



EU4Environment in Georgia: achievements, ongoing work and plans for 2022-23

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Result 1. Greener decision making (UNEP)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

Plans for 2022-23

- ✓ An Introductory Green Economy (GE) e-course promoted and hosted by the Environmental Information and Education Center (EIEC), with 491 enrollments
- ✓ Draft developed for a SCP/Sustainable Lifestyles Public Awareness Campaign

✓ Launch SCP/Sustainable Lifestyles Campaign





Result 1. Greener decision making (UNECE: SEA/EIA)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ Preparatory phase of the pilot SEA project (completed)
- ✓ Development of sector-specific **Guidelines on EIA in the Hydropower Sector** with a focus on transboundary aspects
 - initial draft being commented by stakeholders
- ✓ Comprehensive revision of national SEA Guidelines (in progress)
 - pre-final draft completed, final revisions
- ✓ Comprehensive revision of national EIA Guidelines
 - advanced draft commented in July 2022, revisions for finalization in progress
- √ Video on transboundary EIA/Espoo Convention

- ✓ Development and finalization of Guidelines on SEA in Municipal Spatial Planning
- ✓ Development and finalization of Guidelines on SEA in the Transport Sector (tbc)
- ✓ Training workshop on transboundary EIA (2023)
- ✓ Final revisions to **national SEA and EIA Guidelines** (2022)
- **✓ Guidelines on EIA in the Hydropower Sector** (2023)





Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNIDO)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ National Conference on "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities for SMEs" on the occasion of the EU Industrial Weeks
- ✓ **Gender Sensitization analysis report** for Greening the National Industry developed accompanied by gender mainstreaming work plan
- ✓ Technical and Validation Meetings on Industrial Waste Mapping (IWM) in the Rustavi and Zestaponi municipalities: Final Report with Action Plans is available
- ✓ Two Stakeholders group meetings conducted
- ✓ Training of 14 Georgian experts on RECP finalized, experts received certificates of attendance
- ✓ Reports on 10 RECP demonstration assessments are finalized
- √ 18 draft RECP Business cases prepared
- √ 16 member companies from 2 RECP clubs established in 2 regions (Kakheti and Mtskheta) are implementing RECP Action plans after receiving certificates of attendance
- **✓** Monitoring of measures implementation at 26 enterprises
- ✓ Advanced assessments for 10 enterprises to develop business plans for RECP financing are launched
- ✓ Approval of Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) piloting in Georgia
- ✓ First National RECP Network meeting: solar energy in focus

- ✓ Business plans for 10 enterprises to implement RECP measures are finalized
- ✓ 20+ RECP business cases from monitoring the EaP GREEN and RECP Demonstrations of EU4Envionrment are published
- ✓ **Industrial Waste Maps** for 2 municipalities are presented at the regional IWM event and published
- ✓ Monitoring of and support to implementation of RECP action plans of 26 participating enterprises
- ✓ 2 Stakeholders group meetings
- ✓ Communication events (including a national conference) and on-going newsfeed on RECP and Circular Economy on the web page and in social media: www.recp.ge
- Raising awareness event about the Single Market for Green Product, training 10 experts and piloting PEF in 3 selected export-oriented enterprises
- ✓ 2 National RECP Network meetings on selected topics continued





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Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- National Waste Management Strategy updated, and National Waste Action Plan 2022-2026 developed, following assessments and stakeholder consultations - approved by the GoG
- 3rd regional Extended Producer Responsibility webinar
- Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) legal provisions developed (secondary legislation)
- Sustainability criteria for prioritized products were developed (cleaning products and printing equipment), including manuals and guidelines for their use
- □ Capacity development workshop on SPP and eco-labelling
- ☐ Eco-innovation market and policy assessment completed (agriculture and hospitality sectors as priority)
- 8 SMEs supported in development of analysis and roadmap for eco-innovation, and findings presented at national workshop

- ✓ High-level roundtable on SPP
- ✓ High-level roundtable on eco-labelling
- ✓ Media-breakfast on Green Economy and press-tour on ecoinnovation
- ✓ Information materials on eco-labelling developed
- ✓ Technical support on **SPP pilot tenders**
- ✓ Possible further training on EPR (TBC)
- ✓ Sector policy reform supported
- ✓ SMEs involvement in international technical fairs
- **✓** Regional experience sharing on eco-innovation





