



**Capacity building meeting of Working Group 3:
Policies and actions in Eastern Partnership on Environment, Climate Change and Energy Security**

AGENDA

5 June 2015, Brussels

Renaissance Hotel

Rue De Parnasse 19, Brussels

The Venue „Luxembourg/The Hague”

Introduction

On 3 April 2015, the Working Group 3 Council met in Brussels to plan the meeting of the Working Group, drawing on the activities, priorities and issues of common interest of CSOs active in this area in the Eastern Partnership Countries. Prior to this meeting and afterwards, the Council has had several skype meetings to ensure good coordination and exchange of ideas on the potential joint activities this year. It was decided to hold a one-day capacity building meeting where cross-learning and exchange can happen in the three main policy areas the WG follows: environment, climate change and energy security happens. In addition, the Meeting of the Working Group will be held during the European Sustainable Development Week, which involves a series of activities across the EU and many of which are happening in Brussels during 30 May-5 June.

Aim

The Meeting of the Working Group 3 will take the shape of a capacity building meeting, aiming to develop common understanding on the Forum joint actions in the areas of environment, climate change and energy security.

Specific objectives include

1. Provide an update on policies and projects/actions happening in EaP on environment, climate change and energy security
2. Encourage the development of regional perspectives and joint support initiatives
3. Build capacity on use of policy monitoring frameworks such as ISO, SEA and EIA
4. Identify common actions until the Annual Assembly.

Participants and Interpretation

The meeting will include all participants of WG3 at the Annual Assembly, Working Group Council members as well as observers and guests (about 30 participants). Observers can participate if they are able to cover their own costs for the meeting.

The meeting will be held in English and Russian with interpretation for plenary work and informal arrangements among participants for work in groups.



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Session 1	<i>Introduction of Participants and updates on EaP CSF actions in 2015</i>
9:00– 9.30	<p>Plamena Borissova and Murman Margvelashvili - Coordinators of Working Group 3, EaP CSF – introduction and welcome notes</p> <p>Round of Introduction of participants</p> <p>Tanya Basarab, Advocacy and Membership Manager - secretariat update on focus of EaP CSF advocacy in 2015</p>
Session 2	<i>Platform 3 updates and panel on Energy Security: Challenges and Priorities for EaP countries</i>
9:30-11:00	<p>Moderated by: Murman Margvelashvili, Coordinator of WG 3, EaP CSF, World Experience for Georgia, Georgian NP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marion Schiller-Probst, DG Energy, International Relations Officer, International Relations & Enlargement – activities under Platform 3 in 2015 Andriy Chubyk, Centre for Global Studies “Strategy XXI”, Ukraine NP, EaP CSF Gaspar Demur, DG Energy, International Relations Officer, International Relations & Enlargement
11.00 – 11.20	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
Session 3	<i>Environment and Climate Change Policies in EaP Countries: the 2015 agenda and beyond Improving our work, strengthening joint actions in EaP countries: guided brainstorming session</i>
11.20 – 12.30	<p>Moderated by: Plamena Borissova, Coordinator of WG 3, EaP CSF, Institute for Environmental Strategies</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victor Cotruta, REC-Moldova, Moldova NP, EaP CSF – implementing the environment acquis, the case of Moldova (TBC) Laura Giappichelli, DG NEAR, Programme Manager – External Relations, EU Cooperation with EaP countries in the field of environment and climate change and engagement of civil society Andreja Škerl, DG Environment – E1 International, regional & bilateral relations – NGO Grant project building capacities of NGOs in Eastern Neighbourhood to engage in environmental governance.
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 4	<i>Improving our work, strengthening joint actions in EaP countries: guided brainstorming session</i>
13.30 – 14.30	<p>Session facilitated by Murman Margvelashvili, Coordinator of WG 3</p> <p>This session will look at how to build bridges between our national and regional priorities and explore possibilities for cross-sector and cross-country support initiatives.</p> <p><i>Brainstorming in groups and agreement on common results</i></p>



Session 5	<i>Capacity building on monitoring frameworks and tools: ISO Governance Standards and case study of Bulgaria’s environment policy before and after joining the EU</i>
14:30-15:40	Fikret Jafarov - Good practice presentation: Applying the methodology of ISO Monitoring Standards Chairman of Society “Sustainable Development”, Azerbaijan NP, EaP CSF Plamena Borissova – Case study presentation: Bulgaria’s environment policy before and after joining the EU, Coordinator of WG 3, EaP CSF, Institute for Environmental Strategies Presentations and discussion on the lessons learned
15.40 – 16.00	Coffee/tea break
Session 6	<i>Activities of WG 3 until the Annual Assembly: ongoing projects and initiatives</i>
16:00– 17.00	Presentation of on-going cooperation activities, projects supported through re-granting and policy agenda for the remaining part of the year of WG 3. Presentation by Inga Zarafyan and Manana Tsulaya might happen during this session if they manage to reach the meeting venue. Summary of the meeting
17.00	<i>End of the meeting</i>
19:00	<i>No-host Dinner, and for those interested, capacity building on nature and biodiversity – overview of the seminar attended by Inga Zarafyan, EcoLur, Armenia NP, EaP CSF and Manana Tsulaia, Elkana, Georgia NP, EaP CSF</i>

Participants will depart either on the evening or the following morning, according to flight availability