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After the opening by co-ordinators, **Kristina Vaiciunaite, EESC, Lithuania and Anna Golubovska-Onisimova, MAMA-86, Ukraine**, Anna Golubovska-Onisimova reported on the plans and achievements of the WG3 in 2013.

There are no official events planned of the Environmental Panel for 2013. However, the Energy Security Platform meeting is being held in Vilnius on the same dates at the WG meeting and 2 representatives of the WG3 take part in it (**Murman Margvelashvili, World Experience for Georgia** and **Sevil Yuzbasheva, Eco-Alem, Azerbaijan**). The representative of the group (**Maria Storchilo, NECU**) attended the meetings of the Clima East ENPI project in Brussels; the report is forth-coming.

The group participants were reminded of the discussions and plans made at Civil Society Forum in Chisinau in 2012. In terms of outputs to be presented at the V EaP CSF in Moldova, the group agreed in Stockholm: to conduct the second (comparative) study of Good environmental governance in EaP countries (according to the Flagship Initiative to be summed up in 2013). It was planned to draft proposals on activities in the framework of the Roadmap, based - at least - on conclusions and recommendations of the study on Good environmental governance.

It was also stressed at the previous Forum in Stockholm on the necessity to return to the starting point of all the activities - i.e. to raise the issue of biodiversity conservation (as the common aim) and valuation of ecosystem services (as a fundamental green economy tool), relying on our document produced in 2010 and on other studies of the group (expert T. Bebashko). The study on the European Energy Index, launched in 2012, was planned to be finalized/ revitalized. The group continued participation in the European Integration Index (under the section on Environment and Sustainable Development) and contributed to the recent index for 2013 that is already being disseminated. The group planned to draft proposals on activities in the framework of the Climate Change Roadmap and to investigate feasibility of implementation of a new initiative on Sustainable Development and to improve the information and coordination.

During the meeting the participants agreed on products to be prepared and presented at the Civil Society Forum in Chisinau. Special attention should be paid to Energy and Climate change pillar, group's profile, however not much have been presented so far on these topics to EaP CSF. Main function to be performed is independent assessment, recommendations and facilitation of its implementation via three-partite dialogue at the multilateral and bilateral

levels.

Kristina Vaiciunaite presented outcomes of the EaP CSF Steering Committee activities and highlighted main priorities related to the Chisinau Forum preparation and expectations from Vilnius Summit. She made a presentation on the Preparation to the Eastern Partnership Summit: CSF parallel Event and answered questions of participants.

The update on the Eastern Partnership process including issues of the Environment, Energy Security, Climate Change and Flagship Initiative on Good Environmental Governance was presented by **Alexandre DARRAS, Attaché and Project Manager at the EUD Moldova.**

Lilia Carasciuc, National Co-ordinator of the Moldova EaP CSF NP, updated on the preparation for EaP CSF V, Chisinau. The Parallel workshop on the Environmental governance is part of main programme of the Forum, Day 1.

Victor Cotruta, REC Moldova and the Co-ordinator of the Project on the NPs strengthening, presented opportunities for WG3 within the project.

In 5 Subgroups (Energy, Climate Change, Sustainable Development, Biodiversity and Environmental Governance) the participants discussed structure & work plan and products to Chisinau. Subgroups also decided on Co-ordinators to be approved in Chisinau by the EaP CSF WG3. **Subgroup on Energy Security** will prepare analytical document “Energy Security Assessment: Situation Analysis” of energy security of Lithuania, Georgia and Ukraine and will offer recommendations in each country to be presented in Chisinau. **Subgroup on Climate Change** will prepare the paper “Preliminary public assessment of the processes of adaptation to and mitigation of climate change in the EaP countries” to be ready by CSF V and presented there. **Subgroup of the Sustainable Development** will prepare the methodology of the transition to SD for EaP countries and another methodology to calculate and interpret SD Index for EaP countries based on inclusion of environmental component into the HDI. **Subgroup on Biodiversity** is going to prepare the report to Chisinau on the situation and public assessment of main problems and urgent actions needed in the biodiversity protection area. **Subgroup on Environmental Governance** has the methodology and going to make Second Assessment draft to be presented in Chisinau and disseminated in Vilnius.

Reports of Subgroups were presented and approved by the participants.