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EU4 Green Recovery East (700002623)

Recovery through a Circular Economy and Pollution Reduction in the Eastern Partnership countries

TERMS OF REFERENCE

ASSESSMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES OF MEASURES (POM) IN UKRAINE AT COUNTRY LEVEL.

1. Background

The EU4Green Recovery East (EU4GRE) is a regional Programme funded by the European Union to support Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) in transitioning to a circular economy, improving water management, strengthening environmental data systems, aligning with the EU environmental acquis, and enhancing cross-border cooperation.

EU4GRE Programme builds on the results of a decade of EU support for better water management and green economy adoption, and is the successor to the green economy, water, and environmental data pillars of the regional EU4Environment Programme.

It is implemented by a consortium of EU Member State agencies and international organisations, including the Environment Agency Austria (UBA), leader of the consortium, Expertise France, the International Office for Water (OiEau), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).

The five components of the EU4GRE Programme are the following:

- Promote circular economy and resource efficiency;
- Protect water resources and reduce pollution;
- Align with EU environment standards;
- Strengthen environment data and digitization;
- Enhance transboundary cooperation on environmental issues.

Implementing partners:

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Ukraine has made a major institutional and planning advance in integrated water resources management by formally adopting nine River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) for the 2025-2030 planning cycle. These RBMPs—covering all major basins including the Dnipro, Dniester, Danube, Don, Southern Bug, Black and Azov Seas, Vistula, and Crimea, were approved by the Cabinet of Ministers between November and December 2024 with EU technical support under the EU4Environment - Water Resources and Environmental Data programme. They outline basin-wide diagnostic assessments and programmes of measures to reduce pollution, restore ecosystems, and improve sanitation infrastructure, and represent a key step toward aligning Ukraine's water policy with the EU Water Framework Directive despite ongoing challenges from the war and the need for substantial future investment.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is to support the Ukrainian authorities in carrying out a country-level assessment of the implementation of Programmes of Measures (PoM) under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The assignment specifically aims to assist the Water Resources Management Department of the State Agency for Water Resources (SAWR), and the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture in compiling, verifying, and analyzing data related to the implementation status of PoM as of end 2025.

This assessment will contribute to Ukraine's ongoing efforts to align with EU water policy and enhance integrated river basin management across the country. It will also support reporting obligations under EU4Green Recovery East and regional cooperation in the Eastern Partnership framework.

3. Financing

European Union

4. Procedure

EF Procurement rules

5. Contracting Authority

International Office for Water (OiEau) --- France

6. Nature of contract

Lumpsum Service contract

7. Time period of implementation

January 2026 -- March 2026

8. Maximum contract value

8 500 EUR

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9. Scope of work

The service provider will carry out the following key activities:

Stakeholder Coordination: Engage and liaise with national institutions, River basin administrations and River Basin Councils to collect, validate, and consolidate data related to PoM implementation in all Ukrainian River Basin Districts (RBDs).

Data Collection and Review: Support the development of an updated inventory of measures implemented under the PoMs, as per the existing dashboard and Ukrainian regulation (Government of Ukraine regulations on the approval of RBMPs). This includes identifying implementation status, responsible entities, funding sources, and monitoring arrangements.

Mid-Term Progress online Meetings: Participate to online meetings with SAWR and EU4GRE experts on progress updates summarizing data collection status, stakeholder interactions, initial findings and identifying blocking points.

Gap Identification: Analyze progress made since the adoption of the latest River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and identify implementation gaps, constraints (legal, institutional, technical), and opportunities for improvement.

Alignment and Integration: Assess the extent to which PoMs are aligned with WFD requirements, particularly Article 11, and how measures relate to other EU directives such as the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD), Nitrates Directive, and Floods Directive. If possible, measures will be categorized according to the Key Types of Measures (KTMs) established under the WFD.

Capacity Support: Provide technical and organizational assistance to SAWR and basin-level institutions in structuring the data and narrative inputs for the final assessment report.

Validation Workshop: Organize and facilitate a national workshop with SAWR, Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture, River Basin Councils, and other stakeholders to discuss and present the findings and the assessment report.

10. Deliverables and deadlines

The contractor is expected to deliver the following outputs:

Deliverable	Deadline
Data reporting: Preparation of a template and recommendations for collecting information of reporting of PoM implementation in accordance with national requirements (Government of Ukraine regulations on the approval of RBMPs) and the WFD Reporting Guidelines 2022.	February 4, 2026

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Baseline Data Inventory: A structured dataset capturing the implementation status of PoM measures across all Ukrainian RBDs, meeting the requirements of the Ukrainian regulation.	February 28, 2026
Draft Country Assessment Report: A full draft report presenting the 2025 status of PoM implementation, including an analysis of progress, gaps, and recommendations.	March 15, 2026
Final Country Assessment Report: A revised and finalized report incorporating stakeholder feedback, ready for submission under the EU4Green Recovery East programme.	March 20, 2026
Summary for Regional Integration: A 2-3 pages summary note highlighting key findings and recommendations for regional comparison and synthesis.	March 27, 2026

11. Payment modalities

Payment will be made according to the following schedule:

- 25% of the total contract amount --- upon signature of the contract;
- 75% of the total contract amount --- upon submission and acceptance of all deliverables.

Payment will be transferred via bank wire to the EUR account specified in the quotation.

12. Participation to the tender

Interested persons (individual and legal entities) are invited to inquire the full tender dossier containing instructions and further information about the tender procedure by email from Ms. Ilke CICEKOGLU, project assistant:

Email address: i.cicekoglu@oieau.fr

Deadline for submission of the technical and financial offer is 22 January 2026, 18:00 CET.

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