UKRAINE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

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European Green Deal – an economic development program of the EU that aims to transform Europe into climate-neutral continent by 2050. The program was approved in December 2019.

Impacts the following sectors:

- energy
- industry
- innovation
- building and renovation
- agriculture
- trade
- transport
- biodiversity
- climate
WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

- At the end of 2019, the European Parliament declared a state of climate emergency
- The average annual temperature in Ukraine has risen by 1.2 °C in 30 years, and the level of temperature rise is ahead of global trends

IT MEANS:

- Greenhouse gas emissions in Ukraine in 2018 amounted to more than 344 million tons of CO2-equivalent, which is 8.9% more than in 2017
- There is a threat of the sea level rise by 0.82 meters, as the result - flooding of settlements
- Increased number of severe floods, droughts and other weather emergencies
Ukraine is already contributing to joint efforts to create a climate-neutral European continent under the Paris Agreement, the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030, and the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

Individual approach to countries that have committed to political and economic integration with the EU under the Association Agreements.

Implementation of Green Deal must be just and inclusive, taking into account the fulfillment of social obligations to citizens.
WHY DIALOG WITH THE EU IS IMPORTANT

The European Green Deal introduces the carbon adjustment mechanism on imports and other non-tariff regulation measures, which should not create any new obstacles to the integration of Ukrainian exporters to the EU markets in the framework of overcoming the effects of the global climate crisis.

The EU supports its immediate neighbors within the European Green Deal, including the launch of several strong partnership initiatives in the framework of the Eastern Partnership.

Ukraine’s involvement in the implementation of the European Green Deal policies should be carried out in the framework of updating the annexes to the Association Agreement in the relevant sectors. Also national and regional development strategies targeting various economy sectors should be synchronized in order to revise their climate-related ambitions.
WHAT'S NEXT?

DIALOGUE WITH THE EU
To initiate a structured and regular dialogue with the EU as a mechanism for early involvement of Ukraine in the development and implementation of the Green Deal policies.

THE ROADMAP
To develop a joint Roadmap for Ukraine's participation in the Green Deal. It should reflect the capacity of the Ukrainian economy to modernize, taking into account Ukraine's commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Association Agreement.

IMPLEMENTATION
Should be carried out with financial planning at the level of the State budget of Ukraine, as well as within the existing and new European funds, institutions and other available instruments.
THE ROADMAP

OF UKRAINE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

- Defines directions and measures for modernization of Ukrainian economy to achieve the goals of the European Green Deal and the Paris Agreement
- Identifies mechanisms for interaction between the Parties and monitoring the implementation of initiatives, which will help assess the effectiveness of such cooperation
- Should reflect the commitments of both Parties – Ukraine and the EU
Principles and goals of the policy on joint transition to a green economy with appropriate financial instruments and investments

Priority initiatives to be implemented by Ukraine and the EU within 1-2 years, considering the current state of the Ukrainian economy, implementation and updating of the relevant Annexes to the Association Agreement.
DIRECTIONS OF PROSPECTIVE COOPERATION

- Improving energy and resource efficiency of the economy
- Developing renewable and hydrogen energy
- Establishing and developing the national greenhouse gas emissions trading system
- Cooperation within scientific and innovation projects
- Reforming the coal sector and transition of coal-mining regions
- Developing sustainable agricultural sector
- Digitalization of the economy
- Greening of the transport sector
- Stimulating technology transfer and others
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- approved strategic documents in the area of Ukraine’s environmental policy, waste management and industrial pollution;

- adopted legislative acts on monitoring, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas emissions that will implement initial practical tools for their gradual reduction;

- adopted and implemented the basic legislation on environmental impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment, water resources management, improvement of air quality;
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

ENERGY SECTOR

- launched the new liberalized electricity market;
- adopted Ukraine’s Energy Strategy 2035;
- updated the Annex XXVII to the Association Agreement, introduced the regulation of the procedure of consultations with the European Commission regarding conformity of draft legal acts with the EU acquis, in line with the Association Agreement;
- started the integration of Ukraine’s energy system with the ENTSO-E;
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF BUILDINGS

- implementing provisions of the Law of Ukraine on Energy Efficiency of Buildings;

- approved the 2030 National Plan to increase the number of near zero energy buildings;

- started to introduce the energy management systems for public buildings;
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

TECHNICAL BARRIERS

- fulfilled all obligations in terms of preparation for the signing of the ACAA Agreement with the EU in three priority sectors (low-voltage electrical equipment, electromagnetic compatibility of equipment, safety of machinery);

- aligned the national standardization system with the international and European practices;

- improved legislation on state market surveillance;
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

- approved Ukraine’s National Transport Strategy 2030 laying out the foundation and directions for greening the transport.
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