

Republic of Moldova

Templateⁱ for submitting voluntary commitments to the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (Nicosia call)

To be filled in by submitting country/organization

1. Country or organization: Republic of Moldova

Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova, the Organisation for the Development of the Entrepreneurship (ODA)

1. Title of the action (referencing in parenthesis the number of the related focus area(s)ⁱⁱ that the initiative will contribute to):

Greening SMEs (Focus areas: 6, 7, 8)

2. **Description of the action:** promotion on greening SMEs, of eco-innovations, resource efficient and cleaner production, energy efficiency, digitalisation of SMEs – review and extension of the Program on Greening SMEs and integration of provisions on Greening SMEs in the Environmental Strategy 2033 and Program for the promotion of Green Economy for 2023-2027.
3. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:** 2023-2027
4. **Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ:** (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments;
5. **Economic sectors^{iv}:** (a) economy-wide; and (c) sectors, including: textiles, wine production, agriculture, forestry and fishing; energy; manufacturing; transport; water; waste; tourism; and housing, buildings and construction.
6. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** Program on Greening SMEs
7. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** create favourable conditions and support the business environment in order to shift from the consumer model of economic development to a model that uses the application of greening principles and the integration of "green" economy measures into the production processes of the various branches of the national economy
8. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** contribution to SDGs 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15 and 17
9. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:** EPR III (2014), Recommendation 1.4: The Government should promote sustainable development principles in all sectoral activities.
10. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** National set of GGIs (2022), related to Greening SMEs, green jobs, energy efficiency, etc.

11. **Partners:** Ministry of Environment, environmental NGOs, Public Procurement Agency, Chamber of Industry and Commerce, etc.

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Additional information on the Nicosia focus of the action:

- **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme I: “Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure”?** (YES / NO) **YES**
 - *If yes, please indicate below to which “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure” does the action contribute:*

The action contribute to following “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure:

5. Resource efficiency and circularity;
6. Equity, inclusiveness, and empowerment;
7. Enhancing economic benefits;

- **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”?** (YES / NO) **YES**

ⁱ Based on the “Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy” (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/6, appendix). Webpage: <https://unece.org/documents-and-materials>

ⁱⁱ Nine integrated focus areas were identified in the Strategic Framework are:

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

ⁱⁱⁱ In accordance with the Strategic Framework, the following three types of actions are suggested:

- (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments;
- (b) economy and fiscal instruments; and
- (c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments.

Countries and organizations should refer to any of these three types, as appropriate and relevant.

^{iv} In accordance with the Strategic Framework, the following three clusters of sectors are suggested:

- (a) economy-wide;
- (b) cities; and
- (c) sectors, including: agriculture, forestry and fishing; energy; mining; manufacturing; transport; water; waste; tourism; and housing, buildings and construction.

^v The “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure” (as reflected in a subsequent UNEA Resolution UNEP/EA.5/Res.9) set out ten guiding principles that policymakers can follow to help integrate sustainability into infrastructure planning and delivery:

1. Strategic planning;
2. Responsive, resilient, and flexible service provision;
3. Comprehensive lifecycle assessment of sustainability;
4. Avoiding environmental impacts and investing in nature;
5. Resource efficiency and circularity;
6. Equity, inclusiveness, and empowerment;
7. Enhancing economic benefits;
8. Fiscal sustainability and innovative financing;
9. Transparent, inclusive, and participatory decision-making;
10. Evidence-based decision-making.

Web link: <https://www.unep.org/resources/publication/international-good-practice-principles-sustainable-infrastructure>