



Uniting Europe's Energy, Today

CROSS-BORDER SUSTAINABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY ACCELERATION IN UKRAINE - MAPPING SYNERGY RENEWABLE ENERGY ACCELERATION AREAS BETWEEN UKRAINE, EU MEMBER STATES, AND MOLDOVA

1st Technical Webinar on
Renewables Acceleration Areas

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MC RECOMMENDATION



RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

2024/1/MC-EnC on accelerating the deployment of renewable energy projects and implementing the energy efficiency first principle

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Having regards to the proposal of the European Commission

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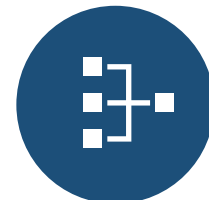
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RES MAPPING (NECP)



RENEWABLE ACCELERATION AREAS



PERMIT STREAMLING

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➤ ROLE OF CONTRACTING PARTIES

Prepare legal & institutional frameworks for:

- Mapping RES potential & infrastructure
- Designating Renewable Acceleration Areas

➤ ROLE OF THE SECRETARIAT

Support Function

- Assists Contracting Parties in implementing selected provisions of Revised RED (Directive 2023/2413)

Monitoring & Reporting

- Tracks progress of Contracting Parties
- Reports annually to the Ministerial Council

CENTRE for RES Acceleration

Purpose:

- Accelerates renewable energy deployment
- Promotes streamlined permitting & strategic planning

Structure:

- Led by Secretariat; supported by experts & consultants
- Operates via a Core
- Backed by Secretariat units

Key institutional links:

- Task Force on Environment → environmental alignment
- RE Coordination Group → permitting & planning reforms

Delivery:

- Technical support & capacity building
- Cooperation with external experts
- Pilot projects

RES CENTRE WEBSITE



CENTRE for RES Acceleration

Platform for cooperation
among authorities, institutions, and stakeholders



Capacity building & knowledge exchange
workshops, training, best practice



CORE FUNCTIONS

Technical support on permitting

Streamlining & digitalising procedures
One-stop-shops & single contact points
Dispute resolution mechanisms



Planning & programming of RES projects

Spatial mapping (GIS-based)
Identification of Renewable Acceleration Areas
Integration of environmental safeguards



CENTRE for RES Acceleration



Partnerships and projects



Open Society Foundation - Western Balkans (OSF-WB)

The OSF-WB supports the Centre for Renewables Acceleration by providing tailored technical assistance to Western Balkan Contracting Parties to accelerate renewable energy deployment.



European Climate Foundation (ECF)

The European Climate Foundation supports the Secretariat in advancing renewable energy deployment in Ukraine, with a focus on enabling a resilient and accelerated green transition in the context of recovery and reconstruction.

