



**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION
PROGRAMME (EAP) TASK FORCE:
PROGRESS SINCE THE SEVENTH
“ENVIRONMENT FOR EUROPE”
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE**

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EAP Task Force's mission and mandate

- Guide improvement of environmental policies in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) by
 - promoting the integration of environmental considerations into the processes of economic, social and political reform, and
 - upgrading institutional and human capacities for environmental management
- Ministers at the Seventh “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference:
 - welcomed the work of the EAP Task Force and invited OECD to continue its work, including on themes of the Conference, in cooperation with the Regional Environmental Centres and other partners
- Major partnerships
 - Support to the European Union Water Initiative (EUWI) – in co-operation with UNECE
 - Implementation of the “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN) programme – in co-operation with UNECE, UNEP, and UNIDO
 - Continuous interaction with Regional Environmental Centres
 - Projects supported by the International Climate Initiative



The post-Astana Programme of Work

- Comprises two pillars: (i) economic dimensions of water resources management and (ii) policies for greening development
 - Approved in October 2011 (Chisinau) at the annual meeting of the EAP Task Force
 - Progress reviewed in Oslo (September 2012) and Tbilisi (September 2013)
- Combines intergovernmental dialogue with pilot projects
 - Over 30 national-level pilot projects will be implemented
- Facilitates regional and sub-regional policy dialogue, for example:
 - Meetings of the EUWI's EECCA Working Group (November 2011 – Bucharest, July 2012 – Geneva, October 2013 – Helsinki)
 - Economic instruments of environmental management (Warsaw, March 2012) and measuring green growth (Prague, March 2013)



Examples of pilot projects

Water pillar

- Adapting water infrastructure to climate change (Moldova)
- Strengthening institutions for water supply and sanitation (Moldova and Ukraine)
- Promoting economic instruments for water management at the national level (Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and Russia) and at the transboundary level (in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia)
- New activities are being explored in the Russian Federation and Tajikistan

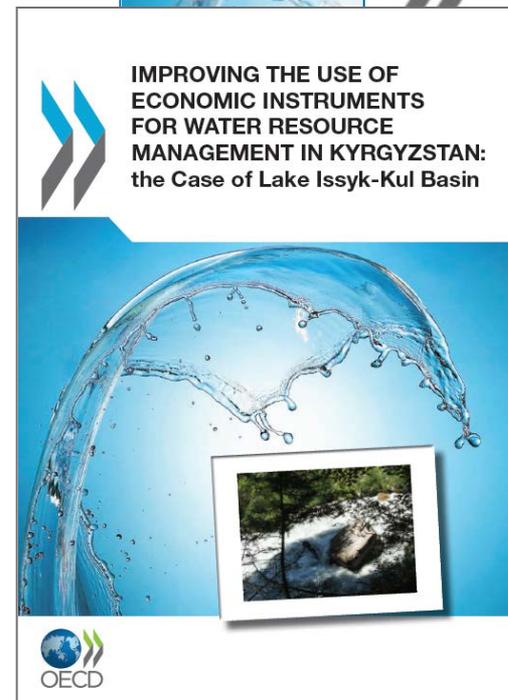
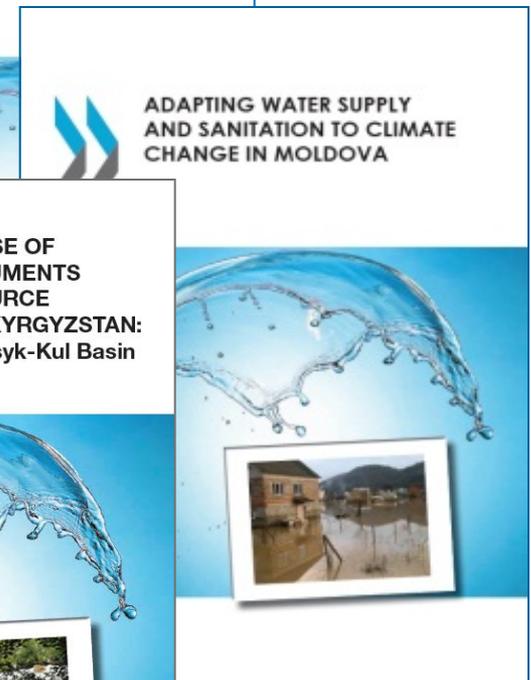
Green growth pillar

- Product taxation (Moldova and Ukraine)
- Costing of a priority budgetary programme (Kazakhstan)
- Identification of environmentally harmful subsidies (Kazakhstan and Moldova)
- SMEs greening (Armenia)
- Progress measurement towards green growth (Kyrgyzstan, Moldova)
- Workshops on green growth indicators (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Moldova)



Recent publications: water management

- Adapting water supply and sanitation to climate change in Moldova
- Business models for rural sanitation in Moldova
- Improving the use of economic instruments for water resource management in Kyrgyzstan: The Case of Lake Issyk-Kul Basin





Recent publications: green growth

- Refocusing economic and other monetary instruments for greater environmental impact: How to unblock reform in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, 2012
- Promoting energy efficiency in the residential sector in Kazakhstan: Designing a public investment programme
- Analysing energy subsidies in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus And Central Asia





