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THE “EU4ENVIRONMENT” ACTION IN GEORGIA

STAKEHOLDERS’ GROUP MEETING ON THE “CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND NEW GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES” COMPONENT- RESOURCE EFFICIENT AND CLEANER PRODUCTION AMONG SMEs IN GEORGIA

AGENDA

Date: 21 April 2021

Start: 11:00 (GET)

End: 13:00 (GET)

Format: online video conference

Language: Georgian

Platform: Zoom

Action implemented by:



21.01.21 11:00-13:00

Background

The purpose of the meeting is to present the "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities" Component of the "European Union for Environment" (EU4Environment) Action implemented in Georgia. Funded by the European Union, the EU4Environment Action aims to preserve and better use the natural capital, increase people's environmental well-being, and stimulate economic growth in six EaP countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine. By bringing together environmental and economic actors, EU4Environment helps deliver policy and legislative changes, making planning and investment greener, stimulating thus the uptake of innovative technologies, adopting new business models, and creating green jobs. It also promotes better environmental governance, improved management of protected areas and forests, and sustainable trade.

Building on the important achievements of the former EaP GREEN Programme (2014-2017) in Georgia, in which 50 participating SMEs demonstrated the effectiveness of UNIDO's RECP approach resulting in reduced consumption of resources, energy, and water, UNIDO continues to promote and build the national capacity to enable SMEs in switching to a Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production. In addition, UNIDO will identify opportunities that can support the creation of circular value chains to raise the benefits of a Circular Economy among enterprises, the government, and the civil society.

EU4Environment Actions are clustered around five priority results:

1. Greener Decision-Making
2. Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities
3. An Environmental Level Playing Field
4. Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods
5. Knowledge Sharing and Coordination

Under Result 2- "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities", UNIDO is scaling up "Resource Efficient & Cleaner Production among SMEs" in Georgia and other EaP countries and is working further on building the capacity of SMEs to use RECP approaches in their operations.

In Georgia, the Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia (EECG) is a National Implementing Partner (NIP) of UNIDO, covering the following:

- ❖ **Supporting RECP Clubs** Scaling up RECP demonstrations through RECP Clubs - a peer review coaching mechanism established in 2 municipalities/regions; Support SMEs to create internal capacities on integrating the RECP methodology in their business;
- ❖ **Circular Economy (CE)** Raising Awareness on CE concepts and approaches; Identification and assessment of waste sources from production activities & recycling options; Preparation of industrial waste maps in pilot municipalities;

- ❖ **Training of National Experts** Providing hands-on experience and training on RECP to demonstration companies and other professionals to foster a continuous learning process on RECP among industry professionals, and expand the local market of service providers;
- ❖ **Additional RECP Assessments** - Increase the number of companies applying cost-effective measures for reducing energy, water, and material consumptions, and the generation of waste and emissions through a systematic and integrated evaluation methodology.
- ❖ **Raising Awareness & Sharing Knowledge**- Support & promotion of Circular Economy and RECP concepts, methodologies, tools and results of project implementation among programme stakeholders and relevant target groups through the most efficient communication tools & channels; Strengthening the national capacities and collaboration on CE/RECP in Georgia through national professional networks for knowledge sharing.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

The meeting focuses on the following key objectives:

- Establishment of the stakeholders' group for the "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities" Component of the "EU4Environment" Action in Georgia;
- Presentation of the achievements and plans for implementing RECP activities since 2020;
- Discussion of opportunities related to Circular Economy in Georgia: industrial waste mapping in pilot municipalities;
- Establishment of a national professional network for knowledge sharing;
- Welcoming recommendations on activities, implementation plans, and discussion of synergy actions

Participants

The Participants of the meeting will include: EU4Environment NFPs from the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia (MOESD) and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA), EU4Environment National Action Coordinator, UNIDO Focal Point in Georgia, EU4Environment Global Compact Network Georgia, Rural Development Agency (MEPA), Environmental Information and Education Centre (MEPA), National Implementing Partner team members responsible for the implementation of the project components

Practical Information

The event will be organized on 21.04. 2021 from 11:00 to 13:00 (GET).

The event will be organized online using the Zoom platform.

