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List of Abbreviations:

AI	Annex I (to Kyoto Protocol)
AA	Association Agreement between the EU and some Partner countries (GE, MD, UA)
ADP	Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action
APA	Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement
AM	Armenia (used as an abbreviation within Clima East reference numbers)
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”
F-Gases	Fluorinated Gases
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
MNP	Ministry of Nature 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
NO _x	Nitrogen Oxide
ODS	Ozone Depleting Substances
PA	Paris Agreement
PMR	Partnership for Market Readiness (World Bank)
PC	Partner Country (Clima East Partner Country)
SO ₂	Sulphur Dioxide
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 Federation¹ (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
C1	<p>Paris Agreement (PA) implementation and UNFCCC engagement support</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"> • Translating Paris Agreement elements and commitments into national policies and programmes by assisting in the development of the Roadmap for bringing national legislation into line with PA • Assistance in drafting regulations relating to voluntary GHG emissions trade market. • Assistance in preparations (information supply, consultations, including Help Desk and PreCop meeting) for participation in COP22 and other related to UNFCCC high level events
C2	<p>Mainstreaming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further support for the revision and implementation of INDCs • Support for the development of the National Adaptation Plan and also for the formulation for the Strategy of Agriculture Adaptation to Climate Change • Assistance in improving data collection and analysis for the LULUCF sector
C3	<p>MRV support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with improving MRV and data collection procedures for the transport and LULUCF sectors • Support in designing MRV system aspects that would allow for the participation in the Paris Agreement market mechanisms based on international experience and responding to requests for specialised materials
C4	<p>Support for capacity building in emissions modelling and vulnerability assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support in the use of GHG models for possible revision of data for INDC implementation • Continued support for upgrading adaptation planning and Vulnerability Assessment systems by helping to identify and adopt an appropriate system and to access training • Assessment of the vulnerability of agriculture to climate change and identification of anticipated short and long term damage

¹ As from 1 January 2015 Russia only participates in applicable regional activities.

Executive Summary

This Workplan describes the planned national activities for Armenia for 2016. They reflect developments in the context of UNFCCC, in particular the “Paris Agreement”², partner country developments and priorities, and the priorities for bi-lateral cooperation between Partner Countries (PCs) and the EU. The activities have been planned to fit in with the activities³ of other donors to maximise the potential synergies and avoid duplication. Section 1 covers technical support to be made available through programmed core activities. It also covers Expert Facility (EF)⁴ 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 Armenian Government representatives on 16 December 2015 and follow up correspondence, together with recent applications to the Expert Facility. Armenia has stated that its highest priority needs are: support for adaptation through follow-up work on the Roadmap for the National Adaptation Plan produced with Clima East support in 2015; water related adaptation issues (water ecosystems); climate mainstreaming in the transport sector (international transport networks; road transport); and support for the development of an assessment/MRV framework of GHG emissions from managed soils to enhance sustainable forest and pasture management.

The project activities are also aligned with Armenia’s climate relevant national priorities and are geared towards their implementation; their list is as follows:

- a) Implementation of Republic of Armenia’s [Strategic Development Programme for 2014-2025](#) (2014)
- b) Implementation of the INDC approved by the RA Government Protocol Decision No 41 of 10 September, 2015, on Approving the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions of the Republic of Armenia under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat on 28 September, 2015
- c) [Paris Agreement](#) ratification (already translated and moves towards legal adoption) and implementation of the [INDC](#).
- d) Implementation of the [Government Decree on Approval of the Action Plan](#) of RA Obligations Emanating from a Number of International Environmental Conventions No 1594 of the 10.11.2011 (amended by the RA Government Decree No 397-N of 16 April, 2015) Implementation of Prime Minister Decree No. [955-A](#) of 2 October 2012 which was elaborated further by Env. Ministerial Decree No. 25-A of 23 February 2013) regarding the of the Inter-agency Coordinating Council on Implementation of Requirements and Provisions of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- e) Implementation of [Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries](#) for the Decade 2014-2024

² 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>

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

⁴ 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.

