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## List of Abbreviations:

ADP	Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action
APA	Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement
BL	Belarus (used as an abbreviation within Clima East reference numbers)
BMUB	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit
BNS	Bureau of National Statistics
BR	Biannual Report
CA	Competent Authority
C	Core Action
CFE	Climate Forum East II
CC	Climate Change
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CLIMA	DG Climate Action
COP	Conference of Parties (UNFCCC)
DEVCO	DG Development and Cooperation
DG	Directorate General of European Commission
EaP	Eastern Partnership
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EC	European Commission
EF	Expert Facility
ENP	European Neighbourhood Policy
ENPI	The European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument
EU	European Union
EUR	Euro
ETS	Emissions Trading Scheme
FLEG	The ENPI Forest Law Enforcement, Governance Program “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia”
FP	Focal Point
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH
IED	Industrial Emissions Directive
INDC	Intended Nationally Determined Contribution
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPPC	Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC)
KE	Key Expert
KP	Kyoto Protocol
LEDS	Low Emissions Development Strategy
LULUCF	Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry
MRV	Monitoring, Reporting and Verification
MNREP	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NEAR	DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement
NAMA	Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions
NAS	National Adaptation Strategy
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NKE	Non Key Expert
ODS	Ozone Depleting Substances
PMR	Partnership for Market Readiness (World Bank)
PC	Partner Country (Clima East Partner Country)
ToR	Terms of Reference
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WB	World Bank

## Introduction

### Background information on the Clima East Policy Project

The Clima East Policy Project (the Project), is funded by the European Union (EU) to help Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and the Russian Federation<sup>1</sup> (the Partner Countries/PCs) become prepared to reduce greenhouse-gas emission and to deal with the impacts of climate change. It also aims to facilitate dialogue in this area between the EU and the partner countries. The Policy Project (budget EUR 8.2 million) constitutes one part of a larger Clima East package, which also includes a separate Pilots Project (budget EUR 11 million), which supports the development of ecosystems-based approaches to climate change. The specific objective of the Clima East Policy Project is to foster improved climate change policies, strategies and market mechanisms in the Partner Countries that are more in line with the EU acquis, by supporting regional cooperation and improving information-access to EU climate change policies.

Activity for each year is organised within Core Action areas to provide strategic focus for support. Within this structure, the programme offers national and regional activities appropriate to the needs of each Partner Country and the cooperation priorities of the EU and the Partner Countries.

For 2016, the proposed Core Action structure is as follows.

Core Action	Description
<b>C1</b>	<p><b>Paris Agreement implementation and UNFCCC engagement support</b></p> <p>Building on the analysis of INDC preparation support put together by Clima East in 2015, this priority focuses on supporting implementation of the outcomes of COP.21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translating Paris Agreement elements and commitments into national policies and programmes (including engagement with sectoral ministries to further build competence, especially where cross-government engagement was limited during the preparation period)</li> <li>• Supporting a focus on AA compliance (where relevant)</li> <li>• Support on integrating Paris outcomes into other ongoing processes (such as LEDS), if relevant.</li> <li>• Engagement in the process for the Paris Agreement delegated/follow-up decisions to be taken at COP 22 Morocco ( December 2016) and beyond.</li> </ul>
<b>C2</b>	<p><b>Mainstreaming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement on opportunities to further support (I)NDCs, LEDS, NAPs and high-level/cross-government planning.</li> <li>• Continuing to support existing and emerging requests for sectoral climate action planning</li> <li>• Arranging sectoral seminars or webinars where sectoral clusters emerge across the region (e.g. water/forestry/agriculture/ transport/health/DRR, to exchange lessons (participating in suitable fora organised by other projects or bodies).</li> </ul>
<b>C3</b>	<p><b>MRV support</b></p> <p>Where requested, national programmes of support for building understanding and consensus for implementation of effective MRV systems, or coordinated contributions to complement existing support from other sources.</p> <p>National programmes to be differentiated by priority focus of PC government (e.g. UNFCCC focused and/or ETS (large emitter) focussed) etc.</p>
<b>C4</b>	<p><b>Support for capacity building in GHG modelling and vulnerability assessment</b></p> <p>Support in use of GHG models to address any revisiting of data for INDC and/or implementation Continued support in upgrading Vulnerability Assessment systems and capacity, through identification of relevant system and support in access, adoption and training in use.</p>
<b>C5</b>	<p><b>Association Agreement implementation support (where relevant)</b></p> <p>Continued support for the implementation of climate-related directives, in particular within climate action related Chapters or sections, as specified in the AAs with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. (Advice and focus on AA compliance throughout all other Core Actions)</p>

<sup>1</sup> As from 1 January 2015 Russia only participates in applicable regional activities.