New tools to be developed

Economic aspects of water resources management

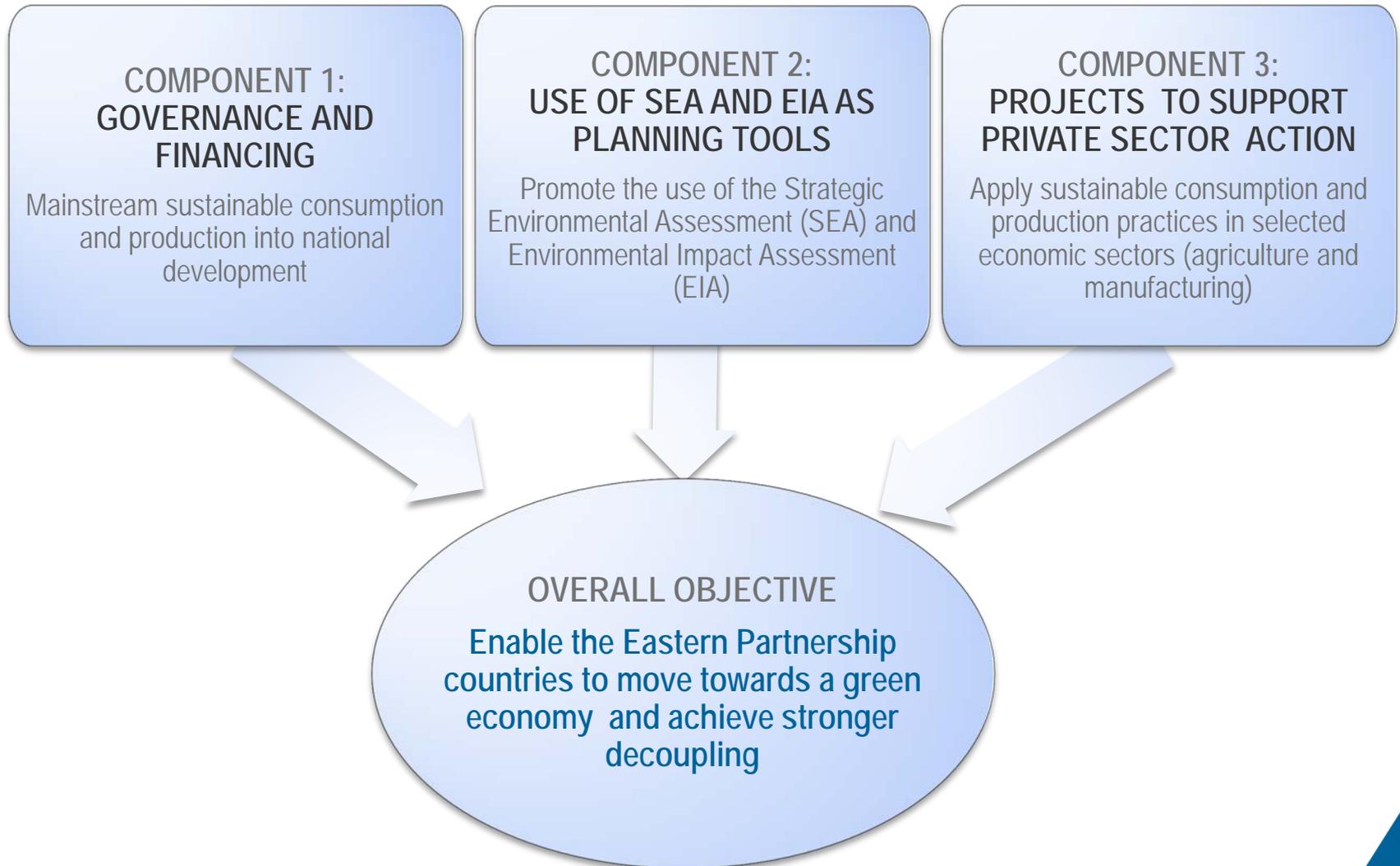
- Guidance on incentives to organize water supply and sanitation services at the appropriate scale
- Business models for rural sanitation, which are adapted for the Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian context
- Accompanying measures that can facilitate the reform of economic instruments for water management

Promotion of policies supporting green development

- A handbook to support the development and use of green growth indicators
- Guidance tools to prepare reform action plans in relation to EHS
- A toolkit for developing or reforming product-related economic instruments
- A toolkit to support the greening of small and medium-sized enterprises



EaP GREEN: programme goals and components





EaP GREEN: areas of work and responsibilities

OECD:

green growth indicators, environmental taxation and subsidy reform, improving access to finance and greening of SMEs (**Component 1**)

UNECE:

strategic environmental assessment, environmental impact assessment (**Component 2**)

Coordination and visibility

(OECD and EC)

UNEP:

strategic planning, sustainable public procurement, organic agriculture (**Component 1 and 3**)

UNIDO:

resource efficient and cleaner production in the manufacturing sector and agriculture (**Component 3**)



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The page content is organized into three main sections:

- Find**: A list of links for quick access to various resources:
 - » [EaP GREEN](#)
 - » [Partnership with the EU Water Initiative](#)
 - » [Environmental Action Programme \(EAP\) Task Force](#)
 - » [Upcoming events](#)
 - » [E-library](#)A "Latest Documents" button is located below these links.
- Focus**: A highlighted section titled "Designing policies for greener growth" with a sub-section "Reforming water policies". It includes a detailed text block: "Enabling a more rapid shift towards greener, environmentally-sustainable growth in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), addressing both market and regulatory incentives and focus on reform of economic instruments and gradual phase out of environmentally harmful subsidies." with a "Read more" link. Another link "Facilitating access to finance" is also present.
- Task Force for the Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme (EAP Task Force)**: A section header at the bottom of the page.

A sidebar on the left lists various environmental topics, with "Environment in emerging and transition economies" highlighted in blue. Other topics include Biodiversity, water and natural resource management; Climate change; Consumption, innovation and the environment; Environment and development; Environment and trade; Environmental country reviews; Environmental indicators, modelling and outlooks; and Environmental policy tools and evaluation.