

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

Country: Hungary

Title:

Short supply chains and farmers' markets for sustainable agriculture and trade

Focus area 6: Promote green and fair trade

Description of the action: The aim of the measure package is to organize so called short supply chains and farmers' markets for the products of agriculture, which can reinforce the role of local farmers. This also decreases the demand for transport, and by that the environmental loads can be minimised. The dependence on international market can be avoided, while local jobs can be created.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate:

- Announcement of the measure package: 2016
- Measure package starts to work: from second half of 2016
- Monitoring all effects of the measure package: continuously

Type of action: Legal, regulatory and policy instruments; Information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments

Economic sectors: sector (agriculture, retail, transport)

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: —

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Dependence on international market can be decreased, local economy develops, local expertise and skills will be reinforced, new jobs will be created on local level, and environmental loads from transport can be decreased.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 8.5, 12.2, 12.8

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

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: —

Partners: Ministry of Agriculture

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Title:

Energy-efficiency development of buildings with shift toward renewable energy use
Focus area 5: Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns

Description of the action:

- Development and reconstruction of agricultural buildings with energy efficiency developments and shift towards renewable energy use (VP 5B)
- Projects for renewable energy use in agriculture (VP 5C)
- Renewal of buildings of local and national government and of nonprofit organisations with public functions towards energy efficiency and renewable energy use (KEHOP 5.2)
- Stimulus of building new district-heating units based on renewable energy; and/or renewal of old units with shift towards renewable energy use (KEHOP 5.3.)

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: —

Type of action: Economic and fiscal instruments

Economic sectors: sector (building and construction, agriculture)

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: EU Operative Programmes

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Decreasing the dependency on international energy market, reinforcement of local building sector, development of local expertise, creation of new jobs, decreasing of environmental load

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 7.1, 7.2

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

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: —

Partners: Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of National Development

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**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
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Country: Hungary

Title:

Conserving the rate of public transport modes

Focus area 8: Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being

Description of the action: Aim of the measure package is to conserve the rate of public transport modes. It has positive effects on energy use, on environment loads, on settlement structure, on tourism, and on new job creation too. The package embraces the revision of relevant policies, the reconsideration of national budget planning and implementation (including the effective use of EU funds), development of public transport services and devices, alignment of intelligent transport systems (ITSs), the reinforcement of information campaigns for environmental awareness (European Mobility Week, Car-free Day, By Bike to Work etc.).

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: —

Type of action:

- Legal, regulatory and policy instruments
- Information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments

Economic sectors: sector (transport)

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: —

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: The transition of the economy towards sustainability, changing of public opinion, decreasing of environmental loads from transport sector, reforming of land use trends, creation of new jobs, strengthening of tourism etc.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 3.6, 9.1, 11.2

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

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: Modal split

Partners: Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of National Development

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**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
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Title:

Mapping required measures for decreasing food waste and food loss

Focus area 4: Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns

Description of the action: The aim of the measure is to expand waste management to food waste area in line with EU Circular Economy Program and Sustainable Development Goals. In Europe the amount of expelled food waste is estimated to be 89 million tonnes. Valuable food is lost at all stage of the food chain, from production to consumption. Decreasing the amount of food waste gains more and more attention in the European Union as well as in UN documents (the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development aims to halve the global food waste per capita by 2030 in its 12.3 target). More and more states become active in the field. The European Parliament also calls for immediate actions for halve foodwaste by 2025. European Committee also targets the area by its document titled Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe. This aim requires harmonized efforts at all stages of the food chain.

In Hungary the amount of foodwaste is below the EU average, however we have to manage the issue not only for resource efficiency and waste management, but also for social wellbeing. Possible measures embrace legal and regulatory instruments as well as economic and information / education instruments.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: —

Type of action: Legal, regulatory and policy instruments

Economic sectors: sector (retail)

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: —

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Cutting dependency on food imports, enhancing resource efficiency, decreasing the amount of household waste to be treated, social measurements.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 12.3

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

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: —

Partners: Ministry of Agriculture, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Hungarian Food Bank Association, Bay Zoltan Foundation for Applied Research

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