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***Capacity building support to the first round of NDCs,  
good practices and lessons learnt: Reflections and  
examples of EU-funded activities***

***Clima East project (2012-2017)***

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# Content of presentation

1. **What** - > interventions/CB activities
2. **How** -> the interventions were designed
3. Biggest **challenges** during implementation?
4. **Impacts** on the INDCs
5. **Key lessons** / recommendations for future NDC support

# Regional challenges and opportunities

CO2 Emissions / GDP (kg CO2/2005 USD) (2014)



- Significance of the region to global emissions reductions is clear (see map)
- Maintaining support and actually delivering on commitments is a challenge for all signatories
- Paris Agreement has galvanised additional interest and political support for climate action in Climate East Partner Countries (PCs)
- All PCs submitted INDC on time (Climate East and other donor projects provided support)
- **Continued support needed** to build understanding and capacity **to link and deliver climate and economic benefits** in the PCs: **EU experience and cooperation invaluable**

Source: IEA Energy Atlas;  
<http://energyatlas.iea.org>

# Clima East Policy Project overview

- Objective: To **support PCs so that they are better equipped for greenhouse-gas emission reductions and better prepared to deal with climate change impacts** through
  - improved climate change policies, strategies and market mechanisms,
  - regional cooperation
  - improve access to information on EU climate change policies/acquis.

## Clima East Policy Project

Duration: 10/2012 – 04/2017

Budget: EUR 8.2 million

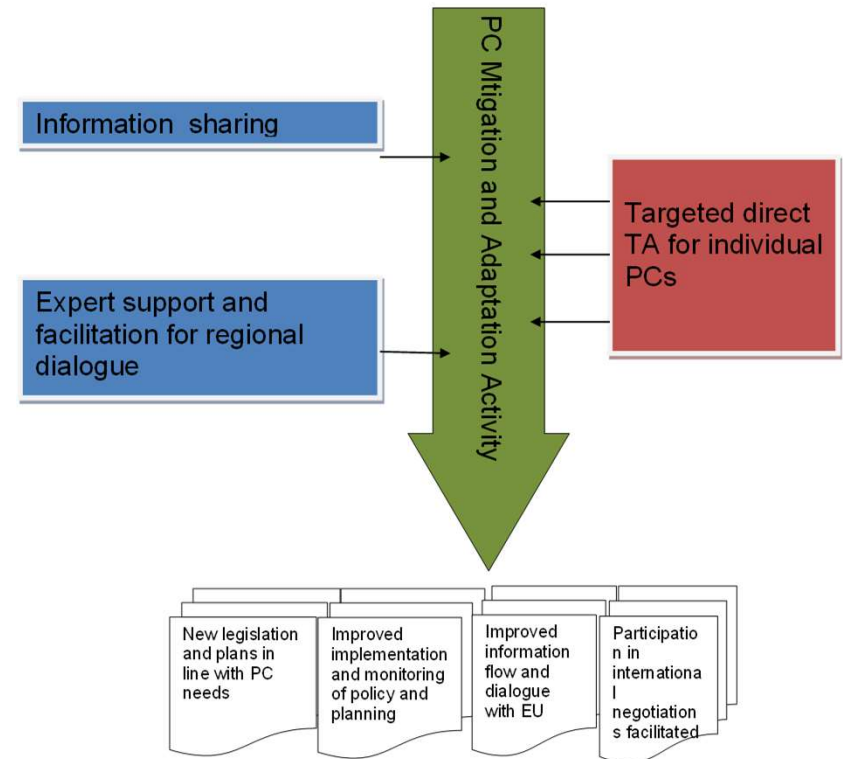
PCs: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Russian Federation\*

\*As from 01/2015 Russia only participates in applicable regional activities

Clima East package also includes a **Pilots Project** (EUR 11 million), supporting ecosystems-based approaches to climate change.

