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EU Green Week 2023 Event

*Enhancing skills for a green transition
in the Eastern Partnership countries*

Agenda (draft)

8 June 2023 (09:00 – 11:00, CEST)

Zoom

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Registration link:

<https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYoc-CprT4uGNPnkJVS5LQPRavbV5rWbrn#/registration>

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Background

The year 2023 was nominated the “Year of Skills” by the European Commission. This initiative will give a fresh impetus to lifelong learning, empowering people and companies to contribute to the green and digital transitions, supporting innovation and competitiveness.

Having a workforce with the skills that are in demand contributes to sustainable growth, leads to more innovation and improves companies' competitiveness. The European Year of Skills 2023 will help companies, in particular, small and medium enterprises, to address skills shortages. It will promote a mindset of reskilling and upskilling, helping people to get the right skills for quality jobs. The green and digital transitions are opening new opportunities for people and the EU economy.¹

The 2023 EU Green Week, in the framework of the European Year of Skills, aims to create a new momentum to reach the EU 2030 social targets of at least 60% of adults in training every year, and at least 78% in employment. To contribute to these ambitious targets, the EU4Environment implementing partners were called to focus this year on skills for sustainable, resilient, and socially fair communities.

Since 2019, EU4Environment has been supporting the civil servants, experts, businesses from the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries to boost their awareness, knowledge and build skills on green economy through a variety of targeted trainings and regional knowledge sharing. We are proud that the Programme already reached more than 4 million people and trained about 1.5 K stakeholders throughout the region.

Meeting Objectives and Description

The EU4Environment event within the 2023 EU Green Week will demonstrate how EU4Environment has contributed to enhancing skills of stakeholders in the region. It will also present in detail professional courses and trainings developed within the Programme, their results, and remaining challenges.

A distinguished panel of speakers from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine will intervene to present courses and training programmes.

Practical information

- Virtual platform: Zoom platform.
- English/Russian simultaneous interpretation [TBC].

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment – Green Economy) Action helps the Eastern Partnership 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.

It is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations - OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank – over 2019-2024 period, with a budget of EUR 20 million.

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¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/europe-fit-digital-age/european-year-skills-2023_en

DRAFT AGENDA

Time	Item
8:50 – 9:00	<i>Connection by the participants</i>
9:00 – 9:20 (20 min)	<p>Item 1. Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Moderator (Mr Krzysztof MICHALAK, Acting Head of Division and Senior Programme Manager, Environment Directorate, OECD) on behalf of EU4Environment Implementing Partners • Ms Diana JABLONSKA, DG NEAR, European Commission • Ms Gayane GABRIELIAN, Deputy Minister of Environment, Armenia (TBC) • Ms Iordanca-Rodica IORDANOV, Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova (TBC) • Mr Yevhenii FEDORENKO, Deputy Minister of Environment, Ukraine (TBC)
9:20 – 10:05 (45 min)	<p>Item 2. Empowering public authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading skills for stronger enforcement of environmental compliance - EU4Environment capacity building of environmental compliance assurance systems (moderated by OECD): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of capacity building events organised by EU4Environment and a case study of a course on liability for significant environmental damage in Georgia <p><i>Questions and answers from the floor/chat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening cities with Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – Telling a story about 300+ government employees and representatives of different stakeholders trained on SEA (moderated by UNECE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SEA trainings and their role in promoting the benefits of SEA in the beneficiary countries, including a series of custom-tailored SEA trainings for Ukraine’s urban planning sector in support of greening the post-war reconstruction of cities. <p><i>Questions and answers from the floor/chat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upscaling policy action on green economy – Strengthening policy makers’ abilities to analyse and design green economy policies and tools (moderated by UNEP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderated and e-learning courses for civil servants <p><i>Questions and answers from the floor/chat</i></p>
10:05 – 10:40 (35 min)	<p>Item 3. Empowering business sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening products with eco-labelling - Introducing concepts of environmental labelling in the EaP countries (moderated by UNEP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Navigating Green Claims: An Online Challenge, including a GEN eco-labelling course and its promotion in the EaP countries <p><i>Interlude: Video on eco-labelling from UNEP</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers from the floor/chat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ways for enterprises to save resources: starting from Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) - Introducing the circular economy principles and practices (moderated by UNIDO)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ RECP trainings <p><i>Interlude: Video on circular economy from UNIDO</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers from the floor/chat</i></p>
10:40 – 10:50 (10 min)	Item 4. Spreading green thinking among individuals and communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intervention from Civil Society Forum• Vision by young generation on upskilling for environment - Intervention by the European Young Ambassadors
10:50 – 11:00 (10 min)	Item 5. Wrap up <p>Mr Andrzej JANUSZEWSKI, DG ENV, European Commission</p> <p>Ms Angela BULARGA, DG NEAR, European Commission</p>