1. Detailed activity description under Core Actions C1-C4

C1 Paris Agreement implementation and UNFCCC engagement support

Background and relevant national priorities:

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.

Armenia prepared its INDC during 2015 predominantly supported by UNDP (with some specific, sector oriented coordinated support from Clima East and GIZ). Following submission of its INDC and COP.21, MNP and the Inter-Agency Coordination Council of UN Framework Convention on Climate Change now have the mandate to coordinate the preparations for the implementation of the (I)NDC. These activities envisage to take account of the various sectoral strategies – existing and under update (the full climate relevant legislation is listed on the [Clima East website](#)).

Armenia is currently receiving support from various donors for activities such formulating its post-2015 development agenda (UNDP), LEDS creation focussed on energy generation and use (USAID), and various adaptation related activities. These activities are closely linked to the implementation of the (I)NDC; the full review of donor projects is available on the [Clima East website](#), Clima East project activities will be closely coordinated and harmonised with the existing and new donor programmes.

Clima East will support the Armenian authorities in assessing the steps required following the Paris Agreement, in consultation with national stakeholders and the EU. Clima East will explore the options for providing this support through a national workshop in Yerevan in cooperation with UNDP CCO with selected stakeholders, if requested. Clima East will support Armenian 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 Armenia 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.

ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES⁵</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM.1.N - A national workshop in Yerevan in cooperation with UNDP CCO for selected cross-government stakeholders to support understanding and follow-up of the requirements of the Paris Agreement and Armenia's NDC and steps in the implementation of the Paris Agreement (if requested). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National workshop participants informed on Paris Agreement provisions, implications for Armenia, and implementation steps to be taken (If workshop requested). Output: Workshop materials and summary of key issues and recommendations. • Negotiators and CCC members are equipped with in-depth understanding of the key Paris Agreement issues that are important for the EU and Armenia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to more effective engagement with Paris Agreement implementation and enhanced cooperation between Partner Countries and the EU; • Contribution to more effective engagement in COP22
<p>ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL WORKPLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R1 - Regional UNFCCC Ad Hoc group on Paris Agreement implementation workshop (expected details 21st – 22nd June 2016 in Bratislava, with Slovakian EU Presidency – To be confirmed). • R2 - Regional UNFCCC pre-COP22 negotiators workshop (October 2016). • R3 - 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops to promote dialogue facilitated between negotiators, DG Clima and other relevant stakeholders on key Paris outcomes and further negotiation issues (see also MRV support C3 contributing to Paris Agreement transparency requirements), and orientation on finance opportunities available • Report summarising current finance opportunities, including market options (NE1,2 and short-term NKE support) for all Partner Countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in decision-making and planning for Paris Agreement implementation at the national level • Wider participation by other sections of government • Improved skills and knowledge base for climate change staff and technical negotiators
<p>APPROVED EF None in this area</p>		
<p>PROPOSED EF APPLICATION None to date in this area</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding of EU follow-up to Paris Agreement

⁵ 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>

C2 Mainstreaming

Background and relevant national priorities:

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 Nature Protection also need to be involved to ensure proper reporting to the UNFCCC Secretariat.

Armenia does not currently have overarching climate policy or strategies such as a NAP or LEDS in place, though NAP and LEDS formulation work is underway (a NAP Roadmap having been supported by Clima East) and the INDC can create a basis for such overarching policies in future. Armenia has rather approached climate issues through sectoral policies and plans, and is receiving relevant support in some sectors, such as in energy from (EC; INOGATE etc), agriculture (EC; ENPARD), land and forest management (GEF-UNDP and EC; FLEGII), and water and flood management through EC, GEF-UNDP and other donors as listed on the Clima East website

In addition to supporting mainstreaming through assistance to MNP and the Inter-Agency Coordination Council in moving ahead with its NDC implementation, Clima East will continue to support the Roadmap for the National Adaptation Plan (delivered in 2015) through a workshop to discuss the recommendations with key cross-ministerial and CSO stakeholders.

