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**Eastern Partnership: Roadmap 2012-13
Bilateral Dimension**

Areas and Objectives	Policy accompanying measures by partner countries	EU support	Target/Outcome/Timeframe
A. Political Association and Economic Integration			
<p>A.1 Implementation of common values and principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. holding democratic and credible elections, in accordance with international standards; 2. freedom of association, expression and assembly; 3. the existence of free press and media; 4. the rule of law, administered by an independent judiciary, and the right of citizens to a fair trial; 5. the fight against corruption; 6. reform of the security and law enforcement sectors (including the police) and the establishment of democratic control over armed and security forces; 7. respect for other human rights (abolition of capital punishment[*], 	<p>Implement Key Political Reform, Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms[†]</p>	<p>ENPI (European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument), including Comprehensive Institution Building programmes (CIB)</p>	<p>Progress on implementation of common values and principles</p>

^{*} Where relevant

[†] As agreed by countries in the ENP Action Plans or Association Agenda Priorities

<p>freedom of religion, non-discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, non-discrimination of minorities, rights of the child, abolition of torture and degrading punishment)</p>			
<p>Armenia Implement common values and principles as listed in A.1</p>	<p>Further implementation of priority areas 1, 2 and 7 of the ENP Action Plan:</p> <p><i>Area 1: Democratic reform</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –develop the Human Rights Ombudsman institution –ensure electoral framework complies with international commitments – develop/adapt laws for the judiciary to enhance its independence & impartiality - ensure progress of national Anti-Corruption Strategy – improve civil service system based on European norms and standards <p><i>Area 2: Human rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure the independence of media by strengthening the independent regulatory body - ensure freedom of assembly & individual property rights – reform the penitentiary system in line with the CPT recommendations – cooperate closely with OSCE and CoE to reform the police 	<p>National Indicative Programme (ENPI)</p> <p>Comprehensive Institution Building programme (CIB - ENPI)</p> <p>Sector policy support programmes (Justice, public sector transparency – ENPI)</p> <p>EU Advisory Group, Twinning, project support on elections, TAIEX, SIGMA (ENPI)</p> <p>Support for civil society through thematic programme under DCI (Development Cooperation Instruments), EIDHR (European Instruments for Democracy and Human Rights), and Civil Society Facility (ENPI)</p> <p>Dialogue with and support for relevant Armenian institutions (Human Rights Defender/ Ombudsman, Government ministries and agencies, human rights defenders)</p> <p>High-level dialogue (Ministerial level /Cooperation Council) on all relevant core reforms (constitution, judicial,</p>	<p>Further progress made in the implementation of Action Plan priority areas 1, 2 and 7</p> <p>Negotiation of Association Agreement</p>

	<p><i>Area 7: Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - step up efforts to contribute to the peaceful solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict - support for confidence building - continue encouraging people-to-people contacts 	<p>electoral, etc.)</p> <p>Continue support to the OSCE Minsk Group for the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict on the basis of the Madrid principles</p> <p>The EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia to continue to play a significant role in support of conflict settlement</p> <p>Support confidence building measures (IfS)</p>	
<p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>Implement common values and principles as listed in A.1</p>	<p>Further implementation of areas 1, 2 and 3 of the ENP Action Plan and in particular:</p> <p><i>Area 1: Nagorno-Karabakh conflict</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - step up efforts to contribute to the peaceful solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict - support for confidence building - continue encouraging people-to-people contacts <p><i>Area 2: Strengthen democracy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue implementation of electoral reform on the basis of CoE Venice Commission and OSCE/ODIHR recommendations - continue institutional reform to ensure 	<p>Continue support to the OSCE Minsk Group for the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict on the basis of the Madrid principles</p> <p>The EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia to continue to play a significant role in support of conflict settlement</p> <p>Support confidence building measures (IfS)</p> <p>National Indicative Programme (ENPI)</p> <p>Comprehensive Institution Building programme (CIB – ENPI)</p> <p>EIDHR operations</p>	<p>Further progress made in the implementation of Action Plan priority areas 1,2 and 3</p> <p>Negotiation of Association Agreement</p>

	<p>proper checks and balances between executive and legislative powers in conformity with the commitments undertaken before the CoE</p> <p><i>Area 3: Human rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve the organisation of the judiciary with a view to ensuring its independence - promote growth of civil society and its organized forms (human rights NGOs, associations etc) and alleviate cumbersome procedures for NGO registration - ensure respect for the right to freedom of assembly 	<p>Support for civil society through thematic programme under DCI, EIDHR, and Civil Society Facility (ENPI)</p> <p>Budget support programme on judicial reform</p> <p>Dialogue with and support to relevant Azerbaijani institutions (Human Rights Defender/Ombudsman, Government ministries and Agencies, Human Rights defenders)</p> <p>High-level dialogue (Ministerial level /Cooperation Council) on all relevant core reforms (constitution, judicial, electoral etc)</p>	
<p>Belarus</p> <p>The 1996 EU-Belarus Partnership and Cooperation Agreement was frozen due to the lack of respect for democracy and human rights in Belarus. The development of bilateral relations between the EU and Belarus is conditional on progress being made towards respect by Belarus for the principles of democracy, the rule of law and human rights.</p>		<p><i>European dialogue on modernization with Belarusian society.</i></p>	
<p>Georgia</p> <p>Implement common values and principles as listed in A.1</p>	<p>Further implementation of priority areas 1, 4 and 6 of the ENP Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure free and fair 2012 parliamentary 	<p>National Indicative Programme (ENPI)</p> <p>Comprehensive Institution Building programme (CIB - ENPI)</p>	<p>Further progress made in the implementation of Action Plan priority areas 1,4 and 6</p>

