

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)**  
**Actions by the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus**

**Organization:** the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus

**Title:**

**Supporting SDG implementation in South Caucasus**

*Focus area:* 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9: Improve the measurement and valuation of natural capital; Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital; Enhance ecosystems and ecosystem services as part of ecological infrastructure; Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns; Promote green and fair trade; Increase green and decent jobs, while developing the necessary human capital; Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being; Promote public participation and education for sustainable development.

**Description of the action:** Supporting the South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) countries on SDGs implementation and monitoring

**Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate:** 2017-2022 years

**Type of action:** information, education-based, capacity building, establishment network, and voluntary instruments

**Economic sectors:** sectors, including: agriculture, forestry, fishing, energy, mining, manufacturing, transport, water, waste, tourism and housing, buildings and construction

**Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** Project budgets of planned projects to be implemented in close cooperation and support of national governments, EU, UNEP, REC Caucasus, GIZ, KFW, IFIs and other interested international donor partners

**Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** Input to EfE process and to national strategic plans of South Caucasus countries.

**SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** (SDG 17)

**Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:** Contribution to the implementation of the EPR recommendations in South Caucasus countries

**Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** 1. Educational Course and publications related to SDGs  
2. Establish a High level Regional Network in South Caucasus for implementation of SDGs  
3. Holding regular country dialogues on implementation and monitoring of SDGs in each South Caucasus countries

**Partners:** National partners, including State Statistics Committees, Ministries of economy, Ministries of the Environment protection, Ministries of Education, SMEs, SCOs, relevant international organization and projects

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