# Approach and Results

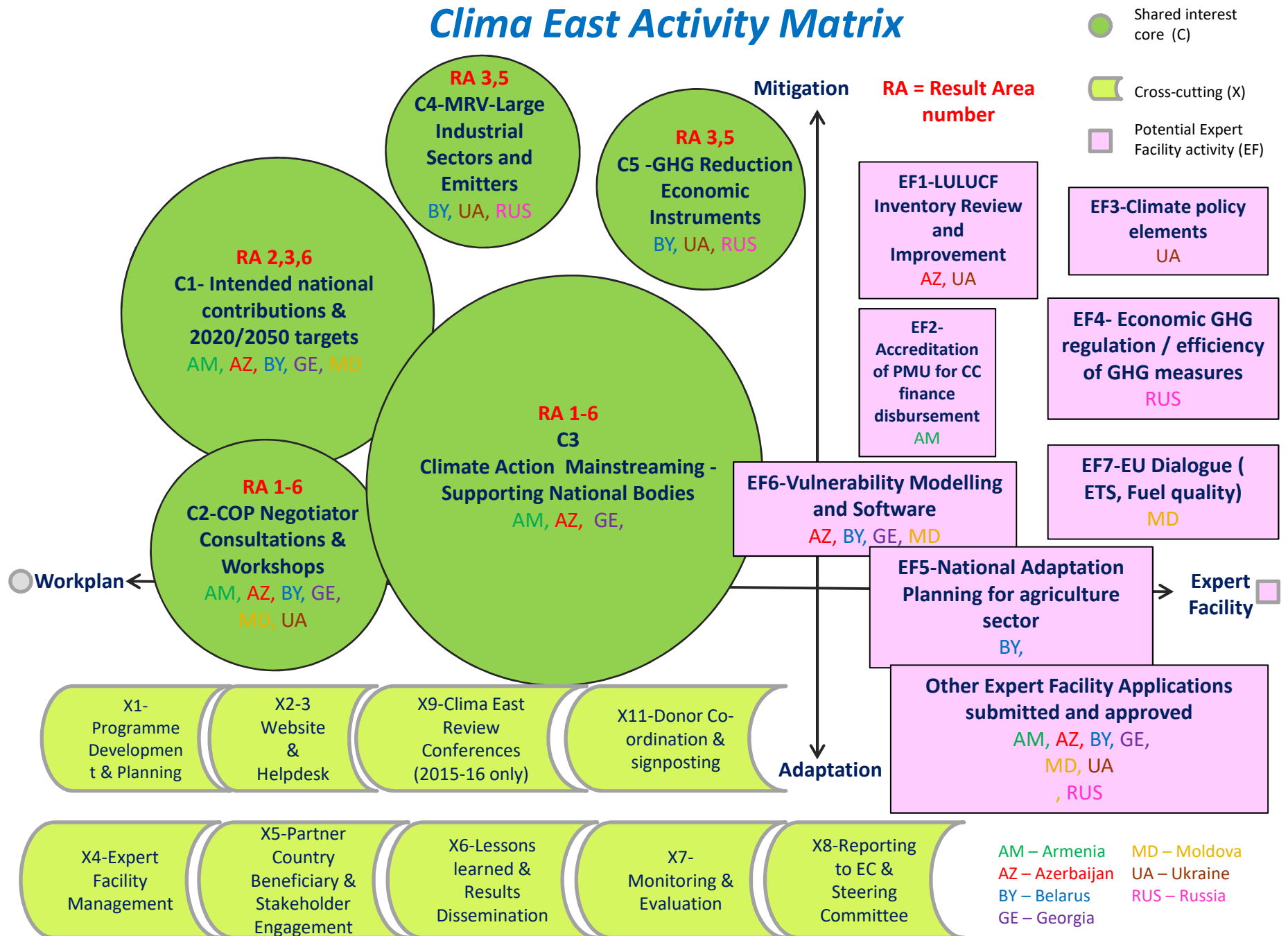
- **Demand driven** approach focusing on **PC defined priorities**
- **Targeted inputs** into wider national processes
- Wide remit challenging, but enables engagements across a broad range of issues and partners, and to capitalise on emerging drivers of changes (e.g. Paris Agreement)
- This is important, as **political support and will is crucial to results**
- General need to ensure Paris (or more ambitious) commitments become reality through continuing support to build cross-government buy-in and effective, implementation strategies