Clima East will also support planning for specific sectors linked to shared priorities across the Clima East region (water, agriculture and transport). Support for agricultural adaptation will continue under the ongoing EF training of Ministry of Agriculture staff in climate-smart agriculture techniques. The Key Expert team will also support the development of Expert Facility applications, if desired, for assistance in assessing climate change vulnerability of ecosystems of the Debed-Khram-Kur and Aghstev-Aghstapha-Kur water intake basin, and for expert advice on reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through optimisation of the Caucasus transport network (rail, air and road).⁶ If approved, relevant Expert Facility Assignments will be implemented.

ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM.2.N - Workshop to discuss the recommendations of the Adaptation Roadmap developed through EF assignment CEEF2014-024-AM (completed), for cross-ministerial and CSO stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support given in identifying support needs arising from National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Roadmap recommendations to build coordination between Ministries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation/regulations and/or practices improved in various sectors • Improved capacity to deliver on international and national obligations including under NDC and NAP implementation
<p>ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL WORKPLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R4 - 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFEII participants consulted to facilitate understanding of options for involvement of partners outside central government in mainstreamed climate policy formulation. • Awareness raising and capacity building workshops held for civil society and government stakeholders in CSA approach and support for elaborating recommendations for the development of CSA policies based on review of the National Strategy on Sustainable Rural and Agriculture Development for 2010-2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation principles and understanding of options improved and framed in the context of the Roadmap for the National Adaptation Plan with focus on agriculture and ecosystem based adaptation of river-basin ecosystems
<p>APPROVED EF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEEF 2015-046-AM-GE 'Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practice in Georgia and Armenia' . (Under Implementation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSA integrated into policies under National Strategy on Sustainable Rural and Agriculture Development for 2010-2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSA integrated into policies under National Strategy on Sustainable Rural and Agriculture Development for 2010-2020
<p>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM-EFAPP-1 Technical advice for climate action in transport focusing on transboundary emissions from transport allowing for subsequent NAMA formulation. • AM-EFAPP-2 Technical advice for the Debed-Khram-Kur and Aghstev-Aghstapha-Kur basin's adaptation options and measures in a NAP compliant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical advice for the reduction of GHG emissions of Armenia's international (all modalities) transport network allowing for subsequent NAMA formulation (if application approved) • Input into adaptation planning for the Debed-Khram-Kur and Aghstev-Aghstapha-Kur basin basin in a NAP compliant manner (if application approved) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMA formulation process for the reduction of GHG emissions across all modes of Armenia's transport network

⁶ Transport is the fastest growing emission source and seen as a high priority by MNP. It is one of the main sectors included in the mitigation contribution of Armenia's NDC. Armenia has joined the Vienna Action Plan of Landlocked Developing Countries for 2014 – 2024 and as such a national action plan to this effect has been adopted. Support in this area will take account of possible EU support relating to the mitigation of the road transport greenhouse gas emissions.

⁷ 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>

manner (Implementation subject to approval and budget availability)

C3 MRV support

Background and relevant national priorities:

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 national circumstances, the Paris Agreement and existing Convention obligations.

Armenia needs to enhance capacity in understanding and using MRV for its planned national activities including: GCF and NAMA project(s), GHG emission reduction activities under the Paris Agreement (INDC) implementation process, and UNFCCC reporting obligations, namely, Biennial Update Reports (BUR). The Ministry of Nature Protection has requested support focusing on a highly complex LULUCF area: the GHG emissions from managed soils. The “Development of methodological guidelines for MRV system in soil carbon capture and storage” will also result in indicators for sustainable forest and pasture management and will be coordinated with work carried out by the Clima East Pilots Project. Support relating to the mitigation of the road transport greenhouse gas emissions (AM-EFAPP-1) is also likely to have component on MRV. Armenian government experts will further be provided with materials developed by the Clima East team on EU and international approaches to the organisation of MRV and the Paris Agreement transparency framework.

ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES⁸</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No activities foreseen under this area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical advice and exchange of experience on the potential integration of MRV systems for various substances; improved capacity among governmental stakeholders for country wide improvement of MRV /inventory systems Expert recommendations on methodology for assessment of GHG emissions in requested LULUCF sectors, with reference to relevant EC and international regulations to contribute towards development of an integrated approach bringing together the existing Convention LULUCF/AFOLU IPPC methodology based reporting with the Convention/Pilots/Forestry MRV approaches of all stakeholders - science, TA projects , government agencies. Input into the establishment of an integrated air pollutants & GHG MRV system for the transport sector. 	<p>Planning for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useable and fit for purpose MRV systems in response to obligations. Improvement of national systems for transport and LULUCF GHG inventories and reporting under the Convention/Paris Agreement (in case of transport integration of air pollutants and GHG MRV susyemtns) LULUCF GHG accounting improvement (soil carbon content) to be coordinated with work carried out in this area by the Clima East Pilots Project.
<p>ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL WORKPLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R5 - 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 the GHG, air pollutant and those responsible for the Montreal Protocol from within the PCs for sharing their experiences with each other. 		
<p>APPROVED EF</p> <p>None in area</p>		
<p>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM-EFAPP-3 Development of a common approach to assessment of GHG emissions from managed soils in the region in cooperation with CE Pilots work on: “Development of methodological guidelines for MRV system in soil carbon capture and storage” as an indicator of sustainable forest and pasture management. AM-EFAPP-4 Development of integrated accounting system for transport sector GHG and air pollutant emissions 		

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

C4 Support for capacity building in emission modelling and vulnerability assessment

Background and relevant national priorities:

Vulnerability assessment for adaptation purposes and emission modelling for mitigation purposes are specialised technical areas where support is predominantly through the Expert Facility. Modelling provides the evidence necessary for the development and implementation of climate action in general and the development and implementation of the National Adaptation Plan in particular.

In Armenia experience and capacity have been developed, supported by various donors such as GEF-UNDP, USAID and Clima East, on TIMES/MARKAL, LEAP and other emissions modelling systems in which both academia and government (Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources) have been actively involved. Vulnerability assessment and climate modelling has been largely confined to academia and less government engagement has been observed though UNDP CCO have played an active role in this field.

The EF assignment: 'Assistance in using modelling tool(s) for climate change vulnerability and impact assessment' will continue and close in 2016. Task 1, involving the International Expert devising a list of potential models for consideration by stakeholders will be completed early in 2016. Task 2 will encompass support in accessing and adopting the selected model, including capacity building for bringing it into operation. For mitigation related modelling, support for GHG modelling for "long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies" will be provided through a regional workshop and a national brief diagnostic on key issues for improved capacity in this area. Further adaptation related (vulnerability) and mitigation modelling activities may take place if requested, subject to Project resources. 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>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES⁹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM.3.N - Expert support, on request, for MNP and the Inter-agency Commission on Climate Change (IACCC) in applying modelling results of the EF projects for formulation of the long-term GHG and adaptation strategy (through Helpdesk support or attendance at CCC events) (This activity will build on and take forward the results R5 and 6, below and CEEF2014-025-AM with a broader stakeholder group (IACCC covered ministries) with engagement of MNP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance / worked examples to demonstrate long-term low-emission and adaptation strategy formulation and its use of modelling approaches used in EF projects • 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. • Short diagnostic note on key issues for improved long-term (2050) planning. • Selected relevant stakeholders trained in model theory and practical use and data collection methods • Adoption of selected vulnerability assessment model supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to capacity development for utilisation of models and tools to inform policy and implementation of NAP, sectoral strategies, long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies and PA • Improved awareness of approaches and methodological issues for mitigation modelling; Evidence-based 2050 policy framework; improved long-term, integrated development planning capacities • Improved methodological skills and knowledge for adaptation planning;
<p>ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL WORKPLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R6 - Regional Workshop to discuss EU and MS approaches to support 2050 policy framework formulation • R7 – Brief reviews on key issues for improved long-term (2050) strategy and policy formulation at national level. (KE) 		
<p>APPROVED EF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEEF2014-025-AM 'Assistance in using modeling tool(s) for climate change vulnerability and impact assessment' 'Assistance in using modelling tool(s) for climate change vulnerability and impact assessment' will continue and close in 2016 (<i>under implementation</i>) 		

