

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

**Organization:** OECD

**Title:**

**GREEN Action Programme**

*Focus area: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9:* 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; Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production 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:** The overarching mission of the GREEN (Green Economy and Environment) Action Programme is to assist governments and civil societies from Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia (EECCA) in implementing policies that are economically efficient, environmentally sustainable and socially acceptable. The GREEN Action Programme will:

- Facilitate access to international and regional best practices and tools for effective environmental management;
- Build local ownership and consensus on policy principles and good practices through analytical work and dialogue within regional networks;
- Implement in-country pilot projects to demonstrate how policies and tools can be applied in practice;
- Facilitate dialogue and co-operation between OECD and partner countries to better target development co-operation efforts.

The GREEN Action Programme will build on the work of the OECD EAP Task Force that since 1993 has guided improvement of environmental policies in transition economies of the EECCA region by promoting the integration of environmental considerations into the processes of economic, social and political reform”.

**Action’s timeframe/milestones, as appropriate:** 2016-18

**Type of action:** Legal, regulatory and policy instruments

Economic and fiscal instruments

Information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments

The GREEN Action Programme will facilitate: (a) cross-ministerial dialogues, (b) building local analytical and implementation capacity for policy reforms and investment planning, (c) regional/international exchange of lessons learned and best practices including sub-regional approaches, and (d) maximising synergies among various green economy initiatives by different organisations.

**Economic sectors:** economy-wide

**Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** Batumi Ministerial Declaration [ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/2/Add.1], and OECD ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)1 and ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)2.

More information on this website: <http://www.oecd.org/env/outreach/eap-tf.htm>

**Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** The GREEN Action Programme will assist countries in strengthening institutional frameworks and capacity to accelerate transition to green growth and help the EECCA countries identify and implement practical policy tools at

the national level and facilitate investment needed for greener growth. At the same time, the GREEN Action Programme will provide regional fora to exchange country experiences, best practices and lessons learned with relevant OECD and non-OECD countries. Finally, the GREEN Action Programme will also reinforce efforts to maximise synergies and coherent coordination of work by the OECD countries, the European Union, UN agencies and bilateral, regional and multilateral development cooperation organisations and International Financial Institutions.

***SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:*** Related to Sustainable Development Goals:

- 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture
- 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
- 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
- 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development (17.19)

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

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

***Partners:*** governments of the EECCA countries, UNECE, UNEP, EEA and other interested partners.

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

**Organization: OECD**

**Title:**

**Accelerating environmental policy reforms**

*Focus area: Overarching actions, 1,2* Improve the measurement and valuation of natural capital; Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital.

**Description of the action:** This action aims to assist EECCA countries in accelerating policy reforms, including by devising regulatory and economic instruments, strengthening the rule of law and compliance with environmental requirements that contribute to the greening of economic growth. The work would also include activities aimed at greening of industry and strengthening the green growth measurement framework by using green growth indicators and other environmental accounting tools.

This action will include 2 main components one including efforts on promoting “smart” environmental regulations, developing policy instruments to address challenges of urban air pollution, addressing environmental impacts of mining, supporting the development of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Systems. Another one on measuring and assessing progress towards green growth by broadening the use of green growth measurement and assessing progress towards green growth in the EECCA region.

**Action’s timeframe/milestones, as appropriate:** 2016-18

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

**Economic sectors:** economy-wide

**Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)2

**Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** Better integration of economic, sectoral and environmental policies and better knowledge of progress towards green growth

**SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** Related to Sustainable Development Goals:

- 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
- 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation
- 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

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

***Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:*** Green growth indicators

***Partners:*** collaboration under EU funded EaP GREEN project

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

**Title:**

**Green investment and finance**

*Focus area: Overarching actions, 2,5:* Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital; Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns.

**Description of the action:** This action aims to help EECCA countries to leverage and diversify financing for infrastructure development and green investments, especially to address climate change mitigation and adaptation. This could involve better expenditure management and greening of public finances as well as developing strategies for green investments in selected EECCA countries. Working with International Finance Institutions and local banks to enable private-sector investments in green projects would be important so as to enhance the countries' readiness for accessing finance at various levels.

**Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate:** 2016-18

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

**Economic sectors:** economy-wide

**Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)2

**Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** This action will contribute to green public finance policy in EECCA countries by facilitating reform of environmentally-harmful subsidies and strengthening domestic public finance, and will facilitate access to finance for green investment through better access to private finance for green investments and enhanced access to international finance for green growth. This action also aims to support countries in developing strategies for green investment and structural reforms.

**SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** Related to Sustainable Development Goals:

- 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
- 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation
- 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries
- 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

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

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

**Partners:** collaboration under EU funded EaP GREEN project

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

**Title:**

**Strengthening water management**

*Focus area:* 2,4,5,8 Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital; Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns; Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns; Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being.

**Description of the action:** This action aims to support reform of water policies in EECCA countries by contributing to achieving broader development goals, including water-related post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which feature prominently water resources management, trans-boundary water cooperation and policy integration; and by supporting economically, financially and environmentally sound management of water resources, including adaptation to climate change; recalling that the COP 21 climate conference stressed the importance of wise water management strategies, climate resilience and disaster risk reduction, which are fundamental for the provision of safe water, livelihoods and sustainable energy sources.

It will include two components:

- 1) Strengthening the economic and financial dimensions of water management, including adaptation to climate change
- 2) Strengthening water institutions in the EECCA region

**Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate:** 2016-18

**Type of action:** Information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments  
Examples of concrete projects could include: reviews of water allocation mechanisms, with a view to ensuring that they contribute to green growth; assessments of water infrastructure needs (including for multi-purpose infrastructure) and analyses of lower-cost alternatives and financing schemes; reviews of economic instruments for water management, with a view to aligning them with water priority objectives, etc.

**Economic sectors:** water

**Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)2

**Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** Improved water management in EECCA countries through better economic regulation of water supply and sanitation, better allocation of roles between public and private actors, reduced over-fragmentation in the water supply and sanitation sector, while at the same time, ensuring the economic and financial sustainability of water resources management and services.

**SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** Related to Sustainable Development Goals:

- 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;

- 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
- 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

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

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

***Partners:*** Co-operation with EU Water Initiative, UNECE

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