### Clima East Project meeting

### 2-4 July 2013. Brussels

**Day 1**

**2/07/2013**

There were conducted a set of meetings within the Clima East Project (2-4 July 2013) in Brussels. Among the participants of meeting there were representatives form DG Clima (EU Commission), project coordinators, focal points of Eastern Partnership countries (Ukraine, Belorussia, Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan) and other representatives from Ministries of Environment, M. of Foreign Affairs and relevant agencies and departments of partner countries.

Considering the objective of the project - transfer and dissemination of information and knowledge on EU acquis – at the first day of the meeting it was presented Climate and Energy Policy of EU. Main issues raised during the presentation were trends and prospective of GHG reductions, reduction targets to 2020, 2030; achievements, falls and challenges of EU ETS, Renewables, internal energy market. It was also presented EU budget on 2014-2020

During the discussion each of East-Partner country shared its vision as for EU and international climate policy. Discussed issues:

1. *Fulfilling of commitments in the second commitment period of KP (particularly for Annex 1 countries - Ukraine, Belorussia)and effort-sharing principles on post-Kyoto agreement after 2020;*
2. *Revision of differentiating criteria for countries within the KP and UNFCCC (Annex 1 and non-Annex 1 countries);*
3. *Implementation of MRV System (monitoring, reporting and verification)before the taking commitment of emission reduction;*
4. *Efficiency of market based mechanisms as a climate change mitigation tool, and prospective of using new market based mechanism and market approaches in the post-Kyoto agreement.*

**Day 2**

**3/07/13**

This day of meeting was devoted to the discussion of working plans within the project and sharing of views and expectations about the project from Eastern Partner countries focal-points.

The overall objective of Clima East is to support the ENP East countries (i.e. Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) and the Russian Federation so that they are better equipped for greenhouse-gas emission reductions and better prepared to deal with climate change impacts.

Among the main arrangements for the 1st year of the project:

1. Strengthening of the capacity of policy makers to engage in and to implement the Kyoto Protocol and its potential successor, or other international agreement post-2012, through better access to information and expertise on EU climate policies and the emerging EU climate acquis;
2. Strengthening of capacity for strategic planning with regard to adaptation to climate change;
3. Improving capacities to benefit from possible new or reviewed mechanisms resulting from the successor agreement to the Kyoto Protocol;
4. Strengthening of capacity for strategic planning with regard to mitigation, including NAMA's, GHG-related energy efficiency strategies and low-carbon strategies (where not covered by other donors and projects);

It was conducted an analysis on each country on such issues:

* Climate footprint from Eastern Partnership countries;
* Climate effect from Clima East project implementation;
* Roadshow to Vilnius summit 2013;

During the discussion all the Parties – project countries, project coordinators, EU Commission representatives, CSF participant expressed their views on working program.

*Project countries.* The working plan for the first year is quite general with a lack of financial resources on planned arrangements. Also focal-points ask for increasing the funds on involving national experts for researches, instead of EU.

*CSF.* The working plan isn’t clear. There are a lot of arrangements, meetings and workshops don’t lead to the substantial outputs. The project hasn’t indicators which could help to access the success. The project countries have more initiative on asking the finance instead of fulfilling their commitments within the project. Civil society urged to transparency of the project.

In particularly, the donors and project coordinators stressed the importance of civil society participation.

*Outputs*:

1. The project webpage <http://www.climaeast.eu/> helps to ensure the transparency of the implementation process and will be fully packed of relevant information till September 2013.
2. The working plan for the 1st year will be discussed in detail between country focal-points and project coordinators. Propositions related to improving the working plan are welcome till August 2013.
3. A set of consultations and workshops will be conducted by EU experts with Eastern Partner countries on the eve UNFCCC conference in Warsaw (October 2013).

Day 3

**4/07/13**

At the third day of the meeting UNDP made presentation of the pilot projects, that are implemented within the Clima East project countries. All the presentations were divided into two main streams:

- Sustainable use of pasture (Armenia, Azerbaijan);

- Renovation of dry wetlands and its impact on climate change; (Russia, Ukraine, Moldova)

The distinguishing feature is pilot character of these projects. There aren’t widespread on national level. During the discussion parties have arrived at such conclusions:

* Such projects of UNDP should implement on the all areas of the countries;
* It’s quite important to reach synergy between UNDP pilot projects and Clima East project;
* Outcomes of the UNDP projects should be accepted at the political level of each other country of Eastern Partnership.