	<p>elections in line with international standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure effective implementation of recently amended election legislation and take further steps to improve the election environment - consolidating democracy, building and strengthening institutions linked to democracy and the rule of law - continuation of the justice system reform, ensuring the independence and impartiality of the judiciary and further liberalisation of criminal justice policies - continuation of reform of law enforcement, with focus on respect and protection of human rights - co-operation on protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms - promoting freedom of media and freedom of expression - promoting labour rights, freedom of assembly and freedom of association - ensuring rights and protection of minorities - continuing combating torture and ill-treatment - ensuring respect for children's rights and gender equality - stepping up efforts towards peaceful conflict 	<p>Twinning, TAIEX, SIGMA (ENPI) Sector policy support programmes in focal sectors (justice system/criminal justice, and public administration reform ENPI)</p> <p>Support for civil society through thematic programme under DCI, EIDHR, and Civil Society Facility (ENPI)</p> <p>Policy dialogue at different levels</p> <p>Sector dialogue linked to budget support (justice system, public administration reforms and public finance management)</p> <p>Dialogue with and support for relevant Georgian institutions (Office of the Public Defender of Georgia, agencies, and human rights defenders)</p> <p>High-level dialogue (Ministerial level/ cooperation council) on all relevant core reforms (judicial, electoral and post conflict, etc.)</p> <p>Continued EU engagement as co-chair in the Geneva International discussions and continued presence of the EU Monitoring Mission (EUMM)</p> <p>The EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia to continue to play a significant</p>	<p>Negotiation of Association Agreement</p>
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	resolution, including through engagement	role in support of conflict settlement Post - Conflict assistance: support to IDP's, early recovery activities, confidence building measures and people to people contacts, including civil society capacity-building Instrument for Stability (IfS)	
Moldova [‡] Implement common values and principles as listed in A.1	Ensure the sustainable implementation of the relevant objectives of the ENP Action Plan including in particular: - strengthening the stability and effectiveness of institutions guaranteeing democracy and the rule of law - further reinforcing administrative and judicial capacity - ensuring the effectiveness of the fight against corruption - cooperation on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including ensuring the rights of minorities and respect for children's rights - stepping up the fight against organised crime, including trafficking in human beings - ensuring equal treatment by gender - continuing to strengthen respect for the freedom of the media and the freedom of	National Indicative Programme (ENPI) Confidence Building Measures (CBM - ENPI) EIDHR operations Support for civil society through thematic programme under DCI, EIDHR, and Civil Society Facility (ENPI) Dialogue linked to budget support (judicial and public administration reforms) Dialogue with and support for relevant Moldovan institutions (Ombudsman, Government ministries and agencies, human rights defenders) High-level dialogue (Ministerial level/Cooperation council) on all relevant core reforms (constitution, judicial, electoral etc) Comprehensive Institution Building	Further progress made on the implementation of ENP Action Plan priorities

[‡] Here and throughout this document, the Republic of Moldova is referred to as 'Moldova'..

	<p>expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stepping up efforts towards a settlement of the Transnistria conflict. 	<p>programme (CIB - ENPI)</p> <p>EU participation in 5+2 format</p> <p>Continuation of support through Confidence Building Measures (CBM)</p>	
<p>Ukraine</p> <p>Implement common values and principles as listed in A.1</p>	<p>Further implementation of Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of the Association Agenda, including in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - building and strengthening institutions linked to democracy and the rule of law - ensuring the independence and impartiality of the judiciary and effective court, prosecution and law enforcement agencies - co-operation on protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms - promoting freedom of expression and freedom of the media - ensuring rights of minorities - combating torture and degrading treatment - ensuring equal treatment by gender - ensuring respect for children's rights - combating corruption. 	<p>National Indicative Programme (ENPI)</p> <p>Comprehensive Institution Building programme (CIB - ENPI)</p> <p>EIDHR operations</p> <p>Support for civil society (ENPI & DCI)</p> <p>Dialogue linked to budget support (judicial and public administration reforms)</p> <p>Support from expert bodies and international organisations – OSCE/ODIHR (electoral framework), Venice Commission (constitutional reform), ECHR (human rights law), SIGMA (public administration reform), ILO (labour standards), etc., and reference to relevant standards (UN Conventions, Council of Europe Conventions, European charters, etc.)</p> <p>Dialogue with and support for relevant Ukrainian institutions (Ombudsman, Government ministries and agencies, human rights defenders)</p> <p>High-level dialogue (Ministerial level)</p>	<p>Further progress made in the implementation of Association Agenda Annual priorities falling under Association Agenda section 2</p>

		on all relevant core reforms (constitution, judicial, electoral etc.)	
A.2 Conclusion of Association Agreements Armenia	Ongoing AA Negotiations: - continue implementation of ENP Action Plan priorities and engagement in preparation of the Association Agenda, anticipating Agreement obligations, including regulatory approximation and capacity building - dialogue on ‘essential elements’ of the Agreement - continue the Armenia-EU human rights dialogue - planning of institution strengthening (political association/economic integration; justice, liberty and security; DCFTA negotiations) - public awareness, sensitization of stakeholders to encourage negotiations - encouraging international assistance to support core reforms covered by the Association Agreement	ENPI, including Comprehensive Institution Building programmes (CIB) Focal sector under the ENPI bilateral multiannual programme Sector policy support programmes in focal sectors (justice, public finance, management, public sector transparency, DCFTA) PCA Subcommittee dialogues	By autumn of 2013, negotiations on an EU-Armenia Association Agreement should be well advanced, if not finalised. EU and Armenia should agree an Association Agenda in 2013 EU-supported institution building measures under CIB reach full speed
Azerbaijan	Ongoing AA negotiations: - continue implementation of ENP Action Plan priorities and engagement in preparation of the Association Agenda, anticipating Agreement obligations, including regulatory approximation and capacity building	ENPI, including Comprehensive Institution Building programmes (CIB) Possible support through EU advisors in key agencies and government bodies PCA Subcommittee dialogues	By autumn of 2013, negotiations on an EU-Azerbaijan Association Agreement should be well advanced, if not finalised. EU and Azerbaijan should agree an Association

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dialogue on 'essential elements' of the Agreement - planning of Institution strengthening (AA negotiations; justice, liberty and security) - public awareness, sensitization of stakeholders to encourage negotiations - encouraging international assistance to support core reforms covered by the Association Agreement 		<p>Agenda in 2013</p> <p>EU-supported institution building measures under CIB reach full speed</p>
<p>Belarus</p> <p>The 1996 EU-Belarus Partnership and Cooperation Agreement was frozen due to the lack of respect for democracy and human rights in Belarus. The development of bilateral relations between the EU and Belarus is conditional on progress being made towards respect by Belarus for the principles of democracy, the rule of law and human rights.</p>			
<p>Georgia</p>	<p>Ongoing AA Negotiations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue implementation of ENP Action Plan priorities and engagement in preparation of the Association Agenda, anticipating Agreement obligations, including regulatory approximation and capacity building 	<p>National Indicative Programme (ENPI)</p> <p>Sector policy support programmes in focal sectors (justice system/criminal justice, public finance management-ENPI)</p> <p>Comprehensive Institution Building</p>	<p>By autumn of 2013, negotiations on an EU-Georgia Association Agreement should be well advanced, if not finalised.</p> <p>EU and Georgia should agree an Association</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dialogue on 'essential elements' of the Agreement - continue the Georgia-EU human rights dialogue - planning of Institution strengthening (migration, oversight institutions, state aids, sanitary-phytosanitary) - public awareness, sensitization of stakeholders to encourage negotiations - encouraging international assistance to support core reforms covered by the Association Agreement 	<p>programme CIB (ENPI)</p> <p>PCA Subcommittee dialogues</p>	<p>Agenda in 2013</p> <p>EU-supported institution building measures under CIB reach full speed</p>
Moldova	<p>Ongoing AA Negotiations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue implementation of ENP Action Plan priorities and engagement in preparation of the Association Agenda, anticipating Agreement obligations, including regulatory approximation and capacity building - dialogue on 'essential elements' of the Agreement - continue the Moldova -EU human rights dialogue - planning of Institution strengthening (migration, competition and state aid, sanitary-phytosanitary, other areas) - encouraging international assistance to support core reforms covered by the 	<p>Focal sector under the ENPI bilateral multiannual programme</p> <p>Comprehensive Institution Building programme – ENPI</p> <p>PCA Subcommittee dialogues</p>	<p>By autumn of 2013, negotiations on an EU-Moldova Association Agreement should be well advanced, if not finalised.</p> <p>EU and Moldova should agree an Association Agenda in 2013</p> <p>EU-supported institution building measures under CIB reach full speed</p>

