

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

**Country:** Georgia, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection

**Title:**

**Promoting Greening SMEs and Resource Efficient Production and Consumption in Georgia**

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

**Description of action:** Introduction resource efficient production and consumption concept for Georgia means moving towards green economy by decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation and resource depletion. Such development should result in higher productivity and thus competitiveness on global markets, better management of natural capital, enhanced environmental quality of life, more resilient ecosystems and economies, and new business and export opportunities. Elaboration of concrete measures, policy instruments and special raising awareness campaigns which will promote the RECP methods among SMEs are one of the priorities of the ministry.

**Action's time frame/milestone, as appropriate:** Ongoing/permanent process

**Type of action:** Regulatory and Policy Instrument

**Economic Sectors:** Economy wide

**Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** Green Growth Policy Paper of Georgia, OECD Green Growth Declaration; OECD - Tools for Delivering Green Growth; SME Development Strategy of Georgia for 2016-2020 and its action plan for 2016-2017; UNEP 10 Year Framework Programme

**Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** Using RECP methods will enhance the efficient use of natural resources including water, energy and materials as well as minimize the impact on environment and nature, by preventing the generation of waste and emissions including those discharged to water, air or on land. On the other hand, these methods will decrease the production costs for industry representatives.

**SDG target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** 8.3; 8.4; 9.4; 9.b; Goal 12.

**Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:** 1.5, 8.1 to 8.6 (3<sup>rd</sup> EPR)

**Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:**

1. To improve resource productivity and environmental performance of SMEs in order to put the green economy into practice;
2. To raise awareness of industry representatives on the benefits of RECP methods;
3. To support the transfer and deployment of key enabling technologies/equipment for RECP in the target sectors.

4. Support SMEs with implementation of RECP methods and techniques to achieve environmental and economic benefits.

**Partners:** Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and other relevant governmental institutions and international organizations.

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