

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:

Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation, and Technology (BMK)

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

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.

3. Description of the action:

Within the Just Transition process we develop measures for a sustainable and socially sensible transition for all parts of the population. It is especially crucial to leave no one behind in order to facilitate a climate neutral and resource friendly society and economy. In a first step, we focus on training and skill development in the energy sector.

4. Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate: Starting Dec. 2020, ongoing

5. Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ:

(a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments;

(b) economy and fiscal instruments; and

(c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments.

6. Economic sectors^{iv}:

(a) economy-wide;

(c) sectors, including: agriculture, forestry and fishing; energy; mining; manufacturing; transport; water; waste; tourism; and housing, buildings and construction.

7. Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:

8. Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: better training and skills in the energy sector to meet qualitative and quantitative expectations of the labor market

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

8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production

13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

10. Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: The implementation requires regular and systematic monitoring of success. A monitoring and evaluation concept will be developed as basis for a systematic review of progress.

11. Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: Indicators are being developed to enable efficient monitoring of success.

12. Partners:

13. Contact points:

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”^v does the action contribute:*
 - *Yes*
 1. Strategic planning;
 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.

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

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>