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Regional Workshop

**Advancing nature-positive investments:  
Progress and challenges ahead in the EU's  
Eastern Neighbourhood**

Draft Agenda

Date: 9 June 2026

09:00 – 16:00

Venue: Thon Hotel EU  
Brussels, Belgium

Format: On-site with online connection

Language: English, interpretation into Armenian, Romanian, and Ukrainian

Registration link to participate online: [\[link\]](#)

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**Objectives**

The workshop aims to present the evidence base on forest ecosystem service values, national targets, and financing needs in the EU's Eastern partner countries. It will discuss financing instruments that can help bridge funding gaps, exchange national priorities and enabling conditions for investment, and share international experiences from EU Member States and other forest-rich countries. The workshop will also facilitate dialogue among policymakers and partners to identify priority recommendations, strengthen regional cooperation, and support the mobilisation of public and private finance for sustainable forest management.

**Participants**

The workshop aims to bring together government officials from ministries of environment and economy, representatives of EU institutions and International Finance Institutions, international organisations, academia, representatives of green and climate-related initiatives, and civil society organisations.

**Venue**

Thon Hotel EU, meeting room "Germany", Brussels, Belgium.

**Practical arrangements**

The meeting will be held in person with the possibility of online participation. Participants are requested to register in advance using the registration link [\[insert link\]](#).

The meeting will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation in Armenian, Romanian, and Ukrainian languages.

**About EU4Environment**

Since 2018, the "European Union for Environment" (EU4Environment) Action has helped 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.

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## DRAFT AGENDA

CEST time	Venue: Hotel & meeting room (TBC)
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
08:45-09:00	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
09:00-09:15	<b>Opening remarks:</b> Welcome address and introduction to the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Commission</li> <li>• World Bank</li> </ul>
09:15-09:30	<b>Scene-setting</b> Framing the discussion by outlining why forests and natural resource management are critical to a nature-positive economy. Q&A
09:30-10:15	<b>Session 1: Strengthening the evidence base –ecosystem services values, targets, and financing needs</b> Presentation of consolidated findings on economic, environmental and social values of ecosystem services, national and international targets, and financing needs to achieve them. Q&A
10:15-10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30-11:00	<b>Session 2: Financing toolbox to bridge the finance gap</b> Overview of key financing instruments and mechanisms (payments for ecosystem services; green bonds; carbon pricing mechanisms; and environmental, social, and governance taxonomies). Identification of opportunities and barriers and their attractiveness to investors. Q&A
11:00-12:00	<b>Session 3: EaP country spotlight – unlocking nature-based investments in the South Caucasus</b> Discussion on priority actions, enabling policy conditions, and potential project pipelines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armenia</li> <li>• Azerbaijan</li> <li>• Georgia [CSO representative]</li> <li>•</li> </ul> Q&A
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00-14:00	<b>Session 3: EaP country spotlight –unlocking nature-based investments in Moldova and Ukraine</b> Discussion on priority actions, enabling policy conditions, and ongoing or potential projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moldova</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ukraine</li></ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
14:00-14:45	<p><b><i>Session 4: International experience – lessons learnt from the EU and other forest-rich countries</i></b></p> <p>Presentation of curated examples of forest and NRM financing schemes and policies from selected EU Member States and other forest-rich countries. Exploring the possibilities for adapting these approaches to the EaP context.</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
14:45-15:00	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
15:00-15:45	<p><b><i>Session 5: Looking ahead</i></b></p> <p>Panel discussion structured by country, focusing on priority recommendations and ownership of next step (including key enabling conditions, such as legal and institutional needs).</p>
15:45-16:00	<p><b><i>Closing remarks: Wrap-up of key insights and discussions from the workshop and outline of next steps.</i></b></p>