## Basis for planning of Clima East Support in 2016

This Workplan describes the planned activities under Clima East for Belarus for 2016. They reflect developments in the context of UNFCCC, in particular the “Paris Agreement”<sup>2</sup>, Partner Countries (PC) developments and priorities, and the priorities for bi-lateral cooperation between PCs and the EU. The activities have been planned to fit in with the activities<sup>3</sup> of other donors to maximise potential synergies and avoid duplication. Section 1 covers technical support to be made available through programmed core activities. It also covers Expert Facility (EF)<sup>4</sup> assignments being implemented, or for which proposals are currently being prepared or could be foreseen in response to the needs raised by PC stakeholders. Section 2 presents key project oversight, management and communications activities not covered in Section 1.

These proposals are based on discussions held with Belarusian Government representatives on 20 January 2016 and follow up correspondence from Deputy Minister Igor Kachanovskiy, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, and meetings with Belarus representatives on 21-22 March 2016, together with recent applications to the Expert Facility (EF). It is understood that the highest priority needs are support for implementation of the Paris Agreement, particularly NDC formulation<sup>5</sup>, and long-term planning aspects, climate mainstreaming and adaptation especially in agriculture through the Expert Facility.

The project activities are also aligned with Belarus’s climate-relevant national priorities and geared towards their implementation. These include:

- a) [Paris Agreement](#) ratification and updating (sectoral broadening) of the [INDC](#);
- b) Implementation of the Concept of the [Law on Climate Protection](#) adopted by Presidential Decree in 2010. This provides the legal framework for mitigation and adaptation policies and measures, instruments for regulation of GHG emissions;
- c) Implementation of the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus No510 of 21.06.2013 [“On approval of the State Program of measures on climate change mitigation for 2013-2020”](#). The resolution determines a wide range of policies and measures aimed at mitigation and adaptation in the country, defines responsible governmental bodies and financing from the state budget;
- d) Implementation of the Strategy on Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus till 2025 approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection (MNREP) Board 28.01.2011 r. № 8-P;
- e) Action in line with a special item in the Decree of the President of Belarus on National Security 9 November, 2010 which highlights that the sustainability of agricultural production in conditions of changing climate corresponds to the national policy;
- f) Action in line with the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus from 20.06.2013 # 503 which endowed MNREP with the mandate to develop draft state programs and action plans and other normative acts in the area of adaptation to climate change.

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<sup>2</sup> Full text available at UNFCCC: English version: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/eng/l09r01.pdf>

Russian version: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/rus/l09r01r.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> The regularly updated national and regional focused donor activity summaries are available on our website’s “partner countries” section: <http://www.climaeast.eu/>

<sup>4</sup> Please note that implementation of new Expert Facility applications will be subject to approval by the European Commission, and will require timely cooperation of the Beneficiary in developing the Application and Terms of Reference documents, and timely approval by the relevant authorities, including provision of No Objection by the Focal Point.

<sup>5</sup> Belarus is considering a potential revision/update of its INDC in the process of the Paris Agreement ratification and submitting an NDC prior to April 2017 that may not be identical to the current submitted INDC.

