



PROGRESS REGIONAL ONLINE MEETING

AGENDA

Financing Climate Resilient Agriculture: Good international Practices and Progress in the European Union Eastern Partnership (EaP) Countries

Zoom Platform

10–11 December, 2025

9:00 – 12:00 (CET)

Organized by:

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INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is among the sectors most at risk from climate change, with impacts already being observed across all continents. Rising temperatures, shifting precipitation patterns, increased frequency of droughts, floods and storms, as well as the spread of pests and diseases, are threatening the stability of global food systems and the livelihoods of those who depend on them.

The sector's sensitivity to climate extremes and its pivotal role for food security make it a priority for investments in resilience and adaptation. The agricultural sector, including in the European Union Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries, is already facing growing pressure to adapt as climate risks are projected to increase in the coming decades. Without adequate adaptation, productivity losses in agriculture could undermine food security, exacerbate poverty, and threaten political stability.

A range of policy interventions—such as public subsidies, blended finance mechanisms, and insurance schemes—have been introduced to catalyse greater financial flows into climate-resilient agriculture. Many governments report investments in the creation of decision support tools, better management of soil and water resources, cultivar selection and breeding, or prevention against pest and weather events to address key agricultural vulnerabilities.

Despite the recognized importance of adaptation for agricultural resilience, policy progress and financing commitments remain insufficient. National adaptation plans frequently include agriculture, but financing strategies remain vague or underfunded. Where support exists, it often lacks the scale to catalyse transformative change. While some countries have begun integrating adaptation targets into agricultural policies or subsidies, comprehensive national strategies with dedicated financing remain the exception. International climate finance remains overwhelmingly targeted towards mitigation, with only a quarter of flows in recent years supporting adaptation, and a much smaller share specifically allocated to agriculture. The mobilisation of private finance and insurance, especially in the context of small farms, remains challenging and unexplored.

OBJECTIVES

In order to support the development of enabling financial frameworks and targeted support mechanisms that can unlock investment in climate-resilient agricultural practices and value chains in the EaP region the PROGRESS project is organising an online two-day discussion with the following objectives:

- **Present the financing frameworks and typology** of instruments for climate change adaptation and resilience in the agricultural sector of the EaP countries;
- **Review selected international good practices** and their relevance and applicability to the EaP region;
- **Discuss gaps, opportunities, and priority areas** for strengthening access to finance for climate-resilient agriculture, and review the future activities under the PROGRESS project related to the climate adaptation finance;
- **Strengthen regional peer learning** by facilitating structured exchanges among participants from five EaP countries, focusing on replicable good practices, institutional cooperation, and demonstration project alignment with PROGRESS work packages (WP II and WP V).

The meeting will be held over two mornings, on 10 and 11 December 2025:

- The first day will provide an overview of policy measures for financing climate adaptation and enhancing resilience in the agricultural sector. The format will primarily involve presentations with discussion elements from EaP countries;
- The second day will focus on practical aspects from the EaP and EU/OECD countries presenting concrete tools and forms of financing from the public and the banking sectors. It will enable a deeper examination of factors of progress and remaining gaps, opportunities, and priority areas for strengthening access to finance for climate-resilient agriculture. That day will also discuss possible further policy dialogues and capacity building activities that could be carried out as part of the PROGRESS project.

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 2025

Time (CET)	Session
9:00 – 9:05	1. Welcome and introduction of the objectives and the agenda of the meeting by the Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Krzysztof Michalak, OECD</i>
9:05 – 9:15	2. Introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Martina Kolb, GIZ</i>
9:15 – 9:45	3. Overview of progress and challenges in financing climate change resilient agriculture sector in the EaP countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Isabella Neuweg, OECD</i> • <i>Oleksandr Diachuk and Yevhen Bublik, Institute for Economics and Forecasting of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine</i>
9:45 – 10:30	4. Reactions from a panel of experts from the EaP countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Valerii Mayboroda, First Deputy Chairman of the Board, Business Development Fund, Ukraine</i> • <i>Parviz Aiyev, Head of Department, Agro-Economics Research Center, Azerbaijan</i> • <i>Vardan Urutyanyan, AI4DA Foundation, Armenia</i>
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Break</i>
10:45 – 11:00	5. Financing adaptation in EU agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Amalie Bjornavold, DG AGRI, European Commission</i>
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Questions from the floor and open discussion</i>
11:15 – 11:30	6. Presentation of the results of the needs assessment for capacity building for farmers and SMEs to access climate adaptation finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Salome Moistsrapishvili, German Sparkassenstiftung (DSIK)</i>
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Questions from the floor and open discussion</i>
11:45 – 12:00	7. Summary of the day by the Moderator

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER			
9:00 – 9:15	<p>1. Welcome, Summary of the Previous Day and the Presentation of the Agenda by Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Krzysztof Michalak, OECD</i> • <i>Yana Zubko, Head of the Agricultural Sector Support Department at the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine</i> 		
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10:45 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>		
11:00 – 11:15	2. Reports back from parallel sessions – Session Rapporteurs		
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Open discussion</i>		
11:45 – 12:00	3. Summary of the meeting and next steps – OECD Secretariat and GIZ		

PARTICIPANTS

The participants of the meeting will include representatives of the Ministries responsible for Agriculture and Environment and other relevant public institutions and agencies of the EaP countries. Invitations to the meeting is extended to the international experts from the OECD and EU countries, representatives of the European Commission, representatives of the banking and the private sector as well as international organisations and financial institutions.

The meeting will be co-organized by the PROGRESS Programme Partners: OECD, IEF Ukraine and RECC with a support of EBA Moldova and GIZ.

ABOUT “PROMOTING GREEN DEAL READINESS IN THE EU’S EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES” (PROGRESS) PROGRAMME

The project “Promoting Green Deal Readiness in the Eastern Partnership Countries” (PROGRESS) supports Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine in their transition toward climate-oriented, resilient, and green economic development, aligning agricultural and environmental practices with the principles of the European Green Deal. By fostering innovative technologies, tools, and methodologies, PROGRESS accelerates sustainability, strengthens climate resilience, and enables long-term greenhouse gas mitigation, all underpinned by improved framework conditions. Its vision is to contribute to long-term climate mitigation and sustainable development in line with the EU Green Deal objectives and the Paris Agreement’s 1.5°C pathways across the Eastern Partnership countries.

The project ‘Promoting Green Deal Readiness in the Eastern Partnership Countries’ (PROGRESS) is implemented on behalf of the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Government of Germany. Within the Federal Government, the IKI is anchored in the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN). Selected project is also the responsibility of the Federal Foreign Office (AA). PROGRESS is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, as the lead agency, in partnership with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (REC), the European Business Association (EBA) Moldova and the Institute for Economics and Forecasting of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (IEF).