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**Q1**

**MOLDOVA**

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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**Q2**

About you

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**Q3**

**Yes**

Does your national development strategy, policy or plan include trade priorities (i.e., Aid-for-Trade priorities)?

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**Q4**

If yes, please highlight what these Aid-for-Trade priorities are: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top priority areas among the ones listed below (1 being the most important).

Environmentally sustainable (or green) growth, including circular economy	<b>4</b>
Export diversification	<b>1</b>
MSMEs growth and development	<b>3</b>
Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	<b>2</b>
Other (please specify)	<b>5</b>
Additional information and weblink(s) to the relevant strategy(ies), polic(ies) or plan(s) in which your Aid- for-Trade priorities are included.	<b>Digitalization `Digital Strategy of Moldova` including development of e-commerce</b>

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**Q5**

Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2019?

**Yes,**

Additional information: please specify which of the priorities you selected are new and provide further information. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: Higher accent on digitalization of economy and e-commerce, MSMEs support and development (including women empowerment), promotion of environmental friendly policies (green policies), further accent on trade policies, export basket diversification and promotion of competitiveness.

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**Q6**

If yes, please identify the top drivers of change in your Aid-for-Trade priorities from the list below: (Please select no more than 5 options from the areas listed below).

- E-commerce development (and digital transformation)**
  - ’,**
  - Digital or ICT-related strategy, policy or plan,**
  - New regional development or integration strategy, policy or plan**
  - ’,**
  - Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs),**
  - Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Implementation,**
  - MSMEs growth and development objectives**
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**Q7**

Has Aid for Trade become more or less important to your government since 2019?

**More,**

Additional information on the reasons why Aid for Trade may have become more, less, or remained equally important to your government than in the past.:  
TFA implementation

**Q8**

Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

**Yes**

**Q9**

Do you have a specific national strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic?

**Yes**

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**Q10**

If yes, please indicate whether your strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic addresses any of the following areas: (You may tick more than one box).

**Environmentally sustainable (or green) growth, including circular economy**

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**Poverty reduction objectives,**

**Preparedness, recovery and resilience,**

**Services sector support (e.g., tourism),**

**Trade in health products (PPE, vaccines, etc.),**

**Other (please specify)**

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**Q11**

Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to Aid for Trade in your country.

National Development Strategy Moldova 2030, <https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/87417.html>

Gov. Decision No. 857 of 31-10-2013 on the National Strategy for the Development of the Information Society "Digital Moldova 2020".

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**Q12**

Is the environmental dimension of sustainable development reflected in your national policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies)?

**Yes**

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**Q13** National development strategy, policy or plan

If yes, please indicate in which of your national strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) sustainable development is reflected:(You may tick more than one box).

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**Q14** Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7),  
Sustainable Production and Consumption (SDG 12),  
Climate Action (SDG 13),  
Life Below Water (SDG 14),  
Life on Land (SDG 15),  
Other (please specify)

Does your national development strategy, policy or plan explicitly target any of the following environment-specific goals? (You may tick more than one box).

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**Q15** Yes

Does your national sustainable development strategy, policy, or plan include trade objectives?

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**Q16** Unsure

If yes, do the trade objectives address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

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**Q17** Yes

Does your government have a national committee (or has coordination or dialogues across ministries and agencies) on sustainable development that includes the Ministry of Trade?

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**Q18** Unsure

If yes, does that national committee address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

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**Q19**

Please identify the economic sector(s) that would gain the most in terms of economic and export diversification as a result of the move to sustainable development? (You may tick more than 1 box).

**Agriculture,**  
**Industry,**  
**Services**

**Q20**

Please identify the sector(s) of your economy that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development. (You may tick more than 1 box).

**Agriculture,**  
**Industry**

**Q21**

In your view, what challenges constitute the main obstacles to the transition towards sustainable development in your country?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Access to finance,**  
**Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)**  
,  
**Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,**  
**Lack of data to support decision-making,**  
**Lack of human resource capability,**  
**Limited agricultural processing capacity,**  
**Limited economic and export diversification,**  
**Social pressures (poverty, population growth)**

**Q22**

Please highlight the main challenges that Aid for Trade should address to support a transition to sustainable development in your country? (You may tick more than 1 box)

**Access to finance,**  
**Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services**  
,  
**Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,**  
**Gender inequality,**  
**Lack of data to support decision-making,**  
**Lack of human resource capability,**  
**Limited economic and export diversification**

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**Q23**

Do you have a circular economy strategy, policy, plan?

**No**


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**Q24****Respondent skipped this question**

If yes, which economic sectors does the circular economy strategy, policy, or plan cover?(You may tick more than 1 box).

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**Q25****Respondent skipped this question**

If yes, does the circular economy strategy, policy, plan include trade objectives?

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**Q26**

Is digital connectivity reflected as a priority in your national sustainable development strategy(ies), policy(ies), or plan(s)?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how digital connectivity is reflected in your national sustainable development strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s).:

<https://eufordigital.eu/library/digital-moldova-2020-strategy/>

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**Q27**

Do you have a national strategy, policy or plan for digital connectivity (including digital economy, e-commerce, etc.)?

**Yes,**

Additional information on your national policy documents for digital connectivity. (Please include weblinks of the source used).:

<https://eufordigital.eu/library/digital-moldova-2020-strategy/>

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**Q28**

In which sectors could digital connectivity best support the transition to sustainable development in your country?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Agriculture,****Forestry,****Industry,****Services**

**Q29**

Please identify which issues where digital connectivity would offer most promise in the move to sustainable development in your country?(You may tick more than one box).