## 1. Detailed activity description under Core Actions C1-C4

C1 Paris Agreement implementation and UNFCCC engagement support		
<p><b>Background and relevant national priorities:</b>                      The Paris Agreement requires accelerated national action in preparing comprehensive plans for achieving the 2030 goals set out in the INDCs. It calls for increased ambition regarding the reduction of emissions prior to 2020 and for countries to revisit NDC targets and review the potential both for strengthening them and for developing and communicating long term targets before 2020. It also foresees an enhanced transparency system, requiring improved MRV in all climate related areas. Activities undertaken prior to 2020 and those planned for Paris Agreement timeframes (post 2020) must be carefully coordinated and must be compliant with the Convention and the provisions of the Agreement.</p> <p>Belarus formed a cross-governmental INDC Working Group (led by Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources) in May 2015, and prepared its INDC the summer of 2015, supported by Clima East. Following submission of its INDC and COP.21, the INDC Working Group now has the mandate to coordinate revision of the NDC and preparations for implementation. These activities envisage to take account of the various sectoral strategies – existing and under updating (key climate relevant legislation is listed on the <a href="#">Clima East website</a>). Belarus is not currently receiving support from other donors for the process of revision and preparation for implementation of its NDC, though UNDP has been and will be engaged in related activities such as energy efficiency support, whilst the EC has been involved in various agricultural, forestry and environment (air quality, waste) and sustainable/green economy projects. The full review of donor projects is available on the <a href="#">Clima East website</a>. Clima East project activities will be closely coordinated with these existing programmes and any new projects that begin over 2016.</p> <p>The project support under other Core Actions will focus on the key priorities as defined in the submitted INDC and facilitate the formulation of the respective sectoral and inter-sectoral climate actions, policies and measures in line with emerging PA modalities. Under this Core Action it will support Belarussian stakeholders in preparing for negotiations under the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement through two workshops in the series of regular regional preparatory workshops for negotiators. The workshops will serve as a platform for a dialogue between Belarus and the EU, as well as for communication among Eastern Neighbourhood countries, to facilitate coordination in the context of international climate negotiations by discussing key issues of importance to the countries involved.</p>		
ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p><b>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES<sup>6</sup></b> Non in this Core Action</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL WORKPLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>R1-</b> Regional UNFCCC Ad Hoc group on Paris Agreement implementation workshop (potential details: 21<sup>st</sup> – 22nd June 2016 in Bratislava, with Slovakian EU Presidency – TBC).</li> <li>• <b>R2</b> - Regional UNFCCC pre-COP22 workshop (October 2016).</li> <li>• <b>R3</b> - Support for exploring possibilities of climate finance and using new (market) mechanisms proposed in the Paris Agreement (Art 6.2, 6.4): a) report summarising current finance opportunities, incl. market options (KE1,2 and short-term NKE); b) and c) discussion session on subject at each regional post/pre-cop (June, October) and at post-Paris Agreement national events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop dialogue facilitated between negotiators and DG Clima on key Paris outcomes and further negotiation issues (see also MRV support C3 contributing to the Paris Agreement transparency requirements), as well as orientation on finance opportunities available.</li> <li>• Report summarising current finance opportunities, including market options (KE1,2 and short-term NKE support), for all Partner Countries</li> <li>• Delivery of sectoral or other analysis as identified in EF ToR, to inform updated/revised NDC for UNFCCC submission. Capacity of Belarussian officials/experts for long-term modelling developed through exercise. (If EF application approved)</li> <li>• Guidance on components of a potential Roadmap for creating new legal normative documents relating to the implementation of the Paris Agreement (If EF application approved)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution to more effective NDC finalisation and Paris Agreement implementation with an appropriate legislative base and effective utilisation of financial options and opportunities</li> <li>• Improved skills and knowledge base of climate change staff and technical negotiators</li> <li>• Improved understanding of EU follow-up to Paris Agreement and enhanced cooperation between Partner Countries and the EU</li> <li>• Widening window of opportunities for GHG emissions reduction by facilitating development of voluntary schemes</li> </ul>
<p><b>APPROVED EF</b> None in this area.</p> <p><b>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BL-EFAPP-1</b> - Support in reviewing, revising and formalising Belarus's INDC prior to ratification and submission before 22 April 2017 including GHG modelling for long-term (2050) low GHG emission development strategies.</li> <li>• <b>BL-EFAPP-2</b> – Guidance for development of a Roadmap relating to the new legal normative documents concerning the implementation of the PA (Support for implementation subject to approval and budget availability)</li> </ul>		

<sup>6</sup> The Clima East Helpdesk remains open for requests for support on specific queries on the implementation of UNFCCC/PA/NDCs and associated finance: ad hoc consultations, reference materials and recommendations. The Key Expert Team can be reached through: <http://www.climaeast.eu/help-desk>

