

# Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)

## Actions by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Organization:** United Nations Environment Programme

**Title:** Supporting countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia, Russian Federation in the transition to a green economy

*Focus area 1: Overarching actions*

**Description of the action:** In order to support to transition towards green economy with sustainable consumption and production patterns and inclusive outcomes (and contribute to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)), UNEP will provide *methodologies and tools* to regional, national and sub-national policy makers and stakeholders on the following areas;

- Assessments for the development of evidence based policies, i.e. resource based assessment, economic and fiscal policy analysis;
- Life Cycle approach;
- Sustainable Food and agriculture and food system;
- Sustainable Public Procurement;
- Sustainable Life Style and education;
- Sustainable Building and Construction;
- Sustainable Tourism
- Resource efficiency cleaner production throughout supply chains; and
- Integration of environmental and social considerations in their business practices in fiscal services and capital markets

UNEP will also provide *technical assistance* and *capacity building* provided to the region and countries on strategic policy development and targeted priority areas,

For example, under the European Union financed "Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood" (*EaP GREEN*) partnership project, being implemented together with OECD, UNECE, and UNIDO, UNEP will support Republic of Moldova and Belarus on the development of Green Economy Action Plan and Green Economy Road Map, based on the assessment and a stakeholder consultation (by the end of 2016).

**Time frame/milestones, for the action, as appropriate:** Until the end of 2019.

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

**Economic sectors:** Economy-wide as well as thematic areas

**Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:**

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

- Science-based approaches that support the transition to sustainable development through multiple pathways including inclusive green economy and sustainable trade, and the adoption of sustainable consumption and production patterns at all levels
- Public, private and finance sectors increasingly adopt and implement sustainable management frameworks and practices
- Public and private sectors increasingly aware of and support the adoption of sustainable lifestyles and sustainable consumption patterns

***SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:*** 12 (12.1, 12.2, 12.6) , 8 (8.4, 8.9), 17 (17.10, 17.14)

***Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) recommendations, as appropriate:***  
not applicable

***Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:*** To be derived from the relevant SDG indicators, e.g. SDG 12.

***Partners:*** UN country teams, ILO, UNDP, UNECE, UNIDO, UNITAR, OECD, Civil Society, academia, business sector, International Financial Institutions, national and local authorities, etc.

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