Sustainable Energy
and Climate Action
Plans

SME support for
sustainable efficiency

Climate policies,
financing, and
emissions MRV

Deliverable 16: Environment and climate change adaptation

Water resources
management

Green economy and
green infrastructure

Better environmental
governance

Climate adaptation
planning

What we do: Regional support of €70.7M for environment and water (2012-2020)

Circular economy, sustainable consumption and production

- Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood (€10M)
- Improving capacities to eliminate and prevent recurrence of obsolete pesticides as a model for tackling unused hazardous chemicals in the ENPI East region and Central Asia (€6M)

Water resources management

- Support to the EU Water Initiative in EECCA (€3.2M, completed in 2016)
- Environmental Protection of International River Basins (€8.5M, completed in 2016)
- EU Water Initiative Plus for Eastern Partnership (€23.5M)
- "Environmental Monitoring of Black Sea" Programme (€2.5M)

Green infrastructure

- Forest Law Enforcement and Governance Programme (€9M)
- Emerald Network-Biodiversity (€2M)

Environmental Governance

- Shared Environmental Information System East Project (€7M)

What we do: Regional support of app. €200 M for energy efficiency and climate (2012-2020)

Energy Efficiency: Finance facilities

- Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership (E5P)(€78 M)
- Municipal Project Support Facility (MPSF)(€12.3 M)
- Green for Growth (G4G)(€13 M)
- Sustainable Energy Finance Facility (€42.3 M)

Energy Efficiency: Municipal support

- Covenant of Mayors East (CoM East and CoM DeP Projects)(App. €40 M)