- Digital contents,**
- E-civil service,**
- E-commerce,**
- E-government,**
- E-healthcare,**
- E-learning,**
- E-logistics,**
- Home energy management systems,**
- Innovation and technology for gender equality,**
- Real-time navigation,**
- Smart energy grids,**
- Smart motors,**
- Smart work,**
- Telepresence,**
- Transport information systems,**
- Other (please specify),**

Additional information on the issues where digital connectivity that would offer most promise in the move to sustainable development.:  
e-government procurement, e-banking (financial sector), e-textiles industry, e-signatures, etc

**Q30**

Is there an existing Aid-for-Trade project for digital connectivity towards sustainable development and/or environmentally sustainable growth (or circular economy) that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

**No**

**Q31**

Do you agree that the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as an accelerator for the move to digital economy in your country ?

**Yes**

**Q32**

In which areas has the COVID-19 pandemic exposed shortcomings in national digital connectivity?(You may tick more than one box).

**Lack of access to trade finance**

**Q33**

Looking ahead, in which sectors do you think future Aid-for-Trade support to your country should focus so as to support sustainable development objectives? (You may tick more than 1 box).

**Agriculture,**  
**Forestry,**  
**Other (please specify),**

Additional information on the sectors in which you think future Aid-for-Trade support should focus so as to support sustainable development objectives.:

digital transformation and support of the sustainable growth of the ICT sector

**Q34**

Looking ahead, in which categories of Aid for Trade do you think support should be focused so as to advance the environmental dimension of sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Regional trade agreements (RTAs),**  
**Trade education/training,**  
**(b) Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)**  
 ,  
**(d) Building productive capacity,**  
**(a) Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)**  
 ,  
**(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)**  
 ,  
**Energy supply and generation infrastructure,**  
**Agriculture,**  
**Industry,**  
**Travel and tourism**

**Q35**

Which donor(s) are the most important for Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development in your country? (You may tick more than 1 box).

**European Union,**  
**EU Institutions,**  
**Unsure**



**Q36****Unsure**

Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

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**Q37****No**

Have you received Aid-for-Trade financing as part of triangular co-operation projects?

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**Q38**

Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme for sustainable trade or development, green growth or circular economy that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

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**Q39****Yes**

Do you implement policies that address the environmental dimension of sustainable development while also supporting progress on gender equality and/or women's economic empowerment?

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**Q40****Yes,**

Do you implement Aid-for-Trade projects that combine the objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmentally sustainable development?

Additional information on the Aid-for-Trade projects which combine the twin objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmental environmentally sustainable development. Please indicate the number of projects, the sector concerned (agriculture, fisheries, sustainable tourism, circular economy, etc.). (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

<https://odimm.md/en/> <https://odimm.md/en/press/press-releases/5367-the-government-supports-the-increase-of-female-entrepreneurship-in-the-republic-of-moldova>

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**Q41**

Any other information you wish to share? (e.g., where support for sustainable trade or development is needed).

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**Q42****Yes**

Is women's economic empowerment included as an objective in any of your national strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s)?

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**Q43** **National development strategy, policy or plan,**  
**Other (please specify)**

If yes, please indicate the strategy, policy, or plan in which women's economic empowerment is included: (You may tick more than one box).

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**Q44** **Yes**

Do the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that you have identified seek to ensure non-discrimination with respect to conditions of employment or occupation (including through the provision of flexible work arrangements)?

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**Q45** **Unsure**

Does your government collect data on women's economic empowerment in relation to trade and development?

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**Q46** **Difficulties accessing financial services,**  
**Gender pay gap,**  
**Smaller sized business**

In your view, what trade and development constraints do women face in your country?(You may tick more than one box).

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**Q47** **Unsure**

Can Aid for Trade play a role in addressing these constraints?

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**Q48** **No**

Have you requested Aid for Trade to finance projects for women's economic empowerment in your country during the period 2015-2020?

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**Q49** **Respondent skipped this question**

If yes, please provide further information on the donors, South-South or triangular cooperation partners that have supported your Aid-for-Trade programmes on women's economic empowerment.

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**Q50**

Respondent skipped this question

Please specify the areas that your Aid-for-Trade projects for women's economic empowerment sought to address:(You may tick more than one box).

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**Q51**

Respondent skipped this question

Have public-private partnerships been used to achieve your Aid-for-Trade objectives in relation to women's economic empowerment?

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**Q52**

Respondent skipped this question

Does Aid for Trade help to mobilize funds for women's economic empowerment?

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**Q53**

Respondent skipped this question

Are your Aid-for-Trade projects involving women's economic empowerment underpinned by a monitoring and evaluation/ results framework?

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**Q54**

Respondent skipped this question

Does the Aid-for-Trade support for women's economic empowerment that you receive align with your trade priorities and objectives?

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**Q55**

Respondent skipped this question

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies in your country?

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**Q56**

Respondent skipped this question

Please identify the top 5 barriers that prevent women from accessing digital technology in your country:(You may tick a maximum of 5 boxes).

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**Q57**

**Agriculture,**  
**Industry,**  
**Services**

Looking ahead, in which trade sectors do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

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**Q58**

Looking ahead, in which Aid-for-Trade categories do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**(b) Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)**

,

**(d) Building productive capacity,**

**(a) Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)**

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**(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)**

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**Travel and tourism**

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**Q59**

You may use the box below to elaborate on how you think that Aid for Trade can advance women's economic empowerment.

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**Q60**

Respondent skipped this question

CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

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