	Association Agreement		
Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - joint agreement on Association Agenda annual priorities anticipating Agreement obligations, including regulatory approximation (other than approximation related to the DCFTA) - progress towards respect for democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms, rule of law - mainstreaming of Association Agenda priorities into all existing dialogue structures - targeted 'action plans' linked to priority areas (mobility, public financial management, etc) - planning of Institution strengthening (migration, state aids, sanitary-phytosanitary) - public awareness, sensitisation of stakeholders to encourage ratification - encouraging international assistance to support core reforms covered by the Association Agreement 	<p>Focal sector under the ENPI bilateral multiannual programme</p> <p>Comprehensive Institution Building programme – ENPI</p> <p>EU support for civil service reform through sector policy support (ENPI)</p> <p>PCA Subcommittee dialogues</p>	<p>Ukraine's performance, notably in relation to respect for common values and the rule of law, will be of crucial importance for the speed of its political association and economic integration with the EU, including in the context of the conclusion of the Association Agreement and its subsequent implementation.</p> <p>Technical preparation of the text of the Association Agreement undertaken, allowing for its signature at the appropriate time.</p> <p>EU-supported institution building measures under CIB reach full speed.</p>
A.3 Establishment of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area			
Armenia	Negotiate a DCFTA as part of Association Agreement.	National Indicative Programme (ENPI)	DCFTA negotiations should be well advanced if not finalised and substantial progress made in regulatory approximation according to
Establishment of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area	Continue trade-related reforms in the area of sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS)	Sector policy support programmes in DCFTA, public sector transparency, public finance management (ENPI)	

	<p>and strengthen administrative capacity in this regard</p> <p>Continue trade-related reforms in the TBT (Technical Barriers Trade) area and strengthen administrative capacity in this regard</p> <p>Continue to strengthen intellectual property enforcement and make progress in the fight against piracy and counterfeiting. Continue strengthening administrative capacity in this regard.</p> <p>Close dialogue on the reform agenda between Armenia and the EU (in regular Cooperation Committees, Trade Subcommittee)</p>	<p>Comprehensive Institution Building programmes (CIB - ENPI)</p> <p>EU Advisory Group, Twinning, TAIEX, SIGMA (ENPI)</p>	<p>the Commission's recommendations.</p>
<p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>WTO Membership</p>	<p>Enhanced dialogue on the WTO accession</p> <p>Upgrade the trade-related provisions of the current Partnership and Cooperation Agreement pending the conclusion of a non-preferential agreement in the framework of the Association Agreement</p>	<p>ENPI, including Comprehensive Institution Building programmes (CIB)</p>	<p>Azerbaijan should have made progress towards WTO accession as a precondition for starting DCFTA negotiations</p>
<p>Georgia</p> <p>Establishment of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area</p>	<p>Negotiate a DCFTA as part of Association Agreement.</p> <p>Address outstanding ILO recommendations and in particular the compliance of Georgian laws with ILO conventions 98 and 87.</p> <p>Close dialogue on the reform agenda between Georgia and the EU (in regular Cooperation</p>	<p>ENPI, including Comprehensive Institution Building programmes (CIB)</p> <p>National Indicative Programme (ENPI)</p> <p>Sector policy support programmes in agriculture planned for 2012 (ENPI)</p> <p>Comprehensive Institution Building</p>	<p>DCFTA negotiations should be well advanced if not finalised and substantial progress made in regulatory approximation according to the Commission's recommendations</p>

	<p>Committees, Trade Subcommittee)</p> <p>Continue trade-related reforms in the area of sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) and strengthen administrative capacity in this regard</p> <p>Continue trade-related reforms in the TBT area and strengthen administrative capacity in this regard</p> <p>Continue trade-related reforms in the area of competition and strengthen institutional capacity in this regard</p> <p>Continue to strengthen IP enforcement and make progress in the fight against piracy and counterfeiting. Continue strengthening administrative capacity in this regard</p> <p>Ensure effective dialogue with the right stakeholders</p>	<p>programmes (CIB - ENPI)</p> <p>Twinning, TAIEX, SIGMA (ENPI)</p> <p>Trade, economic and related legal issues subcommittee dialogues</p>	
<p>Moldova</p> <p>Establishment of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area</p>	<p>Negotiate a DCFTA as part of the future EU-Moldova Association Agreement</p> <p>Continue trade-related reforms in the areas agreed in Moldova's Action Plan for implementing the DCFTA-related recommendations. These include primarily trade-related reforms in the areas of TBT, health and phytosanitary measures, financial services, and competition, and the strengthening of institutional capacity in this regard.</p> <p>Close dialogue on the trade-related reform</p>	<p>ENPI, including Comprehensive Institution Building programmes (CIB) identified by the Framework Document of November 2010</p> <p>Ongoing or upcoming DCFTA- related twinings in areas of competition, sanitary and phytosanitary norms, intellectual property, public procurement, agriculture, economy</p> <p>FVO (EU Food and Veterinary Office) visits and follow-up on SPS (Sanitary and Phytosanitary standards)</p>	<p>DCFTA negotiations should be well advanced if not finalised and substantial progress made in regulatory approximation according to the Commission's recommendations</p>

	agenda between Moldova and the EU (in regular Cooperation Committees, Trade Subcommittee)	Sector policy support programmes (energy , TBT etc linked to DCFTA commitments)	
<p>Ukraine</p> <p>Signature and preparation of entry into force of the Association Agreement including the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area</p> <p>Improvement of the business climate in Ukraine</p>	<p>Full implementation of the annual priorities as listed in Section 5 on “Trade and trade-related matters” of the Association Agenda</p> <p>Preparation of regulatory approximation in line with the DCFTA provisions and launch of the approximation process</p> <p>Initiation of a high-level dialogue on improving the business and investment climate</p> <p>Substantial and rapid elimination of the long-standing trade irritants discussed within the framework of existing institutional dialogues (notably specific Sub-Committees)</p>	<p>National Indicative Programme (NIP) DCFTA focal sector (specific packages where needed, e.g. for geographical indications)</p> <p>ENPI, including Comprehensive Institution Building programmes (CIB)</p> <p>FVO (EU Food and Veterinary Office) visits and follow-up on SPS (Sanitary and Phytosanitary standards)</p> <p>Agriculture dialogue</p> <p>Sector policy support programmes (energy , TBT etc linked to DCFTA commitments)</p> <p>Establishing Ukraine-EU bilateral institutions envisaged by DCFTA chapter</p>	<p>Continuous action (progress assessed on the basis of ENP Progress reports indicating the implementation of the Association Agenda priorities under Section 5)</p> <p>Launch of the regulatory approximation process at the earliest possible date, depending on the pace of signature and entry into force of the Agreement (progress assessed in line with the monitoring provisions relevant for the DCFTA)</p> <p>More effective state institutions in SPS and State Aids control</p> <p>Improvement of the business climate expected as soon as possible</p> <p>Progress in convergence of Ukraine to EU customs legislation and procedures, including preparation for accession to common</p>

