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List of Abbreviations:

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
BMUB	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit
GeoStat	National Statistics Service of Georgia
BR	Biannual Report
CA	Competent Authority
C	Core Action
CFE II	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
ETS	Emissions Trading Scheme
EU	European Union
EUR	Euro
EWQER	Economy-wide quantified emission reductions
FLEG	The ENPI Forest Law Enforcement and Governance Program “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia”
F-Gases	Fluorinated Gases
FP	Focal Point
GE	Georgia (used as an abbreviation within Clima East reference numbers)
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
MENRP	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources 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)
PA	Paris Agreement
PC	Partner Country (Clima East Partner Country)
ToR	Terms of Reference
UA	Ukraine (used as an abbreviation within Clima East reference numbers)
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 (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>Convention and Paris Agreement implementation 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 (including engagement with sectoral ministries to further build competence, especially where cross-government engagement was limited during the preparation period) • Supporting a focus on AA compliance (where relevant) • Support on integrating Paris outcomes into other ongoing processes (such as LEDS), if relevant. • Engagement in the process for the Paris Agreement delegated/follow-up decisions to be taken at COP 22 Morocco (December 2016) and beyond.
C2	<p>Climate Action Mainstreaming and Supporting National Climate Bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement on opportunities to further support (I)NDCs, LEDS, NAPs and high-level/cross-government planning. • Continuing to support existing and emerging requests for sectoral climate action planning • 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).
C3	<p>MRV support</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>
C4	<p>Support for capacity building in GHG modelling and vulnerability assessment</p> <p>Support in use of GHG models to address any revisiting of data for INDC and/or implementation</p> <p>Continued support in upgrading Vulnerability Assessment systems and capacity, through identification of relevant system and support in access, adoption and training in use.</p>
C5	<p>Support for implementation of the Association Agreement</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>

Basis for Workplanning for 2016

This Workplan describes the planned activities under Clima East for Georgia during 2016. They reflect developments in the context of UNFCCC, in particular the “Paris Agreement”¹, 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 activities² 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)³ 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.

The proposed activities are based on consultations held with Georgian Government representatives on 22 December 2015, 21-22 March 2016 and follow up communications including updates on the plans of other technical assistance programmes. The Workplan also reflects applications recently submitted for the Expert Facility (EF). Georgia has stated its highest priority needs as support for implementation of its NDC derived from the Paris Agreement and the underlying climate relevant commitments of the Association Agreement for the period until 2030. These include commitments in climate-related sectors such as energy and agriculture, and support in adaptation planning. Georgia’s Association Agreement does not include ETS-related obligations and its energy and industrial sectors have a limited number of large emitting installations, hence they do not feature highly on the Government’s agenda for MRV/ETS support. However, given Georgia’s focus on implementation of its NDC - including NAMAs - and its forthcoming status as Contracting Party to Energy Community Treaty, MRV support may become a more substantial aspect with which Clima East stands ready to support.

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

- a) [Paris Agreement](#) ratification and implementation of the [INDC](#) including NAP and NAMAs formulation and encompassing the EU-Georgia [Association Agreement’s](#) climate-related provisions (Chapter 4 (Climate change), Art 307-310; Annex XXVII);
- b) [Energy Community](#) provisions on energy efficiency, renewables partly additional to the AA etc (planned for Q3 upon entry of Georgia to the Energy Community);
- c) Implementation of “[National Environmental Action Programme](#)” (NEAP-2) covering period of 2012-16 (NEAP-3 development should commence this year).

¹ 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>

² The regularly updated national and regional focused donor activity summaries are available on our website’s “partner countries” section: <http://www.climaeast.eu/>

³ 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-C5

C1 Convention and Paris Agreement implementation support

Background and relevant national priorities:

The Paris Agreement (PA) 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 and for countries to revisit NDC targets and review the potential both for strengthening them and for developing and communicating long term targets. 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.

Georgia prepared its INDC during 2015, predominantly supported by GIZ-facilitated activities on both the INDC process and content, with some specific, sector-oriented input from USAID's flagship LEDS project and from Clima East. Following submission of its INDC and COP.21, MENRP now has the mandate to coordinate the preparations for the implementation of the (I)NDC. Clima East support will focus on key priorities as defined in the submitted INDC and facilitate the formulation of selected sectoral and inter-sectoral climate actions, policies and measures in line with applicable Association Agreement (AA) provisions and emerging PA modalities. These activities envisage to take account of the various sectoral strategies as well as the provisions of the Energy Community, to which Georgia becomes a Contracting Party in 2016 (further climate-relevant legislation is listed at [Clima East website](#)),

Georgia is currently receiving support for creation of a LEDS (USAID) and of an MRV system in line with the UNFCCC provisions (GEF through UNDP). GEF-UNDP support for the creation of a NAP is forthcoming. The full review of donor projects is available on the [Clima East website](#). Clima East project activities will be closely coordinated with existing and new support. GIZ support on: 'Building capacity to achieve alignment with the EU climate targets in the Eastern Partnership countries' (EaP Climate) and on reporting through the project 'Information Matters' are of particular relevance.

