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**STAKEHOLDERS' GROUP MEETING ON THE
"CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND NEW GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES" COMPONENT OF
THE EU4ENVIRONMENT ACTION –
RESOURCE EFFICIENT AND CLEANER PRODUCTION AMONG SMEs IN GEORGIA**

AGENDA

December 23, 2021

Start: 11:00 (GET)

End: 13:30 (GET)

MEETING LINK

Action implemented by:



MEETING DETAILS

The event will be organized online using the Zoom platform in Georgian language (with simultaneous translation into English)

Connection link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83901743304?pwd=bitoaTVCQ1lyVDdwek91Z0pGaXBpZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 0174 3304

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Moderator: George Abulashvili

Time	Item
11:00-11:10	<p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <p>George Abulashvili, National Project Coordinator, UNIDO Project on “Resource Efficient & Cleaner Production among SMEs”</p> <p>Introducing the meeting participants</p> <p>David Advadze - EU4Environment Technical Focal Point, Ministry of Economy & Sustainable Development</p>
11:10-11:40	<p>Konstantine Barjadze & Nodar Kevkhishvili, NIP, RECP Trainers</p> <p>Overview of RECP assessments in 10 Demonstration Companies</p>
11:40-12:00	<p>Nick Javshanashvili, NIP, RECP Club Facilitator</p> <p><i>RECP Clubs activities in the regions of Georgia- progress achieved, problems faced, planned activities</i></p>
12:00-12:15	<p>Ms. Sophiko Akhobadze, Executing director REC Caucasus,</p> <p><i>Industrial waste mapping for pilot municipalities in Georgia- progress achieved, updated workplan</i></p>
12:15-12:25	<p>George Abulashvili, National Project Coordinator,</p> <p><i>Initiation of RECP Network as means to strengthen the national capacity and collaboration on RECP in the country</i></p>
12:25-13:00	<p><i>Moderator: G.Abulashvili</i></p> <p><i>Discussion of cooperation possibilities among stakeholders’ group members with the project “Resource Efficient & Cleaner Production and Eco-innovation among SMEs”</i></p> <p>Stakeholders’ group members express their opinion on the cooperation possibilities with other programs and projects</p>

13:00- 13:15	Discussion of organization of National Conference on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production as a means of green transition for industrial enterprises in Georgia within the EU Industry Week 2022 Meeting participants will discuss offered draft agenda
13:15-13:30	Q & A. Planning of the next meeting

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December 23,2021 11:00-13:30, ONLINE

Background

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is supported by the Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia (as a National Implementing Partner) for executing the activities on "Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) and Eco-Innovation among SMEs" in Georgia. These activities are part of the EU-funded EU4Environment Action's Component on "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities".. The objective of this endeavour is to promote a more efficient use of resources (energy, materials, and water) and reduce risks to the environment and human health caused by Georgian enterprises.

The work on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production also covers other activities, including:

- RECP Networking and Institutionalization
- RECP Clubs & Industry Demonstrations
- Circular Economy & Waste Management
- RECP Awareness & Knowledge Management and Capacity Building
- Introducing of the EU Single Market for Green Products (SMGP): the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) methodology

Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) is used as an umbrella term for the application of preventive environmental strategies to products, processes, and services. UNIDO has developed the RECP methodology to help identify sources of losses for all types of resources used by an enterprise, identify the root causes of such losses, and develop and assess the feasibility of activities aimed at reducing or completely eliminating the identified losses. Part of the implementation of the RECP methodology, there is the RECP training and coaching programme, which aims to provide hands-on

experience and advanced training on the application of RECP, as well as to demonstrate the benefits and opportunities brought forth by RECP.

The main component of the project is the establishment of so-called RECP Clubs consisting of manufacturing enterprises in different regions of Georgia. The RECP Clubs bring together small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and take them jointly through an intensive training and coaching programme, leading to a customized RECP action plan upon the completion of the Clubs' activities. The identified measures will help the Club member companies to save energy, water and materials, reduce their negative impact on the environment and human health, increase profit, improve compliance with the Georgian environmental legislation, and increase their access to financial resources (in order to invest in cleaner technologies).

To strengthen the national capacity and collaboration on RECP in the country, the initiation of the national RECP Network will also help expand knowledge and capability of each member, by leveraging relationships with other professionals, enhancing communication and knowledge sharing among experts, business owners, and stakeholders interested in RECP.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- The purpose of the online event is to present an overview of assessment results from the UNIDO RECP Training Program in Industry, to summarize findings and showcase recommendations during the RECP assessments
- Discussion of RECP Clubs Activities in Georgia: from 2015 to 2021. Strategy for further development
- Discussion of the preliminary results from waste mapping activities in two pilot municipalities in Georgia
- Discussion of the formation
- of National RECP Network as means of strengthening the national capacity and collaboration on RECP in the country
- Discussion of financial opportunities for the implementation of identified RECP measures
- Discussion of the concept of the National Conference "Efficient and clean production of resources as a means of green transition for industrial enterprises in Georgia" planned within the framework of EU Industry weeks 2022.

Participants

The meeting participants will be Stakeholders' group members

Practical Information

The event will be organized on 23.12. 2021 from 11:00 to 13:30 (GET).

The event will be organized online using the Zoom platform.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment) aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine preserve 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.

For further information, visit: www.eu4environment.org

For more information about RECP in Georgia, visit: www.recp.ge

Annex 1: List of Stakeholders' Group members- participants of the meeting

#	Organization	Position	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 Environment 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	Mariam Gelashvili
6	Enterprise Georgia	Head of Entrepreneurship Department	Lasha Bostashvili
7	EU4Environment	Promoting Eco-innovation among SMEs, Executive Director, Global Compact Network Georgia	Salome Zurabishvili
8	E4Environment	Support to Georgia in Promotion of Activities on Sustainable Public procurement (SPP) and Complementary Tools, Environmental Information and Education Centre, MEPA	Tamar Aladashvili
9	Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises Association	Association President	Mikheil Chelidze

10	UNIDO	National Project Coordinator UNIDO Focal Point in Georgia	Giorgi Todua
11	Regional Environmental Centre for Caucasus	Resource Efficiency & Cleaner Production & Eco-innovation among SMEs”, Project Component-Circular Economy-Manager	Sophiko Akhobadze
12	Georgia Technical University	Associated Professor- Faculty of Power Engineering & Telecommunication, Department of Electric Power and Electromechanics	Maka Jishkariani
13	The Banking Association of Georgia	Banking Association President	Aleksander Dzneladze
14	Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia	RECP, National Coordination, Director	George Abulashvili