			transit, development of risk management and harmonized customs modernisation process
A.4 Common Security and Defence Policy Explore possibilities for partners' participation in civilian and military EU-led operations			Progress made towards the conclusion of bilateral crisis management agreements between the EU and interested EaP countries
Georgia	Conclusion of a framework participation agreement as an important step for extending the EU-Georgia cooperation to the area of CSDP		Increased possibilities for involvement in CSDP operations and missions.
Moldova	Conclusion of a framework participation agreement by the end of 2012, as an important step for extending the EU-Moldova cooperation to the area of CSDP		Increased possibilities for involvement in CSDP operations and missions.
Ukraine	Continuation of on-going dialogue and cooperation including developing Ukraine's participation in EU NAVFOR ATALANTA		Increased possibilities for involvement in CSDP operations and missions.

B. Enhance Mobility in a Secure and Well-managed Environment[§]			
B.1. Enhanced Mobility B.1.a Visa facilitation and readmission agreements	Enhanced justice and home affairs cooperation in line with the provisions of the ENP Action Plans (see below for Belarus which does not have an Action Plan)	ENPI, in particular Comprehensive Institution Building for conclusion and implementation of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements DCI Thematic programme migration & asylum	
Armenia		EU Advisory Group with Armenia	Following the launch of negotiations in March 2012, visa facilitation and readmission agreements could be concluded.
Azerbaijan		Comprehensive Institution Building	Following the launch of negotiations in March 2012, visa facilitation and readmission agreements could be concluded.
Belarus		EU Member States strive to make optimal use of the flexibilities in the EU visa code vis-à-vis Belarusian citizens.	The EU remains ready to launch negotiations on visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Belarus.
Georgia	Continuous implementation of the existing visa facilitation and readmission agreements	Continuous implementation of the existing visa facilitation and readmission agreements	Continuous action

[§] The detailed character of the part on mobility in a secure environment is explained by the EC Communication on Cooperation in the area of JHA within the Eastern Partnership (COM(2011)564 final) and the JHA Council Conclusions of December 2011 and it forms part of the monitoring mechanism called for by the Council.

Moldova	<p>Continuous implementation of the existing visa facilitation and readmission agreements</p> <p>Undertaking all internal procedures necessary for preparation for signature and conclusion of the amended visa facilitation agreement.</p>	<p>Continuous implementation of the existing visa facilitation and readmission agreements</p> <p>Undertaking all internal procedures necessary for preparation for signature and conclusion of the amended visa facilitation agreement.</p>	<p>Entry into force envisaged in 2012</p>
Ukraine	<p>Continuous implementation of the existing visa facilitation and readmission agreements</p> <p>Undertaking all internal procedures necessary for preparation for signature and conclusion of the amended visa facilitation agreement.</p>	<p>Continuous implementation of the existing visa facilitation and readmission agreements</p> <p>Undertaking all internal procedures necessary for preparation for signature and conclusion of the amended visa facilitation agreement.</p>	<p>Entry into force envisaged in 2012</p>
B.1.b Launching of visa dialogue and negotiation of visa liberalisation action plans			
Georgia	<p>Continuation of effective implementation of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements</p> <p>Strengthening justice and home affairs cooperation</p>	<p>Comprehensive Institution Building (CIB – ENPI) DCI Thematic programme on Migration and Asylum Short-term technical assistance- TAIEX</p>	<p>Following the conclusion and positive assessment of the expert mission in March 2012, the visa dialogue is expected to be launched before summer 2012, followed by the drafting of Georgia's visa liberalisation action plan later in 2012.</p>
Armenia Azerbaijan	<p>Effective implementation of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements</p> <p>Strengthening justice and home affairs</p>	<p>Comprehensive Institution Building (CIB – ENPI) DCI Thematic programme on Migration</p>	<p>Exploratory talks for a visa liberalisation dialogue with Armenia and Azerbaijan</p>

	cooperation	and Asylum Short-term technical assistance - TAIEX	could start later on, once respective visa facilitation and readmission agreements are concluded and effectively implemented.
B.1.c Implementation of Visa Liberalisation Action Plans Moldova Ukraine	Adopt and implement the relevant legislative, policy and institutional measures to meet the VLAP benchmarks	Moldova: Comprehensive Institution Building (CIB - ENPI) Ukraine: Comprehensive Institution Building (CIB - ENPI)	Compliance with all VLAP benchmarks as per VLAP methodology Visa liberalisation with Moldova and Ukraine will depend on the implementation of their respective Visa Liberalisation Action Plans.
B.1.d Implementation of existing Mobility Partnerships and possible launching of new ones Armenia	Continuous commitment to the implementation of the MP and active involvement in its activities	For partner countries with Mobility Partnership: ENPI funds and Thematic Programme on Asylum and Migration (DCI) Short-term technical assistance- TAIEX Policy initiatives: facilitating legal migration and intra-EU mobility, in particular of students, researchers and academics Regular dialogue in the framework of Mobility Partnership	Continuous action

<p>Georgia</p> <p>Moldova</p> <p>Azerbaijan</p>	<p>Continuous commitment to the implementation of the MP and active involvement in its activities</p> <p>Further expansion of the MP by encouraging non-participating Member States to adhere to the Joint Declaration</p>		<p>Establishment of a Mobility Partnership could be envisaged</p>
<p>B.2 Mobility in a well-managed & secure environment B.2.a Asylum</p> <p>Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia</p> <p>Moldova and Ukraine</p>	<p>Pursue modernisation of national asylum system in line with international and EU standards, including an IDP protection system</p> <p>Complete where relevant the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation, in particular meeting the relevant benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation.</p>	<p>ENPI funds and Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum (DCI) TAIEX - mainly capacity building measures Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p> <p>ENPI funds and Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum (DCI), TAIEX- mainly capacity building measures. Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level.</p>	<p>Continuous action</p>

B.2.b Fight against irregular migration, including readmission			
Armenia and Azerbaijan	<p>Conclude and implement readmission agreement with the EU Adopt measures aimed at the sustainable reintegration of returning citizens; introduce biometric passports and ID cards in second half of 2012 for Armenia and in the first half of 2014 for Azerbaijan and ensure security of breeder documents Adopt and implement effective legislation ensuring proper protection of personal data Azerbaijan only: sign and ratify 2001 Additional Protocol to the 1981 CoE Data Protection Convention.</p>	<p>ENPI funds and Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum especially for the strengthening of readmission and reintegration capacities and document security Comprehensive Institution Building CIB (ENPI) Cooperation with FRONTEX. Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p>	Continuous action
Georgia	<p>Continue effective implementation of readmission agreement with EU; pursue the issuing of biometric passports and ID cards and measures ensuring security of breeder documents, including a unified electronic population registry; adopt and implement effective legislation ensuring proper protection of personal data.</p>	<p>ENPI funds and Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum especially for the strengthening of readmission and reintegration capacities and document security. Comprehensive Institution Building CIB (ENPI) Cooperation with FRONTEX</p>	
Moldova and Ukraine	<p>Complete where relevant the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation, in particular meeting the relevant benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation.</p>	<p>Moldova and Ukraine: ENPI and Thematic Programme Migration and Asylum (DCI) Cooperation with FRONTEX Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p>	

<p>B.2.c. Legal migration and enhancing the link between migration and development</p> <p>Armenia</p> <p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>Georgia</p>	<p>Partner countries to establish a comprehensive migration policy, including measures aimed at addressing the brain drain, social security, recognitions of skills and qualifications, integration of migrants, fighting racism and xenophobia, maintaining relations with diasporas Update migration profiles</p> <p>Ensure effective implementation of the National Action Plan 2012-2016, including strengthening the capacities of the State Migration Service and developing of an information system for registering migration flows; enhance cooperation in the framework of the EU-Armenia Mobility Partnership</p> <p>Develop an effective migration management strategy, including strengthening the capacities of the State Migration Service and development of a unified database in the field of migration.</p> <p>Develop a comprehensive migration strategy and its associated action plan; establish a central migration database; strengthen the capacities of the State Commission on Migration.</p> <p>Enhance cooperation in the framework of the EU-Georgia Mobility Partnership.</p>	<p>ENPI funds, Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum (DCI), TAIEX Policy initiatives: facilitating legal migration, including circular migration, while adopting measures to address brain drain Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p> <p>ENPI funds, Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum (DCI), TAIEX Policy initiatives: facilitating legal migration, including circular migration, while adopting measures to address brain drain Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p> <p>ENPI funds, Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum (DCI), TAIEX Policy initiatives: facilitating legal migration, including circular migration, while adopting measures to address brain drain. Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p>	<p>Continuous action</p>
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Moldova and Ukraine	Complete where relevant the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensuring its effective implementation, in particular meeting the relevant benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation.	ENPI funds, Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum (DCI), TAIEX Policy initiatives: facilitating legal migration, including circular migration, while adopting measures to address brain drain Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level	
B.2.d Fight against trafficking in human beings	Partner countries to adopt the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation ratify and fully implement the relevant international conventions Establish a national referral mechanism Improve cooperation and exchange of information with EU	Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level, especially aiming at exchange of best practices with particular focus on cooperation to provide protection and assistance to victims ENPI funds, Thematic programme on migration and asylum (DCI), TAIEX,	Continuous action
Armenia	Implement Third National Plan 2010-2012 on trafficking Ratify and implement 2007 CoE Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse		
Azerbaijan	Pursue the implementation of the National Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2009-2013)		
Georgia	Pursue effective implementation of the 2011-2012 National Action Plan for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings		
Moldova and Ukraine	Complete where relevant the legislative,		

	policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation, in particular meeting the relevant benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation		
B.2.e Integrated Border Management			
Armenia	Implement the Border Security and Border Management Strategy for 2011-2015 and the associated Action Plan	Support for border management in Southern Caucasus countries through ENPI and Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum (DCI), notably the Integrated Border Management Flagship Training Initiative (FIT) and the South Caucasus Integrated Border Management project (SCIBM) Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level Cooperation with FRONTEX	Continuous action
Azerbaijan	Develop and implement a national strategy on integrated border management		
Georgia	Implement the Integrated Border Management Strategy and update its Action Plan		
Moldova and Ukraine	Continue to implement the EUBAM Programme Complete where relevant the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation, in particular meeting the relevant benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation		
		EUBAM (ENPI regional programme) Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level. Cooperation with FRONTEX. Ukraine: ongoing sector budget support for border management	
B.2.f Fight against organised crime	Partner countries to adopt the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation Ratify and fully implement relevant international conventions Strengthen capacities of law enforcement		Continuous action

Armenia	<p>authorities to fight organised crime, while ensuring appropriate data protection safeguards</p> <p>Enhance the fight against organised crime in accordance with the National Strategy and the National Programme for fighting against terrorism</p>	<p>ENPI funds, TAIEX, cooperation with CEPOL and Europol, including participation in study visits and trainings. Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p>	
Azerbaijan	<p>Develop an effective strategy for fight against organised crime</p> <p>Enhance regional cooperation</p>	<p>ENPI funds, TAIEX, cooperation with CEPOL and Europol, including participation in study visits and trainings Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p>	
Georgia	<p>Enhance the efficiency of fight against organised crime, notably by ratifying and enforcing of the Third Protocol on the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, as well as the 2007 CoE Convention on the protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and the European Convention on Cybercrime</p> <p>Adopt and implement effective standards of protection and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in order to combat counterfeiting Enhance regional cooperation</p>	<p>ENPI funds, TAIEX, cooperation with CEPOL and Europol, including participation in study visits and trainings Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p>	
Moldova and Ukraine	<p>Complete where relevant the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation, in particular meeting the relevant benchmarks of the</p>	<p>ENPI funds, TAIEX, cooperation with CEPOL and Europol, including participation in study visits and trainings</p>	

	<p>Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation</p> <p>Ukraine, in particular, ratify the 2001 Protocol on the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime</p>	<p>Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p>	
<p>B.2.g Fight against financial crime, including terrorist financing</p> <p>Armenia</p> <p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>Georgia</p>	<p>Partner countries to adopt the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation</p> <p>Establish/ strengthen Financial Intelligence Units and foster their cooperation with the FIUs of the EU MS</p> <p>Partner countries to ratify relevant conventions preventing radicalisation and recruitment for terrorist activities</p> <p>Continue to implement the National Strategy 2010-2013 for Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing, including by consolidating technical and human resources</p> <p>Develop and enforce legislation in this area, including the signing and ratification of the CoE Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism</p> <p>Continue to pursue efforts in this area, including enhanced cooperation with international partners</p>	<p>Policy initiatives: fostering cooperation with FIUs of EaP countries ENPI funds, TAIEX Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p> <p>Policy initiatives: fostering cooperation with FIUs of EaP countries. ENPI funds, TAIEX Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p> <p>Policy initiatives: fostering cooperation with FIUs of EaP countries. ENPI funds, TAIEX Regular dialogue at bilateral and</p>	<p>Continuous action</p>