Clima East will support the Georgian authorities in assessing next steps following the Paris Agreement, in consultation with national stakeholders and the EU in a way that complies with Association Agreement commitments a national workshop in Tbilisi with selected stakeholders through (if requested and if appropriate areas of support can be identified). It will support Georgian stakeholders in preparing for participation in UNFCCC discussions and negotiations under the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement through two final workshops in the series of regular regional preparatory workshops for negotiators. The above mentioned workshops will serve as a platform for a dialogue between Georgia 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. The project will further provide orientation and guidance to enhance understanding of climate finance opportunities. Subject to submission and approval of an EF application it will support development of a roadmap for the Climate Action Plan for 2020-2030 for implementation of the INDC; (coordination of this area of support will be kept under review as discussions between and with GIZ and MENRP develop)

ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GE.1.N - A national workshop in Tbilisi for selected cross-government stakeholders to support progress on main components and requirements of the PA and the NDC, as well as steps on further negotiations (if requested) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National workshop (if requested) participants informed on Paris Agreement provisions, its implications for Georgia and implementation steps for NDC. Dialogue facilitated between negotiators and DG Clima on the key Paris outcomes and further negotiation issues (see also MRV support C3 contributing to the Paris Agreement transparency requirements); Negotiators are equipped with in-depth understanding of key negotiating issues for EU and Georgia. Regional workshop will prepare negotiators from PCs for upcoming COP22 in Marrakesh Regional Review providing detailed description of financial mechanisms under UNFCCC process with overview of target groups, funds, eligibility, modalities Specified consultation, workshop and contributions to roadmap for Action Plan for 2020-2030 for implementation of the INDC (If EF support approved) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective engagement in COP22 Progress in decision-making and planning for Paris Agreement implementation at the national level Wider participation by other sections of government; Alignment of policies with Association Agreement Improved skills and knowledge base of climate change staff and technical negotiators; National capacity increased for elaboration of Climate Action Plan for INDC implementation for 2020-2030 Enhanced capacity to proper use of UNFCCC financial mechanism and funds for national climate action activities
<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 tbc) 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). 		
<p>APPROVED EF None in this area</p>		
<p>SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EF APPLICATIONS IN FOLLOWING AREAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GE-EFAPP-1 Assistance in elaboration of Roadmap for Action Plan for 2020-2030 for implementation of the NDC and/or PA implementation GE-EFAPP-2 Support for policy scenario development for the "long-term low GHG emission development strategies" (III.36) due by 2020 with a 2050 outlook (see also C4 below) (Support for implementation subject to approval and budget availability) 		

⁴ 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 Climate Action Mainstreaming and Supporting National Climate Bodies

Background and relevant national priorities:
 Mainstreaming involves 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 MENRP need to be involved not only to implement climate policies, but also to ensure proper reporting to the UNFCCC Secretariat.

Georgia does not currently have overarching climate mitigation policy or strategies such a LEDS in place (LEDS has been under development with USAID funding). Georgia 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 (GIZ, ADA and EC; FLEGII) , and water and flood management through EC, GEF-UNDP and other donors, as listed in the Clima East website.

The Georgian authorities wish to fully assess synergies and compatibility across related key strategies and commitments relevant to energy and climate planning, and Clima East will determine relevant KE and NKE support for this review and support a workshop to discuss findings, subject to approval by the Focal Point and the European Commission. Clima East will also support the development of an application to the Expert Facility to access support for the creation of a common umbrella for climate action, and provide this support if approved by the European Commission.

Clima East has been supporting climate planning for agriculture and on the industry section of the LEDS through its Expert Facility, and will complete this support.

ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES⁵</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GE.2.N Review of national and international commitments and elaboration of recommendations on their harmonisation. National workshop(s) on harmonising NREAP, NEEAP and NDC (planned to be held in Tbilisi in Q3/Q4 2016). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of national and international commitments and elaboration of recommendations on their harmonisation. National workshop (planned to be held in Tbilisi in Q3/Q4 2016) presenting findings to senior staff from relevant Ministries and donors. • Recommendations on integrating Climate-smart agriculture concept in the sectoral Strategy • Mitigation policies assessed for cross-effectiveness, and emission reductions calculated, chapter for Industrial Processes in LEDS document prepared • Review report on creation of common umbrella for climate actions in Georgia as specified in TOR • Support for NREAP as specified in ToR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoA staff trained in and incorporate CSA techniques into planning • Improved capacity of elaboration of the NREAP by EC template • Georgian Government's capacity increased in elaboration of IP sector related parts of the LEDS draft, as scheduled by the end of 2016. • Improved coordination between sectoral policy documents and harmonisation of national and international commitments, including PA and AA. • Improved institutionalisation of cross-government climate policy
<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 		
<p>APPROVED EF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEE2015-046-AM-GE 'Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practice in Georgia and Armenia' Capacity Building of Ministry of Agriculture staff in climate-smart agriculture techniques (under implementation) • CEE2015-051-GE 'International Expert assistance for Developing the Industry Section of the Low Emission Development Strategy (LEDS) in Georgia for non-energy GHG mitigation' Assisting the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (under implementation) 		
<p>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GE-EFAPP-3 Support for creation of common umbrella for climate actions in Georgia • GE-EFAPP-4 Assessment of the template for National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP) under Directive 2009/28/EC for the Georgia and drafting the guideline document for implementation Georgia's NREAP (application submitted to DG NEAR) (Support for implementation subject to approval and budget availability) 		

⁵ 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>

C3 MRV Support		
<p>Background and relevant national priorities: To manage GHG emissions, countries have to design and implement MRV systems for GHGs at installation, sectoral and national levels in line with their national circumstances and the emerging Paris Agreement (PA) and existing Convention obligations. Georgia needs to enhance capacity in understanding and using Measuring, Reporting and Verification for its NAMA projects and in general all GHG emission reduction activities, including those under the Paris Agreement (INDC) implementation process and UNFCCC reporting obligations under the Biennial Update Reports (BUR). The experience and expertise obtained during the first BUR preparation will be used for further BURs and for other similar reporting documents. Georgia also needs to increased awareness of ETS-MRV mechanisms in order to be in a position to explore the possibility for its use in future in international emission trading and/or establishing internal ETS. Clima East can assist in enhancing general understanding and awareness to provide a basis for further developments, including a planned GIZ project 'Information Matters' in 2016 and building on "Georgia's First Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC" GEF UNDP project to be finalized in autumn 2016 (Outcome 5: "Domestic MRV system is in place"). MRV support will be built around two main pillars: (1) future MMR obligations emerging from the Energy Community Treaty (if adopted by ECT) and its implementing, domestic provisions and (2) the Paris Agreement's emerging transparency framework that builds on the existing UNFCCC reporting and GHG inventory elements such as applied and applicable to NAMAs. The EU's Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (MMR) will be used as a best practice source in these activities. If adopted by the Energy Community as part of its obligatory provisions further, potential modifications to the support could be considered.</p>		
ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES⁶</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GE.3.N Practical training session on both MRV (general) and PA provision on MRV, for target groups, MENRP CCO staff and other GoG staff from relevant entities. • GE.4.N Support in elaboration of reporting system (data provision, questionnaire, distribution of responsibilities etc) through training for selected specialists involved in ongoing NAMA projects and assistance in adjustment and updating of existing NAMA concepts in the "Energy Efficient Refurbishment in the Georgian Public Building Sector" and "Efficient use of biomass for equitable, climate proof and sustainable rural development" including MRV elements. Highlighting points of significance for other, future NAMAs and/or sectoral policies. • GE.5.N Training of selected specialists in MRV for Industrial emitters (main IP entities, envisaged in LEDSD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop for selected stakeholders to improved understanding of Paris Agreement requirement for MRV and its use. • Questionnaire/draft in tabular format, elaborated interactively and based on good practice and a template from NKE – will be subject to further consideration by the Government and as a starting point for following relevant activities (e.g. planned 2016 GIZ project 'Information Matters'). Review and recommendations paper on existing NAMAs. • Experts trained in monitoring, reporting and verification and evaluation of up to 4 main industries (outside the energy sector), reflected in LEDSD. • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved knowledge of MRV/ETS mechanism and capacity for use. • Enhanced capacity to use MRV mechanism in NDC implementation • Enhanced capacity in elaboration of MRV system for ongoing NAMA projects • Enhanced expertise of experts involved in preparation of UNFCCC reporting documents • Knowledge in monitoring, reporting and verification and evaluation of GHG emissions and related mitigation measures from 4 main industries (outside of the energy sector) is obtained, ensuring tracking of measures envisaged in the LEDSD.
<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 C5 support related to ODS/F-gases support – having an explicit MRV element - 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 None in this area</p>		
<p>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS None foreseen in this area <i>(Support for implementation subject to approval and budget availability)</i></p>		

