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Policy Dialogue
on
Financing Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Agriculture and the Stone Fruits and Nuts Sub-sectors in the Republic of Moldova*: *Stocktaking Findings and Next steps

Promoting Green Deal Readiness in the Eastern Partnership (PROGRESS) Output IV

Chisinau, 3 December 2025, 14:00-17:30

Meeting venue: Radisson Blu Leogrand Hotel (77, Mitropolit Varlaam St.)

Background:

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 recognised importance of adaptation for agricultural resilience, policy progress and financing commitments remain insufficient. Output IV of the PROGRESS project (see details below) focuses on supporting Moldova, and other Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries[1], to better use, and mobilise, finance for climate change adaptation and resilience in their agriculture sector. The objective is to support the development of enabling financial frameworks and targeted support mechanisms that can unlock investment in climate-resilient agricultural practices and value chains.

As part of Output IV, the OECD has carried out a stocktaking of existing financial instruments for climate adaptation and resilience in agriculture Moldova, with a specific emphasis on the stone fruits and nuts sub-sectors. The analysis covers public and private financing mechanisms, as well as international financial flows that influence access to adaptation finance in the agricultural sector. To develop the analysis the OECD team held in-depth interviews with relevant stakeholders in Moldova during a mission to Chisinau (12-15 November 2024) combined with additional in-house desktop research. The online technical workshop with Moldovan experts, organised by the OECD on 4 November 2025, provided additional input which was reflected in the revised version of the draft stocktaking report.

Meeting Objectives:

The Policy Dialogue, which is organised by the OECD on 3 December in Chisinau, will aim to:

- Present the findings of the stocktaking on financing frameworks and instruments for climate change adaptation and resilience in Moldova's agricultural sector, with a focus on the stone fruits and nuts sub-sectors,
- Discuss gaps, opportunities, and priority areas for strengthening access to finance for climate-resilient agriculture, and

[1] Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine.

- Discuss and agree on the project activities and next steps in Moldova.

Participants:

The Policy Dialogue will convene government officials working on agricultural and climate change policies in Moldova, international organisations and IFIs, domestic financial institutions and microfinance providers, as well as PROGRESS Partners (OECD, GIZ, REC Caucasus, EBA Moldova, IEF Ukraine).

Simultaneous Romanian-English interpretation will be provided.

About PROGRESS:

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). The 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 (RECC), the European Business Association (EBA) Moldova and the Institute for Economics and Forecasting of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (IEF).

PROGRESS aims to support the EaP countries with achieving long-term mitigation, adaptation and sustainable development consistent with the EU Green Deal objectives and 1.5°C pathways of the Paris Agreement with a focus on horticulture. Another project objective is promoting the competitiveness and trade opportunities of the agricultural sector from the EaP countries on the EU market. PROGRESS lasts during 2024-2028 and has a total budget of EUR 20 million.

The OECD leads implementation of two out of the Project’s five Outputs: Output I on evidence-based national policies and frameworks for climate change adaptation and resilience in agriculture, and Output IV on access to and mobilisation of green finance in agriculture.

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Moderator: Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, Senior Programme Manager, Green Finance and Investment Division, OECD Environment Directorate

13:30 – 14:00 Welcome coffee break

14:00 – 14:15 **Introductory and Welcome Remarks**

Ms. Martina Kolb, Programme Director, PROGRESS, GIZ
Mr. Andrian Digolean, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry
Ms. Aliona Rusnac, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment

14:15 – 14:50 **Presentation: Stocktake on Moldova's Financing Mechanisms for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Agriculture**

Ms. Nelly Petkova, OECD
Open Q&A discussion

14:50 – 15:50 **Panel discussion: Main public finance sources**

Mr. Isae Spînu, Head of the Operations Department, Organisation for Entrepreneurship Development (ODA)
Mr. Maxim Popov, Executive Director, Agency for Development and Modernisation of Agriculture (ADMA)
Ms. Alexa Corina, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance
Mr. Natan Garstea, Director, Department of Financial Stability, National Bank of Moldova
Mr. Serghei Ivanov, Head of Agriculture and Food Industry Committee, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
Open Q&A discussion

15:50 – 16:50 **Panel discussion: Private finance sources**

Mr. Vadim Culea, Head of SME Business Unit, MAIB
Ms. Alina Melnic, Deputy Head of MSMEs Business Department, ProCredit Bank
Ms. Carmina Vicol, CEO, Prime Capital
Ms. Svetlana Lupascu, President of the Insurance Union of the Republic of Moldova
Mr. Grigore Vieru, OECD Consultant
Open Q&A discussion

16:50 – 17:20	**Discussion on Next Steps and Conclusions** *Mr. Krzysztof Michalak, OECD* *Ms. Alexandra Sian, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry*