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Even 20 years after the commencement of the climate protection convention, the capacities for the design and implementation concerning effective climate policy in the countries of the project region are still weakly developed. The countries unite the common challenge of successfully transforming their economic systems into open market economies while at the same time integrating ambitious climate protection policies into national development planning. The necessary institutional, regulatory and financial capacities are restricted. There is a lack of human and institutional skills and know-how to integrate ambitious climate protection policy into comprehensive development planning. As a result, the countries cannot adequately transform their potential to implement and increase their climate protection ambitions.

The project develops instruments to create conditions for a significant reduction of greenhouse gases while achieving economic transformation targets. It strengthens the capacities of public decision-makers and institutions for the application of necessary integrated and inter-institutional planning processes. Effective knowledge management causes multiplier effects in other countries of the project region and at international level. In addition, individual and small cooperation projects are being implemented in the project region to strengthen capacities for ambitious climate policy. While the project contributes decisively to implementing national climate protection efforts in the partner countries, it simultaneously supports the development of sustainable, competitive economic systems.

### Project objective

The project aims to support project countries to integrate their national climate mitigation goals into national development strategies and, hence, into budgetary planning and regulative frame conditions.

Main Facts	
<b>Title</b>	Capacity Development for Climate Policy in the countries of Southeast, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia, Phase III
<b>Focus/Topic</b>	Climate Policy
<b>Duration</b>	06/2017 – 06/2024
<b>Implementer</b>	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
<b>Country/Region of Implementation</b>	Comprehensive, long-term cooperation with six partner countries focusing on sectoral integration of climate mitigation targets and national climate mitigation ambition planning  Individual and small cooperation projects
<b>Overall Budget</b>	€ 18.687.905,35

In six selected partner countries (Albania, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Mongolia, Ukraine) the project cooperates with the respective governments to strengthen institutional, analytical and process management capacities for ambitious climate mitigation planning and for integration of national climate protection targets into national development strategies.

In addition, individual cooperation measures are being implemented in the project region (up to 19 countries) on specific topic complexes with high potential for regional and international dissemination of experiences and results.



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## Thematic priorities of individual measures

The individual measures supported by the project can be classified as having one of the following focuses:

1. Support of climate-resilient economic structures
2. Development of carbon markets and innovative financing mechanisms
3. Fostering the use of renewable energies
4. Protection of carbon sink capacities of prevalent vegetative forms
5. Supporting climate strategies at national, regional and municipal levels

## Outputs and related activities

### Output I – Capacities for inter-institutional climate mitigation planning and implementation

In the partner countries relevant ministries are strengthened in their interdisciplinary coordination role to shape national climate protection policy

- Identification and planning of measures to raise awareness and capacity for integrated climate protection policy among national decision-makers.
- Advising and implementing measures for capacity development of national decision-makers for inter-ministerial climate protection policy

### Output II – Sectoral and economy-wide climate mitigation planning

In the partner countries relevant ministries have integrated ambitious climate mitigation indicators into their sector plans or programs to create national climate commitments

- National Energy and Climate Planning (Albania, Montenegro)
- Capacity development for NDC revision and implementation (Mongolia, Georgia, Albania)
- Climate Strategy and Action Planning (Georgia)
- Support in Climate Legislation (Mongolia)
- Transposition of relevant EU-Directives into national legislation (Moldova)

### Output III – Regional Cooperation and Knowledge Management

The methods and instruments developed in the project countries for national climate ambition planning are widespread both regionally and internationally

- Planning and implementation of targeted outreach activities and regional knowledge management
- Development of strategic co-operation with multipliers (institutions and decision-makers) and regional structures, hereby, regional cooperation under the umbrella of the Energy Community

### Output IV – Individual cooperation measures

Partner countries and BMUV (until 12/2022), the BMWK and AA benefit from the experiences gained in the project countries from small and individual cooperation projects fostering bilateral and multilateral climate change dialogue processes in the countries of the project region

- Development, coordination, and implementation of individual measures (pilot projects, studies, conferences) in the project region.

### Output V – Establishment of a climate competence centre (Ukraine)

In a joint EU - BMWK action capacities of public and municipal actors, businesses and NGOs climate action will be enhanced through a Climate Center of Excellence - the Ukrainian Climate Office. It will support a transformation to a climate-neutral, clean, resource-efficient and secure energy economy in Ukraine.

- Feasibility study and establishment of an independent "Climate Competence Centre"
- Consultancy services and trainings, analytical support for evidence-based climate policy formulation and innovation support

## Partner organizations involved / Implementing partners

An important implementing partner is the NewClimate Institute essentially supporting the implementation of Output II in Mongolia and Georgia (until 03/2022). In order to implement the activities of Output I and III, NewClimate Institute and GIZ cooperate through expert support and backstopping.

For the implementation of small and individual measures in the frame of Output IV, services are provided by other subcontractors and projects are implemented in cooperation with a diversity of implementing organizations such as universities and NGOs.

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