<b>C2 Mainstreaming</b>		
<b>Background and relevant national priorities:</b>		
<p>Mainstreaming entails engaging actors whose main tasks are not directly concerned with climate change in working to attain climate change goals. The implementation of the Paris Agreement and the INDC will require a multi-sectoral and integrated natural resources management approach with wide stakeholder participation. Raising awareness of climate issues for each policy area is the first step. This needs to be followed by measures to integrate adaptation and mitigation into policy formulation in virtually all sectors. Government bodies beyond the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection also need to be involved to ensure proper reporting to the UNFCCC Secretariat.</p> <p>Belarus has enshrined climate action within state policy through a number of key legislative instruments (such as the ‘Concept of the Law on Climate Protection’ adopted by Presidential Decree in 2010 and the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus No510 of 21.06.2013 “On approval of the State Program of measures on climate change mitigation for 2013-2020”) though does not currently have overarching climate policy or strategies such as a NAP or LEDS in place. The INDC is however intended to create a basis for such overarching policies in future. Belarus has to date approached climate issues through sectoral policies and plans, and is receiving relevant support in some sectors, such as in energy from (UNDP; EC; INOGATE etc), agriculture (EC; ENPARD) land and forest management (GEF-UNDP and EC; FLEGII), and water and flood management as well general greening/sustainability of the economy through EC as listed on the <a href="#">Clima East website</a></p> <p>In addition to supporting mainstreaming through assistance to MNREP in moving ahead with its NDC implementation (under C1 above) Clima East will also support planning for a specific sector, agriculture, a priority sector shared with a number of other Partner Countries across the Clima East region. Subject to approval of related Expert Facility action, the project will be ready to provide specific support at national level in building understanding specifically of the needs and mechanisms for climate planning within agriculture.</p>		
ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME SUPPORTED
<p><b>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES<sup>7</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None in this area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COMO and CFEII participants consulted to facilitate understanding of options for involvement of partners outside central government in mainstreamed climate policy formulation.</li> <li>• Expert advice to inform the development of a national strategy on Adaptation of Agriculture to Climate Change (subject to approval)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Incorporation of climate adaptation action in agricultural policy.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL WORKPLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>R4</b> - Coordination with regional and civil society action through CFEII and Covenant of Mayors with the aim of bringing together the national and sub-national climate change actors and improving national legislation enabling sub-national climate action</li> </ul>		
<p><b>APPROVED EF</b></p> <p>None in this area.</p>		
<p><b>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BL-EF-APP3 – Assistance in developing a strategy on adaptation of agriculture to climate change (follow up to EF APP BL 005 that has developed adaptation concept)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>(see also vulnerability assessment for agriculture project at C4)</b></p> <p><i>(Support for implementation subject to approval and budget availability)</i></p>		

<sup>7</sup> The Clima East Helpdesk remains open for requests for support on specific queries on Climate Action Mainstreaming: ad hoc consultations, reference materials and recommendations. This support Team can be reached through: <http://www.climaeast.eu/help-desk>