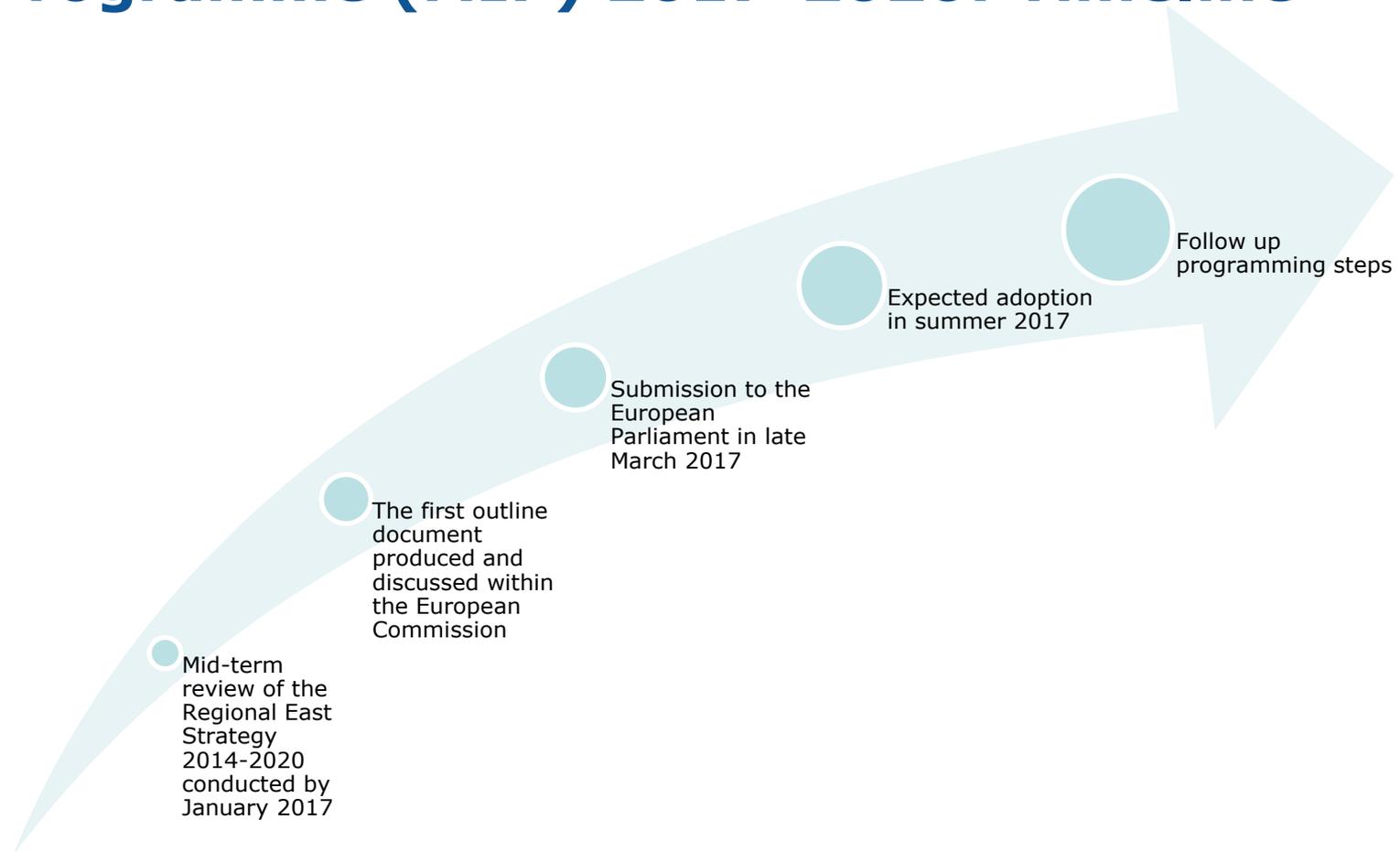
Climate policies

- Clima East: Supporting Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Neighbourhood East and Russia – Policy (€ 8.1 M)
- Clima East: Pilots (€ 11 M)

Way forward: proposal for a comprehensive follow up agenda



Regional East Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP) 2017-2020: Timeline



Time perspective

Short-term: actions to be approved in 2017

- **Actions could start in 2018 under a “best case scenario”**
- **Continuation of work on green economy, as called by Ministers, remains a priority**
- **Bridging where necessary, e.g. via TAIEX**

Longer-term: actions to be included in the MIP

- **Actions that might start as of 2019**
- **A more comprehensive package of actions**

Feedback from EaP countries during the Panel on Environment and Climate Change

- **Offer further support for improving legal frameworks**
- **Equip countries with tools, such as portals for data management and disclosure**
- **Continue building capacity of specific institutions and their staff members**
- **Provide support to the enterprise sector**
- **Facilitate work of inter-ministerial groups**
- **Combine country-level work with regional exchange**
- **Ensure continuity of programmes that proved to be effective, such as Emerald, EMBLAS, EaP GREEN and faster provision of support**

Other criteria for programme design

- **Focus on areas with the highest benefits for citizens – in line with Riga priorities and the 20 Deliverables for 2020**
- **Least fragmentation possible – strategic approach**
- **Involve all stakeholders, especially CSOs**
- **Link to private sector development and investment (the European External Investment Fund)**
- **Scale up pilot initiative**
- **Build resilience**
- **Ensure effective implementation**
- **Accelerated pace of reforms**
- **High visibility of action**

A new environmental regional programme **under discussion**

Result 1: Greener decision-making

- **Further aligning knowledge, decision-making, and stakeholder interaction mechanisms with environmental imperatives**

Result 2: Circular economy and new economic opportunities

- **Scale-up public and private action on circular economy and sustainable production and lifestyles**

Result 3: An environmental level playing field

- **Improve incentives and governance mechanisms in order to ensure an environmental a level playing field**

Result 4: Ecosystem services and livelihoods

- **Boosting resilience through the preservation of ecosystem services and extension of green infrastructure**

Result 1: Greener decision-making

Output 1.1: Green economy ownership, policy coherence and cross-sectoral coordination boosted

Output 1.2: Sector-wide investment needs assessment and finance strategies development supported

Output 1.3: Strategic and Environmental Impact Assessment operationalised

Output 1.4: Awareness and public acceptance of the Green Economy transition ensured

Output 1.5: Regional communication and Action governance supported

Result 2: Circular economy and new economic opportunities

Output 2.1: Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production and eco-innovation among SMEs scaled up

Output 2.2: Concept and tools of the Single Market for Green Products promoted

Output 2.3: Green Public Procurement and complementary tools operationalised

Output 2.4: The use of strategic approaches on waste management enabled

Output 2.5: Reforms in priority green economy sectors supported

Result 3: An environmental level playing field

Output 3.1: "Smart" regulation of environmental impacts promoted

Output 3.2: Environmental compliance assurance and environmental liability regimes strengthened

Output 3.3: Domestic public finance, subsidy reforms and public-partner partnerships reinforced

Output 3.4: Monitoring of progress at the economy-environment nexus carried out

Result 4: Ecosystem services and livelihoods

Output 4.1: A shared network of protected areas involving EU and neighbouring countries launched

Output 4.2: Community action on ecosystem services facilitated

Output 4.3: Illegal logging in a national and cross-border perspective limited

Output 4.4: Effective strategies for funding natural capital conservation defined

Questions for discussion

- **What specific issues would be most effective to address in terms of contribution to resilience, people's wellbeing, and short-term visibility and impact?**
- **What types of activities, outputs, and methods of work are most effective?**
- **How implementation could be organised in light of the need for short-term results and visibility?**