

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

Country: Ukraine. The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

Title:

Ukraine's Low-Carbon Development Strategy till 2030.

Focus area 1: Improvement of natural capital change and assessment

Description of the action: Developing state policy to prevent climate change and adapt to it.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: Draft Act on approving Ukraine's Low-Carbon Development Strategy till 2030 will be developed and submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine by the end of 2017.

Type of action: Regulatory

Economic sectors: Economy-wide

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change laid the foundations for solving this problem. The Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the Kyoto Protocol), ratified by the Law of Ukraine of February 04, 2004 No. 1430-IV, set quantitative goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions until 2020 for developed countries and transition economies, to which Ukraine belongs.

In December 2015, in Paris (the French Republic), there was adopted a new global climate agreement for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the Paris Agreement), which should replace the Kyoto Protocol. The Paris Agreement aims to prevent climate change and strengthen global responses to the effects of climate change in the context of sustainable development and efforts to overcome poverty. In accordance with the provisions of the Paris Agreement, each country should develop its nationally determined contributions aimed at achieving the goals of sustainable low-carbon development of all sectors of the economy and increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change. Ukraine signed and on July 14, 2016, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine ratified the Paris Agreement, which contains rules regarding the elaboration of long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies.

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Ecological: reducing greenhouse gas emission, improving efficiency of energy and water resources consumption, supporting the process industries;

Social: poverty reduction, strengthening of justice, and improving respect for human rights;

Economic: expenses and prices reduction.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: Goal 13 “Climate Change Mitigation”

13.1. To limit greenhouse gas emissions in the economy

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Improvement of the state policy in the field of climate change in order to achieve sustainable development of the state, create legal and institutional prerequisites for the gradual transition to low-carbon development under the conditions of economic, energy and environmental safety and citizens’ welfare increase.

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (percentage of 1990 emission volumes)

Partners: The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and other.

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