

**Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (BACA)  
Actions by the Republic of Azerbaijan**

**Country: Azerbaijan**

**Title:**

**Improve Air Quality Monitoring and Management in Azerbaijan**

*(BACA Actions 1, 5, 6, 15)*

**Description:** Update national action plan on air quality; Implement National Programme on improvement ecological conditions and efficient use of natural resources for 2016-2020; Strengthen Institutional Capacity of Air Quality Management and Monitoring System; Improvement of data collection, analysis, database and reporting on air quality; Improved monitoring network covering priority air pollutants; Introduction of air pollution dispersion modeling for air quality assessment; Improve inventory of emission sources; Strengthen inter sectorial cooperation and coordination on air quality management and monitoring in Azerbaijan; Harmonization of Air Quality legislation and regulatory framework with EU Standards; Modernization of Air Quality Monitoring Infrastructure; Strengthen implementation of UNECE Convention on Long range Transboundary Air Pollution

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: 2017-2020 years

Type of action: strategy and policy development, establish platform for dialogue with relevant national stakeholders, improve inter sectoral cooperation and capacity building

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: State programmes, and support of EU, EEA, WHO, UNEP, UNECE, IFIs and other interested international donor partners

**Expected outcome:**

Input to implementation to EfE process and to national state programme and action plans of Azerbaijan.

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Contribution to the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EPR recommendations for Azerbaijan

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

1. Air Quality Standards Harmonized with EU and WHO air quality guidelines and standards for major pollutants (PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>)
2. Strengthened the capacity and upgrade technical capability of Department of Environmental Monitoring of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan.
3. Improved Public Access to Monitoring Data on Air Quality

**Partners:**

Relevant government institutions, Academia, international organizations, IFIs, private sector

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