

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
Actions by Estonia**

Country: Estonia

Title:

Supporting resource efficiency in enterprises in Estonia

Focus area 5: Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns

Description of the action: In the context of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014–2020, Estonia decided to support EUR 111 million investment for more resource-efficient solutions mainly in small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and mainly in manufacturing industry. Financial support schemes are under in preparation and are scheduled in 2016. Activities include raising awareness of companies, training resource specialists/auditors, supporting resource audits and investments in resource efficient solutions.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: 2014-2023

Type of action: Economic, fiscal, information and education-based instruments.

Economic sectors: Economy in wider scale, mainly in manufacturing and mining industry.

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: - put in place incentives that stimulate a large majority of companies to measure, benchmark and improve their resource efficiency systematically (EU – Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe), provide resource and energy efficiency advice for enterprises, in particular small and medium-size enterprise (UNEP Promoting Resource Efficiency in Small & Medium Sized Enterprises).

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Innovative solutions increase resource productivity of enterprises and raise state's competitiveness and economic growth.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 12 in general, particularly 12.2 by 2030 achieve sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources, 12.6 encourage companies, especially large and trans-national companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle.

Implementation of EPR Recommendations, as appropriate: —

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: Raise resource productivity (GDP/DMC) from 0,34 €/kg to 0,38 €/kg (10%). Specific indicators by activities: 300 supported enterprises by 2023 for resource-efficient investments, 300 supported resource audits by 2023, 740 trained persons in resource efficiency by 2020 (including 40 resource auditors).

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