<b>C3 MRV support</b>		
<b>Background and relevant national priorities:</b>		
<p>To manage the reduction of GHG emissions, MRV systems for GHGs must be designed and implemented at the respective installation/sectoral/national levels in line with their national circumstances, the Paris Agreement and existing Convention obligations. Belarus is taking steps to strengthen GHG emission regulation and policy in a systematic way by elaborating the basic law on Climate Protection and is considering the introduction of an emissions trading system for large emitters. These goals require the creation of a comprehensive database on emission sources to develop the national MRV system so that it covers the largest emitters in the energy, industry, agriculture and waste sectors.</p> <p>Clima East's current support for the collection of data on, and from, large emitters is already under way through CEEF2014-006-BL. In addition, the Key expert team will provide recommendations (reflecting EU approaches and the requirements of the Paris Agreement) in relation to MRV and will discuss these with stakeholders. It will hold a joint conference on MRV with the EU project on Support to Green Economy Development to contribute to better coordinated environmental and climate policies and using mutually efficient regulation methods.</p> <p>Belarus is not currently receiving support from other donors for the improvement of bottom-up and top-down GHG MRV systems.</p>		
ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p><b>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES<sup>8</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BL.1.N</b> - KE1 support to EF team to incorporate Paris Agreement requirements into the review on International approaches under CEEF2014-006-BL</li> <li>• <b>BL.2.N</b> - Joint conference on MRV with the EU project on Support to Green Economy Development in July linked to the completion of the EF MRV (CEEF2014-006-BL) project</li> <li>• <b>BL.3.N.</b> Support in forestry and land use sector related inventorisation/MRV system improvements and application for relevant policies (in support of INDC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical advice on the potential integration of MRV systems for various substances; improved capacity among governmental stakeholders for country wide improvement of MRV /inventory systems</li> <li>• Capacity building and recommendations on applicable forestry oriented mitigation (e.g. ; increased sink potential with resilience to climate change ; sustainable biomass use; biofuels; corresponding RES regulations) policies. Improved processes for LULUCF inventorisation, reporting and monitoring both for policy formation, implementation and Convention reporting purposes.</li> <li>• Enhanced large emitter data collection system</li> <li>• Recommendations on the mechanism for data collection on enterprises which produce more than 20 kt. of CO2 per year                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. identification of the main emitters in selected sectors and sub-sectors</li> <li>ii. development of methodological approaches to the assessment of GHG emissions (e.g. sources of emissions to be included in corporate responsibility, direct/indirect sources, approaches to estimation of emissions, reporting requirements)</li> <li>iii. list of requirements for emission reporting (possible formats, rules and procedures) and verification of emission data</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Review of international (initially, EU) approaches to the organisation of MRV at the emitter level (reporting, target setting, verification, monitoring and monitoring of target achievement) – including specific guidance on PA requirements from KE1</li> <li>• Recommendations on setting up a competent authority and independent emissions verification system, and proposed list of legal changes and outline of a roadmap.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement of national systems for GHG inventories and reporting under the Convention/Paris Agreement</li> <li>• Design of MRV systems for Paris Agreement/INDCs</li> <li>• Improved solid/liquid biofuels regulatory environment; enhanced NDC with forestry related components ; improved LULUCF accounting and MRV systems</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL WORKPLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>R5-</b> Regional workshop to support integrated approaches for MRV systems covering GHGs, (transboundary) air pollutants and Montreal Protocol substances. This builds on project work related to ODS/F-gases support – having an explicit MRV elements - , the integrated (ETS-IED/IPPC) approach under the AA (MD, UA) and bringing together those responsible for GHG, air pollutant and Montreal Protocol from within the PCs for sharing their experiences with each other.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>APPROVED EF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CEEF2014-006-BL</b> - (Expert Facility assignment ongoing). Development of an MRV system on greenhouse gas emissions for the major GHG emitters. Provisional title: Development of a mechanism for data collection on enterprises in the Republic of Belarus, which produce more than 20 kt. of carbon dioxide per year (in equivalent)</li> </ul>		
<p><b>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>None currently in this area</b></li> </ul>		

<sup>8</sup> The Clima East Helpdesk remains open for requests for support on specific queries regarding MRV systems suitable for the Paris Agreement/(I)NDCs: ad hoc consultations, reference materials and recommendations. This support can be reached through: <http://www.climaeast.eu/help-desk>

**C4 Support for capacity building for emission modelling and vulnerability assessment**

**Background and relevant national priorities:**

Improved vulnerability climate modelling for adaptation purposes and emission modelling for mitigation purposes are specialised technical areas where support is predominantly through the Expert Facility. Clima East support will contribute to building the technical capacity of Belarusian experts and feed into current efforts to incorporate climate issues systematically into agricultural planning and improve long term low emission development planning, with a specific focus on the 2050 policy framework, in line with UNFCCC expectations.

In Belarus experience and capacity have been developed, supported by various donors such as GEF-UNDP and Clima East on TIMES, LEAP and other emissions modelling systems in which both academia and government ministries have been actively involved. Vulnerability assessment and climate modelling has been largely confined to academia and less government engagement has been observed.

The GHG modelling and vulnerability assessments provide an essential input for policy formulation support as covered by C1-C3 activities.

ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p><b>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES<sup>9</sup></b> None in this area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner Countries provided with information on EU and PC approaches to 2050 policy framework formulation, sharing lessons from those who have requested direct support in this area.</li> <li>Short diagnostic note on key issues for improved long-term (2050) planning</li> <li>Initial assessment of damage to agriculture caused by climate change to justify the adoption of a National Adaptation Strategy. Raised awareness on damage caused by climate factors in agriculture. Capacity building for utilisation of climate models and improved use by agriculture policy makers and managers. (If EF support approved).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved methodological skills and knowledge for climate impact modelling and subsequent adaptation planning;</li> <li>Evidence-based agriculture adaptation planning and long term low emission development strategies.</li> <li>Evidence-based 2050 policy framework.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL WORKPLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R6 - Regional Workshop to discuss EU and MS approaches to support 2050 policy framework formulation</li> <li>R7 – Brief reviews on key issues for improved long-term (2050) strategy and policy formulation at national level. (KE)</li> </ul>		
<p><b>APPROVED EF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None in this area.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BL-EFAPP-4</b> - Vulnerability assessment for agriculture (prior to agriculture adaptation strategy) See C2 (1) above. (BL-EFAPP-1 under C1 will also build local expert capacity in the development of application of long term GHG modelling for NDC revision) <i>(Support for implementation subject to approval and budget availability)</i></li> </ul>		