To join the event, please access the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95883855030?pwd=S1N3WFJJOVZXa2dUdmdic3NKYjYrUT09>

Meeting ID: 958 8385 5030
password: 663410

Organizer

NIP for Georgia- Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia (EECG)

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine preserves their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

The Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022.

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TIME GET)	ITEM
DATE-TIME	21.04. 2021 11:00-13:00
11:00-11:20	<p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <p>George Abulashvili, National Project Coordinator, UNIDO Project on “Resource Efficient & Cleaner Production among SMEs”</p> <p>The meeting Participants present themselves and the projects/programmes they represent, and link them to EU4Environment Action</p> <p>David Advadze - EU4Environment Technical Focal Point, Ministry of Economy & Sustainable Development</p> <p>Malkhaz Adeishvili - EU4Environment National Action Coordinator</p>
11:20-11:30	<p>Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre, MEPA- <i>presentation of E4Environment project, “Support to Georgia in Promotion of Activities on Sustainable Public procurement (SPP) and Complementary Tools”</i></p>
11:30-11:40	<p>Salome Zurabishvili- Executive Director, Global Compact Network Georgia <i>Presentation of EU4Environment project “Promoting Eco-innovation among SMEs”</i></p>
11:40-11:50	<p>George Abulashvili, National Project Coordinator, <i>Presentation of UNIDO project “Resource Efficient & Cleaner Production and Eco-innovation among SMEs”- brief overview</i></p>
11:50-12:00	<p>Konstantine Barjadze & Nodar Kevkhishvili, NIP, RECP Trainers,</p> <p><i>Training of National Experts In RECP & Industry Demonstrations- progress achieved, problems faced, planned activities</i></p>
12:00-12:10	<p>Nick Javshanashvili. NIP, RECP Club Facilitator, <i>RECP Clubs activities in the regions of Georgia- progress achieved, problems faced, planned activities</i></p>
12-10- 12:20	<p>Ms. Sophiko Akhobadze, Executing director REC Caucasus, <i>Industrial waste mapping for pilot municipalities in Georgia- progress achieved, updated workplan</i></p>
12:20 – 12:45	<p>Question – Answer session</p> <p>All participants. Discussion of cooperation possibilities among stakeholders’ group members.</p>
12:45 – 13:00	<p>George Abulashvili, EECG- Director, UNIDO project - National Project Coordinator, “Resource Efficient & Cleaner Production and Eco-innovation among SMEs”-</p>

Discussion of the Stakeholders' group draft Charter. Incorporation of recommendations and comments. Approval of amended charter. Election of Stakeholders' group Chair. Discussion of invitation to the stakeholders' group Georgian SME Association. Planning of the next meeting.

Annex 1: List of Stakeholders' Group members

#	Organization	Position/Program	Name
1	EU4Environment	National Action Coordinator	Malkhaz Adeishvili
2	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	EU4Environment Technical Focal Point, Acting head of sustainable development division	David Advadze
3	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	EU4Environment Technical focal point, Senior Specialist, Sustainable Development	Nato Ormotsadze
4	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia	Head of Vocational education Department	Ana Shengelia
5	NNLP Rural Development Agency	Head of Project Development Department	Maraïam Gelashvili
6	Enterprise Georgia	Head of Entrepreneurship Department	Lasha Bostashvili
7	Environmental Information and Education Centre, MEPA	Director/ EU4Environment, "Support to Georgia in Promotion of Activities on Sustainable Public procurement (SPP) and Complementary Tools,	Tamar Aladashvili
8	EU4Environment Promoting Eco-innovation among SMEs,	Executive Director, Global Compact Network Georgia	Salome Zurabishvili
9	UNIDO	National Project Coordinator, UNIDO Focal Point in Georgia	Giorgi Todua
10	Regional Environmental Centre for Caucasus	Executive Director, Regional Environmental Centre for Caucasus, Manager- Resource Efficiency & Cleaner Production & Eco-innovation	Sophiko Akhobadze

		among SMEs”, Project Component-Circular Economy	
11	Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia	Director, Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia, Project National Coordinator-Resource Efficiency & Cleaner Production & Eco-innovation among SMEs	George Abulashvili