

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
Actions by the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP)**

Organization: Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP)

Title:

Supporting countries in the transition to a green economy through the generation and dissemination of green growth knowledge (Overarching actions)

Description of the action: In order to mobilise the transition to a green economy, it is crucial that policymakers and practitioners are equipped with the knowledge to empower action. The GGKP was established in 2012, in the months leading up to the Rio+20 Conference, on the basis that investing in knowledge generation and sharing leads to lasting impact.

The GGKP will support implementation of the Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy and contribute to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a range of knowledge generation and knowledge sharing actions, including:

- Integrate relevant information on the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E) into the GGKP web platform by posting information on BIG-E national actions to relevant GGKP country pages;
- Cultivate knowledge sharing in the Pan-European region and globally by promoting the BIG-E actions of countries, and drawing together the green growth community to exchange experiences, strengthen international cooperation and empower action;
- Identify relevant research, training material, projects and data from the region, including those produced through BIG-E national actions, and share them through the GGKP web platform's Global Databases;
- Identify and address critical knowledge gaps through the GGKP Research Committee model – a comprehensive and collaborative process drawing together global experts to fill major gaps in green growth knowledge and data that directly contribute to policy change; and
- Facilitate the uptake of knowledge by synthesizing and summarizing green growth research and data into easily accessible, policy-relevant information, necessary in supporting countries to implement their BIG-E national actions.

Action's time frame/milestones, as appropriate: The GGKP was launched in January of 2012 and is an ongoing initiative. Currently the GGKP is operating under a Strategic Plan and Work Programme for 2016-2018.

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

Economic sectors: Economy-wide

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: <http://www.greengrowthknowledge.org>

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Investing in the generation and dissemination of knowledge helps to produce concrete, lasting results. By ensuring policy- and decision-makers have cutting-edge knowledge at their disposal, the GGKP enables countries to develop and implement on-the-ground policy change to support a green economy transition.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: SDG 8 (target 8.4) and SDG 17

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

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: not applicable

Partners: Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and World Bank. In addition the GGKP works closely with its more than 45 “Knowledge Partners”, comprising leading institutions and organizations active in areas related to green growth and green economy at the local, national, regional, and international levels. The complete list of Knowledge Partners can be found at: <http://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/partners>

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