<sup>9</sup> The Clima East Helpdesk remains open for consultation and to support if requested on capacity building in emission modelling and vulnerability assessment: ad hoc consultations, reference materials and recommendations. This support can be reached through: <http://www.climaeast.eu/help-desk>

## **2. Management, oversight and communications.**

### **1. Steering Committee Meeting, 2016**

The Project brought together the National Focal Points or their representatives from each of the Partner Countries on 21 March for the 2016 Steering Committee Meeting in Brussels. As well as DGs NEAR and CLIMA and Partner Country Focal Points, representatives from other relevant projects attended (EPIRB, OSCE Climate Change and Security in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus projects) to that lessons learned are shared, to coordinate action to be taken on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in the region in 2016, and to identify opportunities to handover ongoing support and to enhance sustainability of the results. The agenda for the Steering Committee included:

- Presentations from the Partner Countries on priorities for action to tackle climate change in 2016 and beyond.
- Presentations from DG NEAR and DG Clima on EU priorities for cooperation.
- Discussion of potential project extension and its implications, results dissemination and sustainability plans.

### **2. Clima East Team Planning Calls/Meetings**

The team will hold bi-weekly planning calls and bi-monthly team meetings through 2016 to assist in effective planning, reporting and close down.

### **3. 6 monthly Progress Reports for Period 7 and 8**

Administrative project progress reports will continue to be elaborated and submitted by the project team to DG NEAR. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Interim Progress Reports will be submitted during 2016.

### **4. Donor project coordination**

Six monthly updates of donor project summaries will be produced and published on the website. Coordination will be carried out through correspondence and joint meetings with key projects (e.g. CFE II, EPIRB, and WB, UNDP, GIZ and USAID led-initiatives) to ensure effective and complementary work programmes.

### **5. DEVCO Infopoint event**

A lunchtime event presenting Clima East to Brussels stakeholders was held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

### **6. Climate change cooperation – outreach event**

If agreed by Partner Country and EU authorities, Clima East will organise a half day public outreach event in each country – initially targeted at civil society and student communities, to present key climate policy issues, EU and Partner Country action and the results of Clima East and other relevant cooperation.

### **7. Clima East Newsletters**

Short bi-lingual newsletters to be issued bi-monthly targetting a wider readership (stakeholder mailing list and the public), and providing updates on key Clima East activities and results and news on climate change issues.

### **8. Sustainability Stock-take**

In July 2016, the team will undertake a sustainability stock-take to analyse at risk results and opportunities to maximise and further embed results and to prepare recommendations for action that could be taken to address these issues.

### **9. Clima East Results Publication**

The project team will prepare a final publication to disseminate the activities carried out and the results achieved through the Clima East Policy project at the regional and national levels. The document will bring together the lessons

learnt through the project for future reference. A proposed outline of the document will be prepared by 15<sup>th</sup> September and content will be collated over the remainder of the year, with a view to publication in early 2017.

#### 10. Planning for Closing Conference (Q1 2017)

Clima East will organise a conference within the region to mark the formal closure of activities early in 2017. This will bring together key Partner Country stakeholders as well as technical experts who have been involved in the Clima East Expert Facility. Stakeholders from other related projects will also be invited to attend. A proposed agenda will be presented by 15<sup>th</sup> September.

The event will: present and discuss project achievements and lessons; introduce stakeholders to wider sources of future support; and reinforce the network of national, regional and international relationships fostered by the project.

#### Key dates of Administrative Management/Oversight Activities 2016

	<b>Task (and location where applicable)</b>	<b>Associated Dates</b>
1	Clima East Policy Project Steering Committee Meeting, 2016, Brussels	21 March 2016
3	6 monthly Project Report for Period 7 (10/ 2015 – 03/2016)	Draft to be submitted to DG NEAR by May 2016
4	Clima East Newsletters	Bi-monthly
5	Infopoint event	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
6	Climate Change outreach event	TBC
7	Outline of Results Dissemination Document and Close Out Conference	To be submitted to DG NEAR by 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
8	6 monthly Project Report for Period 8 (April 2016 – September 2016)	Early draft to be submitted to DG NEAR by November 5 <sup>th</sup> 2016