⁹ The Clima East Helpdesk remains open for requests for support on specific queries regarding 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>

<p>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None foreseen under this area		
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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 7th and 8th 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 18th 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 targeting 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 15th 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 15th 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

	Task (and location where applicable)	Associated Dates
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 9th
4	Clima East Newsletters	Bi-monthly
5	Infopoint event	18 th January 2016
6	Outline of Results Dissemination Document and final conference	To be submitted to DG NEAR by 15 st September 2016
7	6 monthly Project Report for Period 8 (April 2016 – September 2016)	Early draft to be submitted to DG NEAR by September 5 th 2016

Annex – Schedule

Title of the Event	CODE	CA	Reg/Nat	Location	11 - 22 Jan	25 Jan - 5 Feb	8 - 19 Feb	22 - 4 Mar	7 - 18 Mar	21 Mar - 1 Apr	4 - 15 Apr	18 - 29 Apr	2 - 13 May	16 - 27 May	30 May - 10 Jun	13 - 24 Jun	27 Jun - 8 Jul	11 - 22 Jul	25 Jul - 5 Aug	8 - 19 Aug	22 Aug - 2 Sep	5 - 16 Sep	19 - 30 Sep	3 - 14 Oct	17 - 28 Oct	1 - 11 Nov	14 - 25 Nov	28 - 9 Dec	12 - 23 Dec	
A national workshop in Yerevan in cooperation with UNDP CCO for selected cross-government stakeholders to raise awareness on the main components and requirements of the Paris Agreement and Armenia's NDC and steps in the implementation of the Paris Agreement (if requested).	AM.1.N	C1	AM	YEREVAN																									Date TBC (possibly post March/ UNFCCC session)	
Workshop to discuss the recommendations of the Adaptation Roadmap developed through EF assignment CEEF2014-026-AR1 (Completed), for cross-ministerial and CSO stakeholders	AM.2.N	C2	AM	YEREVAN															Date TBC											
Capacity building for MNP and IACCC for applying EF modelling results in long-term GHG and adaptation strategy	AM.3.N	C4	AM	N/A																										
Regional Implementation workshop following UNFCCC Ad Hoc group on Paris Agreement (June 2016).	R1	C1	REG	BRATISLAVA (TBC)												w/c 20th June														
Regional UNFCCC pre-COP22 workshop	R2	C1	REG	TBC																										
Climate finance and new (market) mechanisms: Summary report and discussion sessions	R3	C1	REG	TBC										Report Preparation		Session within workshop of 20th June											Session within workshop w/c 3rd October			
Possible cooperation with CFEII and Covenant of Mayors events	R4	C2	REG	N/A												CFEII regional meeting 20th June														
Regional Workshop to support integrated approaches for MRV systems	R5	C3	REG	Kiev?																									TBC (to be coordinated with EF support - to be held after National Adaptation Report has been completed)	
Regional Workshop/session to support 2050 policy framework formulation	R6	C4	REG	TBC															TBC											
Brief reviews on key issues for improved long-term (2050) strategy and policy formulation at national level. (KE)	R7	C4	REG	YEREVAN																									Date TBC	
Expert Facility Assignment CEEF 2015-046-AM-GE (CSA) Workshop for key-stakeholders	046-AM-GE	C2	AM/GE	Tbilisi/Yerevan		Workshop for key stakeholders	Workshop for key stakeholders						Report finalisation																	A joint follow up session with UNFCCC on CSA (if approved)
Assistance in using modelling tool(s) for climate change vulnerability and impact assessment'	025-AM	C4	AM	YEREVAN																										Task 2: Phase A and B
Technical advice for climate action in transport	AM-EFAPP-1	C2	AM	YEREVAN																										Application Development and TOR Development
Vulnerability of the Dzhed-Khram-Kur and Aghstev-Aghstapha-Kur basin	AM-EFAPP-2	C2	AM	YEREVAN																										Implementation to be confirmed
Development of a common approach to assessment of GHG emissions from managed lands	AM-EFAPP-3	C3	AM	YEREVAN																										Application Development and TOR Development