⁶ The Clima East Helpdesk remains open for requests for support on specific queries regarding MRV systems suitable for the Paris Agreement/(I)NDCs 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 emission modelling and vulnerability assessment		
<p>Background and relevant national priorities:</p> <p>Improved vulnerability assessment for adaptation purposes and emission modelling for mitigation purposes are specialised technical areas where support is predominantly accessible through the Expert Facility.</p> <p>In Georgia experience and capacity have been developed, supported by various donors such as GEF-UNDP, USAID Clima East, on TIMES/MARKAL and LEAP, other emissions and vulnerability/adaptation modelling systems. Both academia and government has been involved. Clima East is directly supporting the selection and adoption of an appropriate vulnerability modelling system for Georgia's needs (in cooperation with Azerbaijan) through the Expert Facility CEEF2014-010-AZ-GE project. This support will be completed in 2016.</p>		
ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
<p>NATIONAL ACTIVITIES⁷ None foreseen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Final deliverables as set out in EF ToR 	<p>Georgia's capacity in vulnerability assessment of water & agriculture using the models for projections increased</p> <p>Awareness of approaches to long-term modelling, scenario and policy development.</p>
<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"> • CEEF2014-010-AZ-GE (Tasks 2).Support in enhancing capacity in model use for vulnerability assessment. Capacity building of MENRP and HydroMet (NEA) staff in use of model SWAT for assessment of climate change impacts on waste & agriculture and their vulnerability to CC. Series of workshops as envisaged by the ToR for EF010 (Task 2 to be launched in May when approved.) 		
<p>SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS</p> <p>None in this area (Support for implementation subject to approval and budget availability)</p>		

⁷ 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>

C5 Support for implementation of the Association Agreement

Background and relevant national priorities:

The EU-Georgia Association Agreement (AA) requires Georgia to approximate its legislation on substances that deplete the ozone layer and on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases. The Agreement also envisages the development and implementation of measures for mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change, for carbon trading, low carbon technology development and uptake, and climate mainstreaming. Other directives to be implemented by Georgia concern the improvement of air quality. The reduction of conventional pollutants is often accompanied by the reduction of GHG emissions, so the implementation of the air quality legislation is synergetic with climate change policies. The AA includes commitments relating to a range of pollutants. Support under C1, C2 and C3 will strongly reinforce implementation of the AA, through support to identifying AA compliance requirements in addressing the outcomes of the Paris Agreement, through mainstreaming climate issues in wider public policy and through supporting MRV systems necessary for implementing AA commitments.

Georgia is expected to become a Contracting Party to the Energy Community Treaty in the autumn of 2016, under which it has similar obligations to implement EU directives and other legislation. Some of these complement the obligations under the AA, including the implementation of Directives on industrial emissions and on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from large combustion plants. The EU's Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (MMR) will be used as a best practice source in these activities. If adopted by the Energy Community as part of its obligatory provisions further, potential modifications to the support could be considered.

Clima East support will be closely harmonised with upcoming EU and MS bilateral support addressing provisions that are not listed in the Climate Chapter (and its corresponding annex) of the AA, but has clear climate implications from a mitigation and/or adaptation perspective. Close cooperation is envisaged with 'Building capacity to achieve alignment with the EU climate targets in the Eastern Partnership countries' (EaP Climate) GIZ project.

ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	PARTNER COUNTRY OUTCOME TO BE SUPPORTED
NATIONAL ACTIVITIES None foreseen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadmap and a step-by-step guidance for the implementation of obligations assumed by Georgia in the Association Agreement, enabling Georgia to implement elements of the ODS and F-gases regulations in the timeframe indicated in the Agreement • Recommendations on identification of the NREAP component (target figure) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced capacity in meeting the AA commitment (Title VI, Chapter 4, Climate Action, Annex XXVII) • Improved capacity of elaboration of the NREAP by the EC template
ACTIVITIES UNDER REGIONAL WORKPLAN None foreseen		
APPROVED EF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEEF2015-056-GE Implementation of provisions on ODS and F-gases in the context of the Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regulation (EC) No 842/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases ○ Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer (under implementation) 		
SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EXPERT FACILITY APPLICATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GE-EFAPP-7 Assisting the Ministry of Energy in developing the National Renewable Energy Action Plan (CEEF2015-069-GE 'Assessment of the template for National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP) under Directive 2009/28/EC for the Georgia and drafting the guideline document for implementation Georgia's NREAP'; (application submitted to DG NEAR) - see also in C2 (Support for implementation subject to approval and budget availability) 		

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 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 also 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 2016
4	Clima East Newsletters	Bi-monthly
5	Infopoint event	18 th January 2016
6	Climate Change outreach event	TBC
7	Outline of Results Dissemination Document and Final Conference	To be submitted to DG NEAR by 15 th 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 th 2016