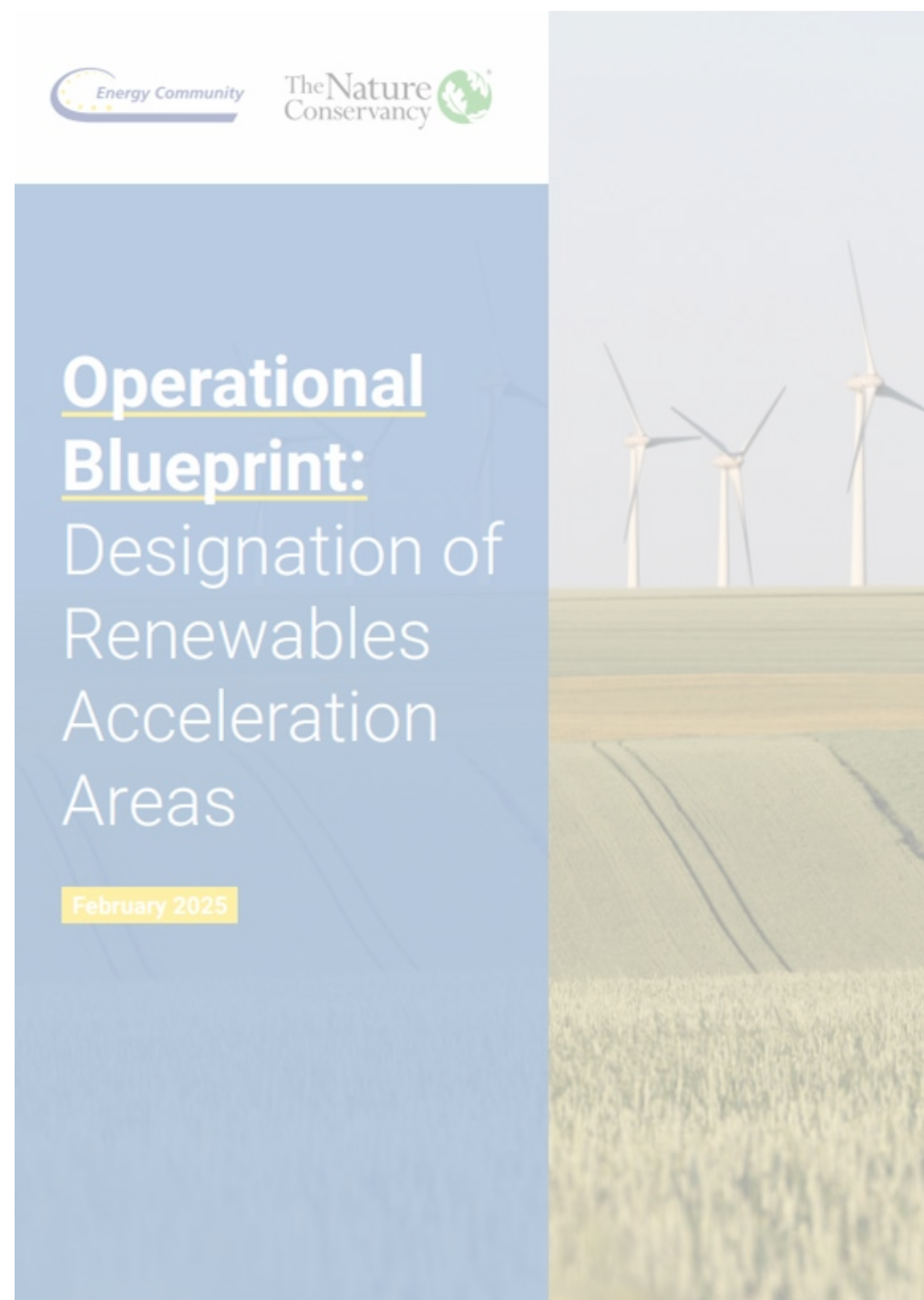
The partnership combines



The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

The Secretariat partners with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to advance renewable energy deployment in line with environmental safeguards. The collaboration combines spatial planning and biodiversity expertise with policy support, delivering practical tools to identify suitable sites and minimise environmental conflicts. TNC also provides a delegated expert

OPERATIONAL BLUEPRINT



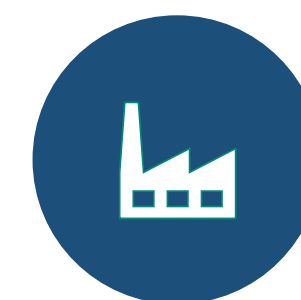
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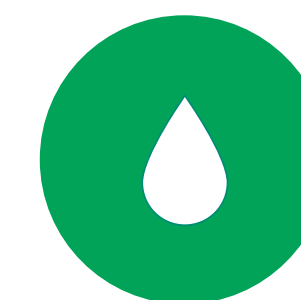
TRANSPORT CORRIDORS
AND PARKING AREAS



