

# **Cross-Border Sustainable Renewable Energy Acceleration in Ukraine - Mapping Synergy Renewable Energy Acceleration Areas between Ukraine, EU Member States, and Moldova**

## ***Task 9. Validate Mapping Results***

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This Report represents the results of the implementation by the Environmental and Spatial Planning Specialists of the Task 9, which was to validate GIS maps with technical experts and stakeholders, incorporating feedback for improvement.

The maps designed by the results of environmental and spatial planning constraints criteria assessment with the Technical report explaining the obtained results have been shared with the responsible official in the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine. Since the previously expressed comments and suggestions provided by the representative of the Ministry at the previous stages of the consultations were fully taken into account, no additional comments were provided.

At the same time taking into account the recommendations of responsible experts of the Energy Community Secretariat the Technical Report has been supplemented with the additional subchapter highlighting established in Ukraine environmental impact mitigation measures, namely Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment, their role in implementation in Ukraine of Revised RED requirements. Also the gap due to the absence in Ukraine of a dedicated legal mechanism equivalent to the EU's Appropriate Assessment have been underlined since the Revised RED mandates that plans designating RAAs have to be a subject to Appropriate Assessment where applicable.