

# ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



The EU's initiatives in Armenia on sustainable agriculture, irrigation, biodiversity conservation, and climate action aim to promote the sustainable use of natural resources, protect ecosystems, strengthen climate resilience, and support green economic growth. Through investments in water-efficient infrastructure and farming practices, farmer capacity-building, habitat restoration, eco-friendly businesses, and targeted efforts to preserve Lake Sevan, the EU contributes to environmental sustainability. These efforts are further reinforced through support for green policy reforms, circular economy initiatives, and nature-based solutions that advance decarbonisation and mitigate environmental risks.

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## BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE PROTECTION



The EU supports biodiversity and nature protection in Armenia by promoting biodiversity policy development, restoring habitats, and conducting biodiversity assessments. It also supports eco-friendly businesses, educational initiatives, and public awareness campaigns to strengthen understanding of biodiversity conservation and sustainable water management. Particular attention is given to protecting the biodiversity of Lake Sevan and its surrounding areas through initiatives that help reduce pollution and preserve natural ecosystems.

## GREEN TRANSITION AND DEVELOPMENT



The EU supports Armenia's green transition and sustainable development by advancing policy reforms and regulatory frameworks, promoting nature-based solutions, and supporting decarbonisation efforts and green and circular businesses. Its initiatives strengthen climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, help unlock opportunities for greener growth, and improve the management of environmental risks and impacts. Support includes policy development, capacity building, and targeted actions that foster a more sustainable and resilient economy.

## IRRIGATION AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



The EU supports sustainable agriculture and irrigation in Armenia by improving irrigation systems, enhancing water resource management, and promoting the efficient use of water in farming. Support includes infrastructure modernisation, farmer training, and the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices to boost productivity while protecting natural ecosystems. These initiatives strengthen resilience to climate change, helping ensure long-term water availability and ecosystem preservation.

### EU4Biodiversity

supports the long-term sustainability of Lake Sevan by strengthening institutional frameworks, promoting ecosystem restoration, and advancing biodiversity conservation. It also supports sustainable financing mechanisms to ensure lasting environmental impact and improved ecosystem management of Lake Sevan's natural resources.

### EU4Environment

supports partner countries in preserving natural capital and improving environmental well-being by promoting greener growth and strengthening environmental risk management. The initiative advances greener decision-making, circular economy approaches, and the protection of ecosystem services.

### EU4Climate Resilience

supports the green transition across Eastern Partnership countries by strengthening decarbonisation efforts and climate resilience. It contributes to improved mitigation and adaptation policies in line with the Paris Agreement and supports nature-based solutions in Armenia, including initiatives such as the Gavar Dream Garden and the Tashir Climate Bridge.

### EU4Climate Resilience

supports the green transition by strengthening decarbonisation efforts and climate resilience through improved climate mitigation and adaptation policies in line with the Paris Agreement. It also helps strengthen green finance frameworks and scale up sustainable investment through green bond issuance.

### EU4Green Recovery East

supports stronger environmental policies aligned with EU standards and national development goals. It promotes circular economy models for job creation, improves water quality through better management and monitoring, and strengthens environmental data use for more effective policymaking.

### EU GAIA II – EU Green Agriculture Initiative in Armenia

supports inclusive and balanced growth in Armenia's northern regions by promoting green agriculture and increasing local value added. It contributes to improved agricultural policies, upgraded seed systems, and sustainable land use practices. The initiative also fosters innovation through the introduction of precision agriculture education and the establishment of regional soil laboratories.

### Covenant of Mayors East

supports local governments in voluntarily committing to and implementing EU climate and energy objectives. It provides technical and methodological assistance to regional authorities and fosters multi-stakeholder cooperation. The initiative promotes a bottom-up governance model for climate action through strengthened multi-level collaboration.

### IADAAM - Irrigated Agriculture Development Ararat and Armavir Marzes

supports the modernisation of irrigated agriculture by improving irrigation infrastructure, water storage, land consolidation, and access to services and finance. It combines technical assistance and investment support to strengthen agricultural productivity in Ararat and Armavir marzes.

### WAIDA - Water and Agriculture Integrated Development for Armenia

supports improved water resource management and modern irrigation systems in Armenia through institutional reforms, capacity building, and climate-smart infrastructure investments. It also promotes integrated development in Syunik by modernising irrigation and strengthening sustainable agriculture, contributing to rural resilience, food security, and environmental protection.