Moldova and Ukraine	Complete where relevant the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation, in particular meeting the relevant benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation	multilateral level Policy initiatives: fostering cooperation with FIUs of EaP countries. ENPI funds, TAIEX Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level	
B.2.h Tackling illicit drugs	Partner countries to adopt and implement national drug policies and integrated drug action plans		Continuous action
Armenia	Implement 2010-2012 National Programme for Combating Drug Addiction and Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs	ENPI funds, TAIEX, Instrument for Stability Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level	
Azerbaijan	Pursue implementation of national action programme (2007-2012) against drug addiction and drug trafficking with particular emphasis on law enforcement and regional cooperation	ENPI funds, TAIEX, Instrument for Stability Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level	
Georgia	Develop and implement a comprehensive national anti-drug strategy and action plan	ENPI funds, TAIEX, Instrument for Stability Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level	
Moldova and Ukraine	Complete where relevant the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation, in particular meeting the relevant benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation	ENPI funds, TAIEX, Instrument for Stability Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level	

<p>B.2.i Fight against corruption</p> <p>Armenia</p> <p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>Georgia</p> <p>Moldova and Ukraine</p>	<p>Partner countries to adopt the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation Play an active part in anti-corruption monitoring mechanisms (GRECO, OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia and, where relevant, Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan) Implement relevant legal instruments, including appropriate follow-up to the recommendations and political commitments Play an active part in the UNCAC review mechanism Enhance the role of civil society in that area</p> <p>Continue to implement anti-corruption strategy and associated action plan 2009-2012 Improve the relevant legal framework and ensure its effective implementation,</p> <p>Continue efforts to develop anti-corruption legislation and its effective application</p> <p>Further implement the Anti-Corruption strategy and Action Plan adopted in 2010</p> <p>Complete where relevant the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation, in particular fulfilling the relevant benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation</p>	<p>ENPI funds, TAIEX. Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p> <p>ENPI funds, TAIEX. Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p> <p>ENPI funds, TAIEX. Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p> <p>ENPI funds, TAIEX. Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p>	<p>Continuous action</p>
<p>B.2.j Law enforcement cooperation</p>	<p>Partner countries to establish an appropriate coordination mechanism between national agencies</p>	<p>Cooperation with Europol and CEPOL. Regular dialogue at bilateral and multilateral level</p>	<p>Continuous action</p>

Armenia	In particular: Enhance cooperation with EUROPOL		
Azerbaijan	Pursue efforts to develop and enforce legislation in this area		
Georgia	Pursue efforts to enforce legislation in this area		
Moldova and Ukraine	Complete where relevant the legislative, policy and institutional framework and ensure its effective implementation, in particular meeting the relevant benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation		
C. Sector cooperation			
C.1.a Promote participation in EU programmes and facilitate the conclusion of general protocols to be followed by specific Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with Partner Countries	<p>Partner countries need to make informed decisions about their participation in programmes, in consultation with the EU.</p> <p>Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to consider negotiating protocols to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement as a first step, providing the legal basis for participation in EU programmes</p>	<p>Regular dialogues with partner countries to help identify priorities</p> <p>ENPI (possible co-financing for participation in EU programmes)</p> <p>Possible TAIEX assistance for specific areas of regulatory policy, in line with EaP partner country needs</p> <p>Based on mutual agreement, negotiate Protocols to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreements to enable Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia to participate in EU programmes</p>	<p>Based on mutual agreement of partner countries' informed decisions, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia will make progress on the negotiation with the EU of protocols to PCAs.</p>

	<p>Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine to consider negotiating memoranda of understanding for individual programmes where appropriate</p> <p>Moldova: Ensure sustainable participation in EU Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development</p>	<p>ENPI (possible co-financing for participation in EU programmes)</p> <p>ENPI (possible co-financing for participation in EU programmes)</p>	<p>Negotiation of specific memoranda of understanding for individual EU programmes as appropriate</p>
<p>C.1.b. Promote Partner Countries' participation in the work of EU agencies</p>	<p>Partner countries need to identify priority agencies and explore possibilities for cooperation activities or formal agreements as appropriate</p> <p>Negotiate agreements with individual agencies</p> <p>Arrangements for specific agencies:</p> <p>Europol <i>Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: enhance cooperation with Europol - ongoing</i></p> <p>EUROJUST <i>Moldova: conclusion and signature of the operational cooperation agreement</i></p> <p><i>Ukraine: signature of the operational</i></p>	<p>Regular dialogue with partner countries on key priorities to facilitate participation in the work of EU agencies</p> <p>The ENPI inter-regional preparatory action to facilitate partner country participation in the work of EU agencies.</p> <p>Possible region-wide seminars with individual agencies as necessary</p>	<p>On the basis of their own priorities and with EU support, the partner countries will increase cooperation with EU agencies and explore possibilities for formal agreements as appropriate.</p> <p><i>Ukraine and Moldova - signature of the operational cooperation agreement - by 2013</i></p> <p><i>Moldova and Ukraine - signature of the operational cooperation agreement - by 2013</i></p>

	<p>cooperation agreement</p> <p>FRONTEX <i>Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia</i> - implementation of the working arrangement - ongoing Armenia and Azerbaijan – signature of working arrangements</p> <p>CEPOL <i>All EaP:</i> Participation in CEPOL training activities</p> <p><i>Ukraine, Moldova</i> signature of formal cooperation agreements</p> <p><i>Georgia</i> implementation of the cooperation agreement</p>	<p>FRONTEX: training activities, information sharing</p> <p>CEPOL: training activities</p>	
<p>C.2 Energy</p> <p>C.2.a Promote energy security and sustainability, notably through infrastructure, energy efficiency and renewables</p>	<p>EaP countries to continue developing and sustaining strategic oil stocks</p> <p>EaP countries to pursue electricity tariff reforms, implement measures to ensure full cost-recovery, strengthen capacity and independence of regulators, and set up appropriate legislative frameworks</p>	<p>EU to consider granting the Eurasian oil transportation corridor (EAOTC) the status of priority project of common interest under TEN-E (Trans-European Networks of Energy)</p> <p>EU to –</p> <p>(a) finance a feasibility study on integrating the united power system of Ukraine and of Moldova into the central European electricity networks (CBC project);</p> <p>(b) increase project support for regulatory authorities’ policy making and institutional capacity building. support through NIF, EIB loans and ongoing cooperation programmes.</p>	<p>Improved energy security through supply diversification</p> <p>Electricity networks interconnection study completed. Project lending to be considered. Electricity sectors reformed.</p>