DEGRADED AGRICULTURAL
LAND

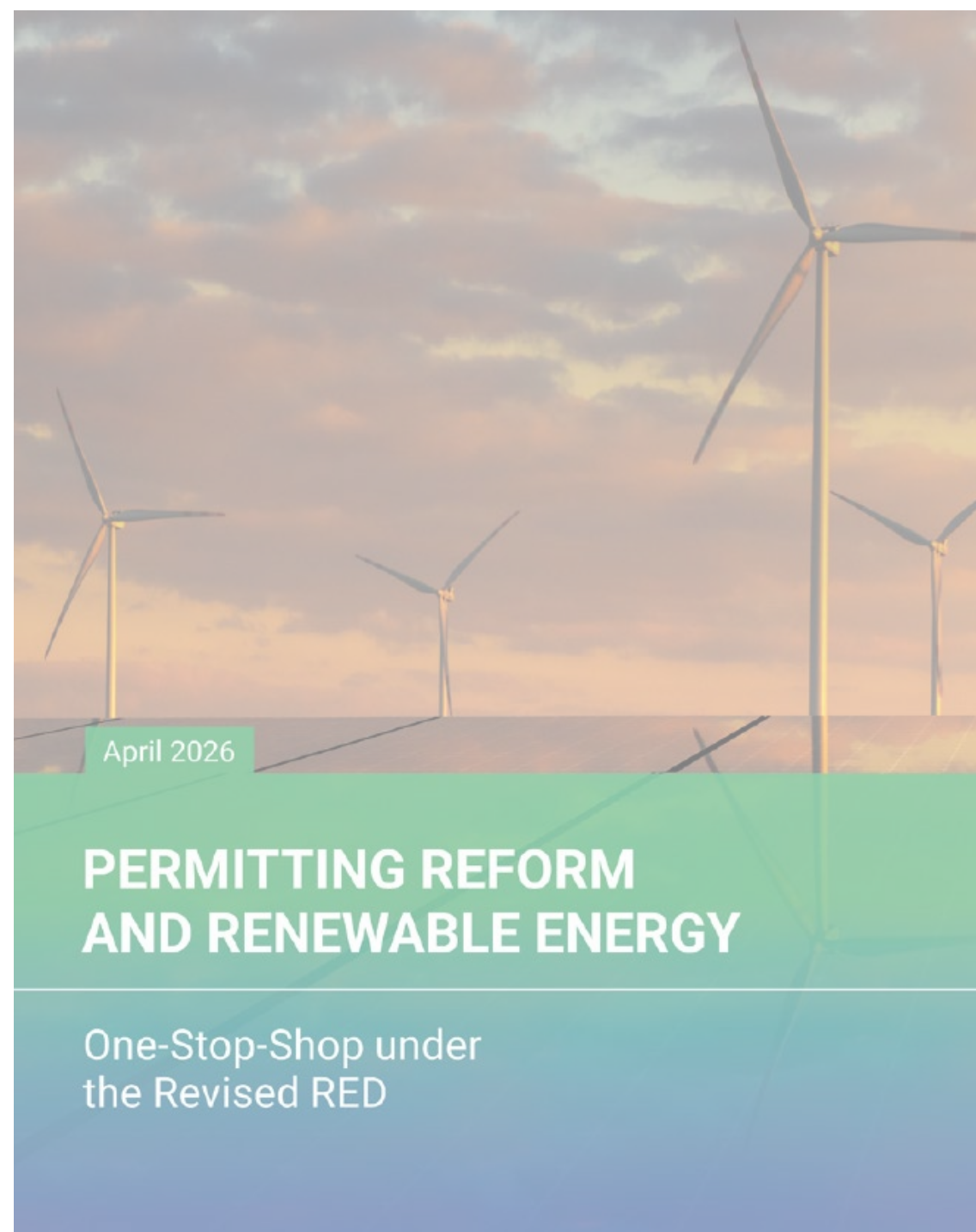


COAL MINES, INDUSTRIAL
AND WASTE SITES

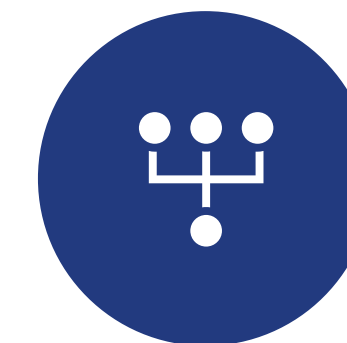


ARTIFICIAL INLAND WATER
BODIES

PERMITTING PROTOCOL



RED II AND REVISED RED



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SET UP



CONCLUSIONS AND BEST PRACTICE

BACKGROUND – BUILDING UP FROM PHASE I

ROBUST CRITERIA

ENVIRONMENTAL AND RENEWABLE



RES MAPPING

INPUT LAYER TO SPATIAL PLANNING



CROSS-BORDER RENEWABLE ENERGY ACCELERATION IN UKRAINE

METHODOLOGY AND QUESTIONNAIRES

DATA COLLECTION



SYNERGY, COLLABORATION,

WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS FOR
LEVERAGING EU FINANCING
MECHANISMS



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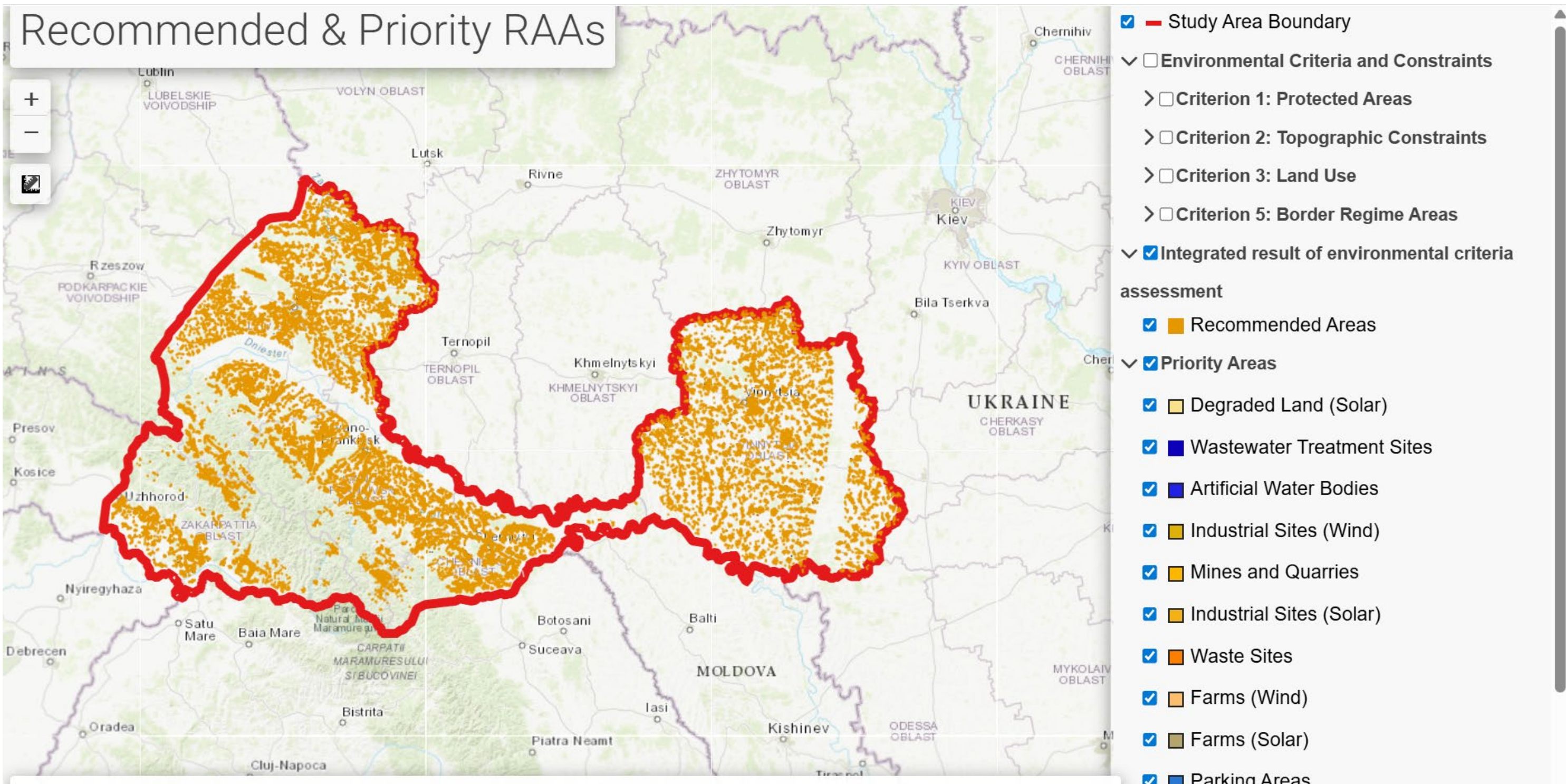
PROJECT GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE AND CROSS BORDER DIMENSION



KEY oblasts (regions)

- Lviv Oblast (Lviv),
- Zakarpattia Oblast (Uzhhorod),
- Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast (Ivano-Frankivsk),
- Chernivtsi Oblast,
- Vinnytsia Oblast (Vinnytsia)

BACKGROUND – BUILDING UP FROM PHASE I



PHASE II – MAIN GOALS



APPLICATION OF RAA CRITERIA IN SPATIAL PLANNING



- Online/hybrid meetings in 5 pilot regions
- Integration support for national, regional & local planning
- Targeted consultancy support
- 5 tailored concept notes



INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING



- Targeted online workshop (Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Streamlined permitting (one-stop-shop approach))
- Structured curriculum and training materials
- Interactive digital manual



ESTABLISH STRUCTURED STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE



- Establishing a Multi-Level Platform
- Monthly virtual open meetings
- Semi-annual stakeholder feedback reports
- Continuous improvement of training & guidance

PHASE II – IMPACT & IMPORTANCE

IMPORTANCE



Expected Overall Impact

- RAAs integrated into planning practice
- Institutions capable of implementation
- Structured stakeholder dialogue operational
- Practical step toward accelerated renewable deployment

→ **Supporting Ukraine's energy transition & EU integration**



THANK YOU!



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