# Approach and Results

<b>Clima East Results Framework</b> <i>- mutually reinforcing areas of engagement</i>	
<b>Result 1</b> <i>Enhanced Dialogue and Association Agreement implementation</i>	<b>Result 2</b> <i>Improved national climate change policies and strategies (including engagement and compliance with international commitments)</i>
<b>Result 3</b> <i>Improved use of climate modelling and increased national capacity for modelling and assessment</i>	<b>Result 4</b> <i>Improved Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems</i>

# Clima East Activity Matrix



AT A GLANCE  
Key Clima East Policy Project results

Result 1 Enhanced Dialogue and Association Agreement implementation

- EU Climate Policy Roadshows in each PC reach over 500 people.
- EU know-how transferred through 6 Expert Facility projects, as well as KE1 and 2 support.
- Facilitation of intensive dialogue between PCs and EU in preparation for COP.
- Analysis of INDC and Association Agreement compatibility provided for Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia.
- Roadmaps provided to support Moldova in implementation of 2 of 4 required directives under Association Agreement, support for remaining 2 Directives under development
- Support under development with Georgia and Ukraine for implementation of selected directives requires under their respective Association Agreements.

Result 2 Improved national climate change policies and strategies.

- Direct expert support provided on 7 National Policy Documents (excluding INDCs) to date
- Confirmed impact on readiness and capacity for participation in UNFCCC negotiations.
- Contribution to timely and compliant submission of INDCs by all ENP Partner Countries, and to specific improvements in ambition and compatibility with other international agreements.
- Facilitation of climate mainstreaming, working directly with 17 sector ministries and agencies on climate issues across the region.
- Opportunities opened for civil society engagement on development of national climate action, through briefings and participation in events, and through expert support for specific initiatives. Engagement through online media shows some 2000 people regularly engaging through website and 427 staying updated through Facebook.

Result 3 Improved use of climate modelling and increased national capacity for modelling and assessment

- Sectoral emission data analysis and mitigation scenario development for INDCs with capacity building through combined international and national teams in 4 PCs:
- 12 Eastern Partnership country specialists trained on LEAP modelling. LEAP starter data provided for each PC. First examples of use already advised (on INDC development in Belarus).
- Support given in selecting most appropriate vulnerability assessment modelling systems in Azerbaijan and Georgia, under preparation in Armenia

Result 4 Improved MRV systems

- Orientation of Eastern Partnership specialists on (ETS compliant) EU approaches to Monitoring, Reporting and Verification provided through Study Tour to Germany and Poland, September 2014, and Regional Workshop
- Dossier of information on EU approaches and regulations compiled and provided to key specialists
- First of a series of planned national workshops to orientate authorities and installations on MRV requirements held in Moldova. The event focussed on supporting authorities in planning for adoption of an ETS compliant MRV system, in line with Association Agreement requirements.



# Conclusions – lessons on capacity building (1)

Clima East experience suggests:

- Improved **coordination and cooperation among donors** is essential as wasteful duplication and overlooking synergies is major risk
- **Engagement of the beneficiaries** from early stage of the support design is crucial
- As most climate action issues are **cross-cutting/multi-sectoral** in their nature the **broadening of the beneficiaries/partners base** is essential
- **Paris Agreement** is a vehicle for transformative change > rapid decarbonization, resilient, low-carbon growth as defined by the country – driven NDCs
- Domestic **political will is critical** to making the radical changes necessary requiring substantial legislative changes and hence the **active engagement** of the respective **Parliaments** is envisaged.

## Conclusions – lessons on capacity building (2)

- Urgent efforts for **economy-wide implementation of NDCs are needed** with putting the **necessary legislative framework as an urgent task**; this is likely to require **changes in governance**.
- **EU support** remains very important in introducing and implementing new legislation and building institutional capacity in both mitigation and adaptation fields.
- **Association Agreements** and the **Energy Community Treaty** play an crucial role in signatory countries, with economic, energy and environmental provisions that shall all be encapsulated in their respective NDCs.
- Success will depend on supporting government-wide **buy-in and understanding of great attractions and opportunities** offered by the alternative paths as well as of the great risks from climate change

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