<p>Armenia</p>	<p>Pursue policies conducive to electricity grids interconnections with neighbouring countries</p> <p>Implementation of the November 2010 Action Plan of National Plan on Energy Saving and May 2011 Roadmap on energy efficiency</p>	<p>ENPI</p>	<p>Enhanced security of electricity support through interconnections</p> <p>Construction of the Black Sea Electricity Transmission Line</p> <p>Progress on action plan and roadmap</p>
<p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>Realisation of the Southern Gas Corridor</p>	<p>Implementation of the Joint Declaration on the Southern Gas Corridor</p> <p>State Agency for Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency established and operational. Legal framework still in development</p>	<p>ENPI</p> <p>Framework agreement with EIB – signature expected in 2012 – will allow the EU to explore possibilities for EIB financing for Southern Corridor.</p>	<p>Establishment of a regulatory and institutional framework promoting energy efficiency; increase of renewable energy use</p>
<p>Belarus</p>	<p>Progress on preparatory talks on Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan</p>	<p>ENPI</p>	<p>Establishment of Baltic Energy Market Interconnection</p> <p>Establishment of a regulatory and institutional framework promoting energy efficiency Increase of renewable energy use</p>

<p>Georgia</p>	<p>Pursue policies conducive to electricity grids interconnections with neighbouring countries</p> <p>Development of energy efficiency and activities within the municipalities</p> <p>Promotion of renewable energy development</p>	<p>ENPI</p>	<p>Enhanced security of electricity support through interconnections</p> <p>Construction of a new electricity interconnection line “Black Sea Transmission Network” (BSTN) to be completed in 2013.</p> <p>Progress towards the establishment of a regulatory and institutional framework promoting energy efficiency</p> <p>Law on renewable energy to be prepared by 2013</p>
<p>Moldova</p>	<p>Energy Efficiency Agency has been set up, engagement with Energy Community Secretariat to approximate with EU legislation</p> <p>Develop connections to the European Gas and Electricity Regional Network and streamline the process of accession to the ENTSO-E and ENTSO-G (European Networks of Transmission Systems Operators for Electricity and Gas).</p>	<p>ENPI; sector budget support on the reform of the energy sector</p>	<p>Establishment of a regulatory and institutional framework promoting energy efficiency</p> <p>Increase of renewable energy use</p>

Ukraine	<p>To ensure sector viability, carry out sector reforms, modernise the natural gas (GTS) transmission system and domestic gas distribution network, restructure financially and corporatize Naftogaz and ensure domestic gas prices reflect costs</p> <p>Strengthen the overall institutional framework for promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy in Ukraine and engage further with Energy Community Secretariat to approximate with EU legislation</p>	<p>ENPI: ongoing energy sector budget support programme EU support for Ukraine GTS rehabilitation through NIF grants, EIB and EBRD loans</p>	<p>Financial and fiscal viability of the Ukrainian energy sector secured</p> <p>Establishment of a regulatory and institutional framework promoting energy efficiency Increase of renewable energy use</p>
<p>C.2.b Enhance levels of nuclear safety</p> <p>Armenia</p> <p>Belarus</p>	<p>Approximation of a regulatory framework for nuclear safety Upgrade safety standards of existing NPPs (Nuclear Power Plant), in cooperation, where appropriate, with other IFIs (notably EBRD)</p> <p><i>Armenia</i> – Implementation of a Joint Declaration on comprehensive risk and safety assessments of nuclear plants (stress tests)</p> <p><i>Belarus</i> - Implementation of a Joint Declaration on comprehensive risk and safety assessments of nuclear plants (stress tests)</p> <p>Submission to the EU of Environmental impact assessment for Belarus nuclear power</p>	<p>EURATOM loans to third countries* (Council Decision 94/179/Euratom of 21.03.1994, amending Decision 77/270/Euratom)</p> <p>EU assistance through Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC) in Armenia</p> <p>EU support through INSC. EU studying Belarus environmental impact assessment. Bilateral consultations to start mid-2012</p>	<p>Nuclear safety standards upgraded</p> <p>Progress towards early closure of Medzamor nuclear power plant</p> <p>Belarus invited to apply criteria of stress tests for design of its planned nuclear power plant</p>

* In the EaP region, potential beneficiary countries are Ukraine and Armenia

Ukraine	<p>plant project</p> <p><i>Ukraine</i> – Implementation of a comprehensive programme on nuclear safety improvement at Ukrainian NPPs (the 'upgrade package') to address the Ukrainian regulatory requirements and take into account the findings of the Joint European Commission-IAEA-Ukraine project on evaluating of the nuclear safety of the Ukrainian NPPs</p> <p>Implementation of a Joint Declaration on comprehensive risk and safety assessments of nuclear plants (stress tests)</p>	Request for Euratom loan under evaluation	Stress tests are expected to be completed by mid 2012. Project financing by early 2013 provided policy accompanying measures are implemented
<p>C.3. Transport C.3.a. Conclusion and implementation of Aviation Agreements</p> <p>Armenia</p>	Regulatory approximation through gradual implementation of EU aviation legislation, including in the following areas: aviation safety, aviation security, consumer protection (such as passenger rights), environment (noise), social aspects, air traffic management, market access related issues such as slots and ground handling and airport charges.	<p>Technical assistance under ENPI, Twinning, TAIEX and SPSP (Sector Policy Support Programme) under ENPI</p> <p>Armenia: Twinning project on aviation</p>	Armenia: assuming that there is an interest and readiness to negotiate an agreement with the EU, the Commission could seek a negotiating authorisation from the Council in 2012. The negotiations could be launched once MSs have authorised the Commission to negotiate.

Azerbaijan		Azerbaijan: Twinning project on aviation planned	Azerbaijan: assuming that Azerbaijan has examined the draft agreement and prepared its negotiating positions, negotiations could start in 2012 (tentatively first half of 2012).
Georgia		Georgia: Twinning project on aviation	Georgia: the agreement that was signed in 2010 is being implemented under the EU-Georgia Joint Committee. The agreement could come into force by 2013, assuming that it has by then been ratified by all EU Member States.
Moldova		Moldova: Framework programme in support of EU-Moldova agreement twinning and other projects under CIB - ENPI	Moldova: First meeting of the Joint Committee set up by the EU-Moldova Civil Aviation Agreement to assess the implementation and progress made on the transposition of the EU's aviation acquis.
Ukraine		Ukraine: Technical assistance and sector policy support project in transport EIB loan for Air Navigation upgrade co-financed with EBRD	Ukraine: assuming that solutions can be found on the remaining outstanding issues relating in particular to safety, negotiations could resume in 2012 and the agreement could be subsequently signed.

