

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
Actions by the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus**

Organization: the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus

Title:

Supporting SDG implementation in South Caucasus

Focus area 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9: Improve the measurement and valuation of natural capital; Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital; Enhance ecosystems and ecosystem services as part of ecological infrastructure; Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns; Promote green and fair trade; Increase green and decent jobs, while developing the necessary human capital; Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being; Promote public participation and education for sustainable development.

Description of the action: Supporting the South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) countries on SDGs implementation and monitoring

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: 2017-2022 years

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

Economic sectors: sectors, including: agriculture, forestry, fishing, energy, mining, manufacturing, transport, water, waste, tourism and housing, buildings and construction

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Project budgets of planned projects to be implemented in close cooperation and support of national governments, EU, UNEP, REC Caucasus, GIZ, KFW, IFIs and other interested international donor partners

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Input to EfE process and to national strategic plans of South Caucasus countries.

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

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Contribution to the implementation of the EPR recommendations in South Caucasus countries

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

1. Educational Course and publications related to SDGs
2. Establish a High level Regional Network in South Caucasus for implementation of SDGs
3. Holding regular country dialogues on implementation and monitoring of SDGs in each South Caucasus countries

Partners: National partners, including State Statistics Committees, Ministries of economy, Ministries of the Environment protection, Ministries of Education, SMEs, SCOs, relevant international organization and projects

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Country: the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus

Title:

Promotion of ecosystem approach in South Caucasus

Focus area: 1,4,8: Improve the measurement and valuation of natural capital; Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns; Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being.

Description of the action: Contribute to national plans and actions, mapping, valuation of ES and application of PES mechanisms; Promote economic of land degradation and ecosystem services by providing expertise; Consultations and capacity building activities for relevant state organizations; SMEs in order to promote sustainable use of natural resources, ecosystems and its services.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: 2017- 2022 years

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

Economic sectors: sectors, including: agriculture, forestry, fishing, energy, mining, manufacturing, transport, water, waste, tourism and housing, buildings and construction

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Project budgets of planned projects to be implemented in close cooperation and support of EU, UNEP, REC Caucasus, GIZ, KFW, IFIs and other interested international donor partners

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: The ecosystem services and its value, and methods of its valuation is broadly accepted and implemented in all sectors of economy to contribute for economic and sustainable use of natural resources by each country.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: (SDG 14, SDG 15)

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Contribution to the implementation of the EPR recommendations in South Caucasus countries

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

1. Capacity building activities
2. Pilot projects in South Caucasus countries
3. Use existing regional multi stakeholder platform of REC C on biodiversity for implementation and monitoring the progress on the PES application in the region

Partners: National partners, Ministries of economy, Ministries of the Environment Protection, private sectors, SMEs, SCOs, relevant international organizations and projects

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**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
Actions by the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus**

Country: the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus

Title:

Promotion of Circular Economy in South Caucasus region

Focus area: 1,3,4,5,6,7 Improve the measurement and valuation of natural capital; Enhance ecosystems and ecosystem services as part of ecological infrastructure; Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns; Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns; ; Promote green and fair trade; Increase green and decent jobs, while developing the necessary human capital;

Description of the action: Support the South Caucasus countries state and private sector in application of RECP, application of Sustainable Consumption Patterns, provide platform for sharing information on action plans, new technologies and approaches on shifting to green economy

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: 2017-2022 years

Type of action: capacity building, networking, development multi stakeholder platform and voluntary instruments

Economic sectors: sectors, including: agriculture, forestry, fishing, energy, mining, manufacturing, transport, water, waste, tourism and housing, buildings and construction

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Project budgets of planned projects to be implemented in close cooperation and support of EU, UNIDO, REC Caucasus and other interested donor partners

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: The South Caucasus countries accepted and implemented required green measures and actions in all sectors of economy and have accessibility to new knowledge and information.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: (SDG 9, SDG 12)

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Contribution to the implementation of the EPR recommendations in South Caucasus countries

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

1. Capacity building trainings of state actors and private sector in South Caucasus countries
2. Maintain Regional High Level Platform on Green Economy for exchange of best practices
3. Improve environmental performance of SMEs
4. Promote application of SEA for sustainable consumption and production

Partners: National partners, Ministries of economy, Ministries of the Environment Protection, private sectors, SMEs, SCOs, relevant international organizations and projects

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Title:

Support SEIS principles in the environmental monitoring and reporting in South Caucasus countries

Focus area: 9 Promote public participation and education for sustainable development.

Description of the action: Support the South Caucasus countries on environmental reporting, monitoring and database creation based on Shared Environmental Information system principles in order to establish better monitoring system of the Environment. Improve public participation in decision making process for better environment.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: 2017-2022 years

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

Economic sectors: agriculture, forestry, fishing, energy, mining, manufacturing, transport, water, waste, tourism and housing, buildings and construction

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Project budgets of planned projects to be implemented in close cooperation and support of EU, EEA, and other interested donor partners

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: The South Caucasus countries will design the integrated approaches, instruments and tools helpful to the process of monitoring and reporting on achieved results

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

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Contribution to the implementation of the EPR recommendations in South Caucasus countries

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

1. Support in capacity building of relevant state actors (one training in each country)
2. Information awareness on SEIS in SC region among different stakeholders
3. Support countries in assessment and preparation of State of Environment Reports

Partners: National partners, including State Statistics Committees, Ministries of economy, Ministries of the Environment protection, SCOs, relevant international organizations

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