

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
Actions by Republic of Moldova**

Country: Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, PA ProRural Invest

Title:

Promotion of organic agriculture in the Republic of Moldova

Focus area 5: Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns

Description of the action: Promotion and development of organic agriculture as a way of ensuring sustainable management of natural resources in agriculture. Organic production should be supported in this regard, especially as demand for such products is increasing on international markets. Organic farmers should be assisted in meeting the standards and implementing the procedures required by international markets and organizations.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: Period 2014 – 2020

Type of action: Policy support, promotion, subsidies, procurement, awareness, education and training, development of organic agriculture business plans, business initiation and also post-creation support.

Economic sectors: Agricultural sector, Sustainable Procurement, Environment

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: UNEP - Promoting Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development; Moldova, green economy advisory services.

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Increased organic production; increase income and welfare in rural area and reduction of poverty by providing economic benefits for farmers resulting from price premiums and reduced costs; reduce vulnerability of soils to erosion, while at the same time increasing the soils' carbon stocks; reduce emissions of greenhouse gases resulting from farming practices and at the same time be more resilient to climate change; enhanced biodiversity and ecosystem services, and preserved valuable traditional landscapes that can eventually be assets in developing eco-tourism.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 17.

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: EPR III (2014), Recommendation 10.1: The Government should ensure achieving sustainable agriculture.

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: Number of arable land hectares under organic agriculture; Number of producers and farmers practicing organic agriculture.

Partners: Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance, Academy of Science, CSOs, Farmer Associations

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