<p>C.3.b Maritime Safety</p> <p>Georgia</p>	<p>Capacity building of Maritime Transport Agency Organisation of training for Maritime Transport Agency staff</p>	<p>Technical assistance under ENPI and TAIEX</p>	<p>Improvement of Maritime Transport Agency performance with respect to maritime safety, security and environmental protection</p>
<p>C.4. Regional development, agriculture and rural development</p> <p>C.4.a. Launch or enhancement of regional policy dialogues and development of Pilot Regional Development Programmes (PRDPs)</p>	<p>Promote a strategy-based, inclusive approach to reducing economic and social regional disparities and realising regional economic potential.</p>	<p>ENPI</p>	
<p>Armenia: Follow up initial contacts on development of a dialogue and on PDRPs.</p>	<p>On the basis of the Regional Development Strategy and in close collaboration with the EU delegation, pilot projects will be developed for possible EU financing.</p>	<p>ENPI</p>	<p>Progress toward further regional policy dialogue by 2013 will depend on an expression of formal interest by the government.</p> <p>Pilot projects are identified and will be proposed for financing.</p>
<p>Azerbaijan: Follow up initial contacts on development of a dialogue and on PDRPs.</p>	<p>Azerbaijan has submitted a Regional Development Strategy. The EU delegation is working with the government on how to develop pilot projects with a clear cohesion dimension in the most appropriate form</p>	<p>ENPI</p>	<p>Progress toward further regional policy dialogue by 2013 will depend on an expression of formal interest and commitment by the government.</p>

<p>Georgia: Follow up launch of dialogue by putting work programme into effect.</p>	<p>On the basis of Georgia's Regional Development Strategy, the EU is implementing a large Sector Policy Support Programmes on Regional Development. This Programme can integrate further PRDP funding for the identification of pilot projects.</p>	<p>ENPI</p>	<p>Progress on the work programme and enhanced dialogue is to be expected by 2013.</p> <p>Pilot projects identified and proposed for financing</p>
<p>Moldova: Follow up launch of dialogue by putting work programme into effect.</p>	<p>Moldova's Regional Development Strategy to serve as the basis for identification of PRDPs</p>	<p>Pilot Regional Development Programme under finalisation; to be supported from 2012 (ENPI)</p>	<p>Pilot projects identified and proposed for financing. Progress on implementation of the work programme is to be expected by 2013.</p>
<p>Ukraine: Follow up launch of dialogue by putting work programme into effect</p>	<p>Revision of the regional development strategy. The Parliament approved the setting up of a regional development plan in January 2012.</p>	<p>A project in support of Regional Development was approved in 2011 (ENPI)</p> <p>A sector budget support programme to regional development for 2012 is under consideration (ENPI)</p> <p>The PRDP concept has been taken into account in the current and future projects.</p>	<p>By 2013:</p> <p>Progress on implementing of the work programme</p> <p>Finalisation and approval of the State policy on regional development</p> <p>Operationalisation of the region development fund</p> <p>Beginning of implementation of some PRDP</p>
<p>C.4.b. Agricultural sector dialogue and European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD)</p>	<p>Sector dialogue on agriculture and rural development covered by existing subcommittees, established high-level dialogues (Ukraine) or regional dialogues (to be established).</p>	<p>Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine: Sharing expertise and policy approaches in agriculture and rural development</p> <p>Study to review partners' rural and agriculture policies and strategies in</p>	<p>Continuation of sector dialogue during 2012-2013</p> <p>Preparatory work ongoing for implementation of ENPARD, starting in</p>

		<p>order to prepare for the identification of suitable ENPARD projects</p> <p>ENPARD senior official meeting with ENP countries</p> <p>Azerbaijan: Ongoing sector budget support programmes for agriculture and rural development;</p> <p>Georgia: European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD Georgia) planned for 2012</p> <p>Moldova: sector budget support Ongoing economic stimulation of rural areas. EIB concessional loan to upgrade the wine sector (signed Nov. 2010)</p>	<p>Georgia, including sector overview study</p> <p>Further ENPARD cooperation programmes will be considered in the framework of the programming exercise to be launched in summer 2012</p>
<p>C.5 Environment and climate change</p>	<p>Work on approximating environmental legislation, especially in view of new Association Agreements (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine)</p>	<p>ENPI, including Sector Budget Support, twinnings</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Moldova: Sector Policy Support Programme (SPSP) in the water supply and sanitation sector (ongoing)</p> <p>Ukraine: Sector Policy Support Programme (SBS) in the field of environment for 2011-2014</p>	<p>Continuous action</p>

<p>C.6. Cooperation on macroeconomic and financial stability issues The core objectives are: 1) Promote macroeconomic stability including price stability, sustainability of public finances and balance of payments positions 2) Promote higher economic and employment growth through appropriate structural reforms 3) Promote financial stability including by way of reforms and regulation in the financial sector</p>	<p>1) Promote the sustainability of public finances and balance of payments positions. 2) Implement appropriate structural reforms. 3) Implement appropriate reforms and regulation in the financial sector.</p>	<p>Approval, where appropriate, of macro-financial assistance (MFA) operations for countries meeting preconditions Continued provision of MFA and support to partner countries in advancing key policy reforms as agreed in Memoranda of Understanding. Strengthening regular bilateral macroeconomic dialogues</p>	<p>Continuous action Continuous action Continuous action</p>
<p>C.7 Customs cooperation and trade facilitation</p>	<p>Strengthen customs cooperation, remove procedural, human resource and infrastructural bottlenecks and implement customs modernisation strategies</p>		
<p>Belarus</p>	<p>Strategic Framework (SF) for EU-Belarus Customs Cooperation</p>	<p>Strategic framework proposed by the EU in 2011. Belarus is expected to react</p>	<p>Roadmap for implementation of SF to be agreed following its endorsement</p>
<p>Moldova</p>	<p>Implementation of the Strategic Framework (SF) for EU-Moldova Customs Cooperation</p>	<p>Strategic framework agreed and endorsed in 2011</p>	<p>Roadmap for SF implementation to be agreed in early 2012</p>
<p>Ukraine</p>	<p>Implementation of the Strategic Framework (SF) for EU-Ukraine Customs Cooperation</p>	<p>Strategic framework agreed. Endorsement expected in the first half of 2012</p>	<p>1st half of 2012- agreement on the road map for implementation of SF</p>

<p>C.8. Employment and social cooperation</p>	<p>Cooperation in line with the provisions of the ENP Action Plans/ Association Agendas including ensuring respect for trade union rights and core labour standards. Engaging in a dialogue on employment and social policy with a view to develop an analysis of the situation and to identify key challenges and policy responses (employment policy, social protection policy, social inclusion policy, social dialogue, health and safety at work, labour law, gender equality) gradually moving towards EU practices and including implementation of the EU acquis on health and safety at work, labour law and working conditions.</p>	<p>ENPI including TAIEX, Twinning, EIDHR</p>	<p>Establishment and consolidation of EU-partner country dialogues on employment and social policies</p> <p>Relevant legislation is being reviewed. Process for revision/ adjustment has started</p> <p>Measures are being put in place to support capacity-building for social partners and social dialogue</p>
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