



# **Sustainable energy activities as contribution to the implementation of the Paris Agreement**

**synergies with Panel "Environment & Climate  
Change" under EaP Platform 2**

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# The Paris Agreement

- Universal legal agreement
- Long-term goal: “well below 2°C”
- Transparency, accountability and compliance
- International cooperation/Climate finance
- 5-year ambition cycle





## EU and Paris Agreement

**2 March:** Commission's assessment of the implications for the EU of the Paris Agreement

**4 March:** EU Council assessed COP21, in view of 2030 climate and energy framework

- EU targets for 2030 already reflect action needed to stay below 2 degrees Celsius
- EU NDC to be based on the "at least 40%" GHG target as adopted by EU Council in Oct 2014

**22 April:** EU and its MS signed the Paris Agreement

- Start implementation – putting forward domestic legislation
- Ratification: Commission proposal adopted on 10 June

# Commission proposals for the implementation of the EU's contribution

- Emissions Trading System **2015**
- Successor to Effort Sharing Decision
- Land use, land-use change and forestry
- Decarbonisation of transport Communication **1<sup>st</sup> half 2016**
- Energy efficiency
- Electricity market design
- Renewables (including biomass, biofuels)
- Integrated climate and energy governance **2<sup>nd</sup> half 2016**
- Further proposals on transport **2017**

## EU Leading Mobiliser of Climate Finance

- EU and other developed countries agreed to continue to mobilise USD 100 bn a year in public and private climate finance from 2020-2025
- EU on track: 20% of EU budget on climate related issues during the programming period 2014-2020
- Mainstreaming into other *sectors (e.g. energy, transport, agriculture etc.)*
- Domestic coordination required!

# Eastern Partnership Platforms

## 4 EaP Platforms:

- Platform 1: Democracy, Good Governance & Stability

**Platform 2: "Economic Integration and Convergence with EU Policies"**



***Panel on Environment and Climate Change***

- Platform 3: Energy Security
- Platform 4: Contacts Between People

## Synergies with Panel “Environment & Climate Change” under Platform 2

### Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy

- *"Greater attention should be given to the energy security and climate action both of the EU and of the partners themselves."*

### Platform 2 revised Work Programme 2014 – 17

- *"Close coordination will be sought with the activities of the **Energy Security Platform** and its Flagship initiative in the field of sustainable energy as well as with other Panels of Platform 2 due to the cross-cutting nature of environmental issues and climate change."*

# Revised Work Programme 2014 – 2017

## Objectives:

- 1) *Gradual approximation with the EU acquis in the areas of environment and climate change*
- 2) *Enhancing the capacity of Partner Countries as regards sustainable development, environmental governance and climate action and their cooperation in this regard*

## Activities (example):

*Preparation of the Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Action, Luxembourg, 18 October 2016*

# Overseeing implementation of cooperation projects

## **Clima East Package:**

- *supports climate change mitigation and adaptation in the Neighbourhood East and Russia.*

## **Covenant of Mayors East:**

- *encourages and supports local authorities in Partner Countries to achieve and implement a more sustainable local energy policy.*
- *new global covenant was launched at the COP21.*

# Synergies: Where to start?

**Common Objective:** “Implementing the Paris Agreement”

*1. Implementing Projects:*

- *Clima East, Covenant of Mayors...*
- *EU4Energy: instrument to achieve Paris targets*

*2. Working with the IFIs:*

- *Mobilizing Climate Finance*
- *Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF)*

➤ *Sharing information (only) as first step...*



# Thank you!

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