Result 3. Environmental level playing field (OECD)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ Draft of the assessment report of the environmental compliance assurance system and administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance of Georgia and a national discussion event
- ✓ An in-depth training course on "Identification and assessment of remediation measures for significant environmental damage and preparation of a remediation plan" in Tbilisi
- ✓ Inclusion of 2010-20 fossil-fuel subsidies (FFSs) data for Georgia in the OECD database on FFSs
- ✓ Launch of green public investment programme project (draft ToRs)
- ✓ Draft report on strengthening the administrative capacity for environmental management
- ✓ Country-level analysis of the capital market in the country and its readiness to use green bonds as a source of long-term green finance, consultations with key stakeholders

- ✓ Chapter on greening SMEs in Georgia in the OECD SME Policy Index publication
- ✓ Support with information on the **environmental regulation of**specific sectors using the EU IED BAT implementation and support with the development of General Binding Rules for a poultry sector
- ✓ Publication of the assessment report of the compliance assurance system and of the system of administrative sanctions, monetary payments and penalties for non-compliance
- ✓ Analytical study and conducted training on the designed and costed green public investment programme
- ✓ Finalised country-level assessment on green bonds
- ✓ Report on strengthening administrative capacity, roadmap and training





Result 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods (World Bank)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ Country work plan developed and agreed with the national counterparts
- ✓ Work launched on the following tasks:
 - **Developing Guidelines** for sustainable management of forest areas within Emerald sites in line with the Bern Convention
 - Capacity building for the implementation of the Guidelines for sustainable management of forest areas within Emerald sites
- ✓ Complete development of Guidelines for sustainable management of forest areas within Emerald sites and conduct 5 capacity building events
- ✓ Conduct **baseline mapping** for community engagement in forests and other NRM
- ✓ Support 8 communities to improve their practical knowledge on NRM
- ✓ Feasibility Study on using forest biomass in production of fuel briquets
- ✓ Technical report on identification of forested areas in the selected municipalities that fall outside the State Forest Fund
- ✓ **Eco-touristic development plans** for the selected forestry districts
- ✓ **Develop Guidelines** for managing forest stands in peri-urban areas





Result 5. Monitoring progress at environment-economy nexus (OECD)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ New 3d country profile (in English; Georgian version is forthcoming)
- ✓ Participation of Georgia in the regional communications campaigns (European Week For Waste Reduction, EU Green Week)
- ✓ Preparation of the Terms of Reference to launch the work on the green growth indicators

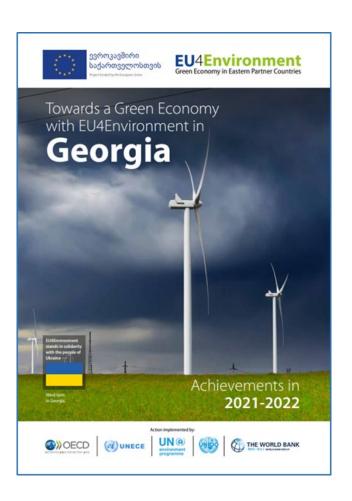
- ✓ Report on green growth indicators in Georgia
- ✓ New 4th editions of the country profile, in English and national language
- √ Translation of selected materials into national language





NEW 2022 edition of the Country profile





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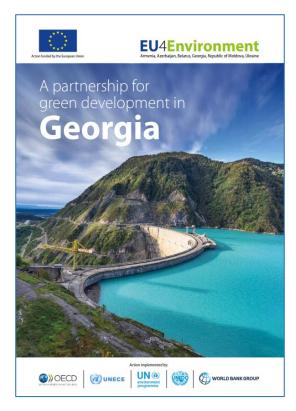


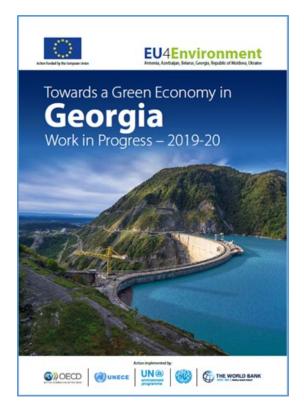






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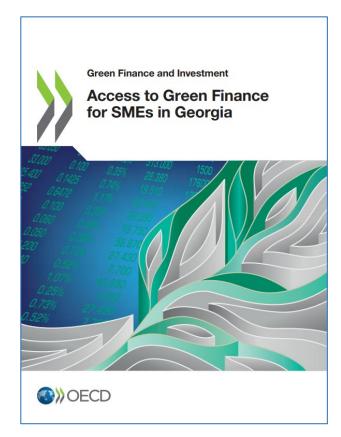








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