

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

Country: Belarus, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

Title:

Creating and Developing the Green (Low Carbon) City Public Transport Infrastructure, Creating Incentives for Purchase/ Production of Green (Low Carbon) Vehicles

Focus area 4, 8: Shift consumer behaviours towards more sustainable consumption patterns; Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being

Description of action: the conditions and infrastructure for "green" public urban transport development will be provided.

Action's timeframe: till 2020

Type of action: legal, regulatory and political instruments; economic and financial instruments

Economic sectors: Transport sector

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Environmental Strategy of the Republic of Belarus till 2025; Strategy to reduce the harmful effects of transport on the air of the Republic of Belarus for the period till 2020; Europe's growth strategy «Europe 2020», Third EPR of Belarus, etc.

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Reduction of emissions of pollutants, greenhouse gases, which will essentially reduce pollution in cities; saving of fuel resources; saved fuel from change of vehicles fleet can be sold as export; support of auto-making and transport industries of the republic

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:

SDG 3 – Good health and well-being
SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy
SDG 8 – Decent work and economic growth
SDG 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure
SDG 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
SDG 12 – Responsible consumption and production
SDG 13 – Climate action
SDG 15 – Life on land
SDG 16 – Partnership for the Goals

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Recommendation 9.1:

The Government, together with local authorities, should ensure the financial sustainability of its transport policy by:

- (a) Improving the cost recovery of public transport;
- (b) Prioritizing investments in types of transport where passenger loads justify them and taking measures aimed at increasing passenger demand.

Recommendation 9.2:

The Government should introduce economic incentives to facilitate the renewal of the country's aging fleet with a view to improving the situation regarding motor vehicles.

Recommendation 9.3:

The Government should ensure that the local executive and administrative bodies continue to deploy intelligent transportation system (ITS) solutions in order to improve traffic demand management and mitigate the negative externalities caused by urban transport.

Recommendation 9.4:

The Government should consider accession to the following United Nations transport agreements, in order to improve the environmental performance of the transport sector and its competitiveness as a transit country:

(a) The 1993 Protocol amending article 1 (a), article 14 (1) and article 14 (3)(b) of the European Agreement of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR);

(b) The 2000 European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN).

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

- by 2020 reduction of the share of emissions from mobile sources in the gross volume of pollutants emission into the atmospheric air from 72 % to 65 %;
- by 2020 reduction of pollutants emissions into the air from exhaust gases of mobile sources to the level not exceeding 900 thou/year, with simultaneous annual reduction of pollutants emissions into the air from exhaust gases of passenger vehicles equal to no less than 1%;
- by 2020 increase of the share of public transport with improved environmental properties and specifications and electric transport in populated settlements with the population over 100 thousand people to 50 %;
- by 2020 update of the vehicle establishment and increase of the common share of mechanical vehicles of high ecology classes (4+) to 50 %;
- update of aircraft fleet including 100 % withdrawal from operation by 2020 of the aircraft TU-154 not complying with the contemporary environmental requirements;
- update and modernization of the railway vehicles of the Belarusian Railway, increase of the total electrification of railway lines with total reduction of pollutants emissions into the atmospheric air from mobile sources of the Belarusian Railway by 20 %.

Partners: The Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus, interested national public governing bodies, business community

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

Country: Belarus, Ministry of Food and Agriculture

Title:

Development of Legal Foundations for Organic Agriculture in the Republic of Belarus

Focus area 1, 5: Improve the measurement and valuation of natural capital; Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns

Description of the action: The Law of the Republic of Belarus «About the production and management of organic products» will be developed and approved. Implementation of the legal framework of organic agriculture development will help to expand export opportunities for organic products and to obtain competitive advantages in comparison with traditional products.

Type of action: legal, regulatory and political instruments

Economic sectors: agriculture

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Environmental Strategy of the Republic of Belarus till 2025; Europe's growth strategy «Europe 2020».

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: increasing the volume of home organic products after adoption of the Law of the Republic of Belarus “On Manufacturing and Circulating of Organic Products”

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:

SDG 3 – Good health and well-being
SDG 8 – Decent work and economic growth
SDG 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure
SDG 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
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Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Recommendation 7.3:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food should promote organic production by creating a regulatory framework, a certification system and through extension (advisory) services. Among the first steps that it might consider are the development of a strategy, awareness raising seminars, education and training.

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

Area of land involved in the process of organic farming.
Reduction of the share of ecosystem areas with exceedances of the critical loads for acidification and eutrophication by 2020.

