

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)**  
**Actions by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**

**Title:**

**Dissemination of information and promotion of the use of guidance documents on best available techniques to ensure the implementation of clean technologies in various economic activity sectors**

*Focus areas 5 and 2:*

Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns;

Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital.

**Description:**

Providing web-access via UNECE Green Economy Toolbox to the texts of guidance documents in English, Russian and French developed and adopted under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention) identifying best abatement options for various air pollutants and economic activity sectors, as well as economic instruments to reduce their emissions. Spreading related information through press-releases, seminars, advisory missions and meetings with UNECE member States representatives, national stakeholders and experts.

**Timeframe/milestones:**

The guidance documents are expected, among others, to support Parties to the Air Convention's protocols in meeting their emission reduction obligations by 2020 and beyond.

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

**Economic sectors:** agriculture, transport, mining, energy, manufacture, waste, etc.

**Reference instruments and sources:**

UNECE Green Economy Toolbox: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/GET/>

Website of the UNECE Air Convention: <http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/welcome.html>

**Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:**

Reduced negative impact on health and environment as a result of implementation of best available techniques and subsequent reduction of air pollutant emissions

Significant co-benefits for climate change actions

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

2.4, 3.4, 3.9, 7a, 9.4, 11.4, 11.6, 12.2, 12.4, 13.2, 14.1, 15.4, 15.5, 17.16

**Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:**

National emission totals for following pollutants: sulphur and nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, ammonia, particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), mercury, cadmium, lead, persistent organic pollutants.

**Partners:**

Subsidiary bodies under the Air Convention

Private companies

Scientific institutes

NGOs

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