

Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E) Actions by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)

Country: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan

Implementer: The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)

Title: Establishment of the Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub (ReCATH) in Central Asia by the International Climate Action Transparency Hub (ICAT).

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

Description of the action: Establishing a sustainable transparency framework at the governmental level of the Central Asian Region to assess the environmental impact of climate actions and policies in order to help countries to take more ambitious climate actions and develop their NDCs in accordance with robust data. Strengthening capacity for greenhouse gas monitoring, reporting and verification MRV through the best available tools and methodologies.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: 2021-2024 years

Type of action: (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments and (c) information, education-based, capacity building and voluntary instruments.

Economic sectors: The action is covering the sectors: energy, water, agriculture, forestry, mining, manufacturing, transport.

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: ReCATH is funded by ICAT and implemented in cooperation with GHGMI providing technical support, as well as Central Asian governments, the expert community and interested stakeholders

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: The ReCATH will help CA countries increase transparency on climate change action, allowing for policy change and improved accountability to the UNFCCC, as well as creating a sustainable network of climate experts in the region

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: SDG13 Climate Action, and SDG17 Partnerships for SDGs

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: N/A

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: Agenda, LoP, and outcomes of the project of the "ReCATH" project events/workshops/conferences.

Partners:

Regional partner: CAREC

National partners: Ministries of Ecology, Environment Protection, Water, Energy, Economy.

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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)
 - *If yes, please indicate below to which “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure”ⁱ does the action contribute:*
 1. Strategic planning;
 4. Avoiding environmental impacts and investing in nature;
 5. Resource efficiency and circularity;
 9. Transparent, inclusive, and participatory decision-making;
 10. Evidence-based decision-making.

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

ⁱ 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>