Partners: The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, interested national public governing bodies, business community, civil society organisations, private sector

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

Country: Belarus, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

Title:

Providing Information on Ecological Product Specifications (Eco Labelling) and Supporting Promotion of Sustainable Consumption

Focus area 4: Shift consumer behaviors towards more sustainable consumption patterns

Description of the action: Environmental labeling system will be set up, methods of establishing quantitative and qualitative indicators of ecological criteria for the product and methods for determining the types of non-food products that can be applied environmental criteria to will be defined in the Republic of Belarus.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: till 2020

Type of action: legal, regulatory and political instruments

Economic sectors: for various product groups

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Environmental Strategy of the Republic of Belarus till 2025; Europe's growth strategy «Europe 2020».

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: establishment of the eco-labeling system

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:

SDG 3 – Good health and well-being
SDG 6 – Clean water and sanitation
SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy
SDG 8 – Decent work and economic growth
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Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: the quantity of goods to which environmental criteria can be applied.

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Recommendation 1.4:

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection should initiate the introduction of modern and effective tools for environmental management and the protection of natural resources, such as integrated permits, taking into account the application of best available techniques (BAT); eco-labelling; and environmental management and audit scheme (EMAS) into environmental legislation.

Partners: The State Standardisation Committee of the Republic of Belarus, interested national public governing bodies, business community, civil society organisations, private sector

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

Country: Belarus, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

Title:

Voluntary Implementation and Ecological Certification of the Environment Management System and Ecological Standards of Products of the International Standardisation Organisation (ISO)

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

Description of the action: development of ecological certification of the environmental management system and ecological standards of product of the International Standardization Organization (ISO).

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: till 2020

Type of action: legal, regulatory and political instruments

Economic sectors: for various product groups

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Environmental Strategy of the Republic of Belarus till 2025; Europe's growth strategy «Europe 2020».

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Management of significant ecological aspects of production, achievement of the target environmental indicators, improvement of the results of environmental activities by enterprises of the Republic of Belarus

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:

SDG 3 – Good health and well-being
SDG 6 – Clean water and sanitation
SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy
SDG 8 – Decent work and economic growth
SDG 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure
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Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Recommendation 1.4:

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection should initiate the introduction of modern and effective tools for environmental management and the protection of natural resources, such as integrated permits, taking into account the application of best available techniques (BAT); eco-labelling; and environmental management and audit scheme (EMAS) into environmental legislation.

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: the number of enterprises that have received a certificate of compliance on ecological environment management systems and products.

Partners: The State Standardisation Committee of the Republic of Belarus, interested national public governing bodies, business community, civil society organisations, private sector

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**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
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Country: Belarus, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

Title:

Development and Implementation of the National Action Plan for Piloting the Green Economy Principles in Sectors of the Economy of the Republic of Belarus

Focus area 4, 5, 6, 8: Shift consumer behaviours towards more sustainable consumption patterns; Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns; Promote green and fair trade; Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being; Promote public participation, and education for sustainable development

Description of the action: National Action Plan – a new stage of «green» agenda of the Republic of Belarus of the day, reference point and basis for which will be the national aspects, international experience, the 17th sustainable development goals, the priorities under the Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted in Paris in December 2015 and other strategic areas.

The development of a national action plan will be carried out taking into account the sectoral distribution of activities, including a promising directions in the field of «green» economy.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: till 2020

Type of action: legal, regulatory and political instruments

Economy sectors: sectors including agriculture; forestry and fishery; energy; geologic exploration; production; transport; water resources; waste management; tourism; residential premises, buildings and constructions, etc.

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Environmental Strategy of the Republic of Belarus till 2025; Europe's growth strategy «Europe 2020».

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: the mechanism for piloting the green economy principles in the Republic of Belarus at the national level has been developed

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:

- SDG 3 – Good health and well-being
- SDG 4 – Quality education
- SDG 6 – Clean water and sanitation
- SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy
- SDG 8 – Decent work and economic growth
- SDG 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- SDG 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
- SDG 12 – Responsible consumption and production
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Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Recommendation 1.1: The Government should further improve the system of strategic planning on environment and sustainable development by:
Strengthening strategic planning in the environmental field by raising the level of the key

strategic documents on environmental protection, in addition to covering environmental protection in the programmes of socioeconomic development.

Recommendation 1.3:

The Government should launch an inclusive process, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, to identify lessons learned from the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and set up an ambitious national agenda on the basis of the globally agreed Sustainable Development Goals.

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: -----

Partners: interested national public governing bodies, business community, civil society organisations, private sector

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