

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

Country: Georgia, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection

Title:

Development of Extended Producer Responsibility Policy in Georgia

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

Description of the action: The principle of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is introduced by the Waste Management Code and implies that producers take over the responsibility for preventing, collecting, separating and treating used products (waste) for their eventual recovery. EPR is considered as a key financial and operational instrument which promotes implementation of waste management schemes in line with the waste hierarchy as laid down by the Code and the development of a resource-efficient economy. The principle of EPR shall be introduced gradually in Georgia by improving legislative framework and infrastructure, elaborating incentives for target groups, capacity building at national and local level.

Action's time frame/milestone, as appropriate: EPR will be mandatory from 2019. Accordingly, regulatory framework should be prepared till 2019.

Type of action: Legal, regulatory and policy development instrument

Economic Sectors: waste management

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: EU-Georgia Association Agreement; Waste Code of Georgia; National Waste Management Strategy for 2016-2030 and National Action Plan for 2016-2020.

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: By introducing the EPR, producers will take over the responsibility for collecting or taking back used goods and for sorting and treating for their eventual recycling. Such responsibility may be merely financial or organizational as well. At the same time it is an environmental policy approach which reduces the negative impact on environment.

SDG target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 9.4; 11.6; 12.4; 12.5

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: 2.4, 5.3, 8.6 (3rd EPR)

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

1. To enhance the responsibility of producers for collecting, taking back used goods and for sorting and treating for their eventual recycling;
2. To foster the operational implementation of sustainable products and waste management schemes in line with the waste hierarchy and national legislation;

Partners: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Ministry of Finance of Georgia and private sector

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