

# Template<sup>i</sup> for submitting voluntary commitments to the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (Nicosia call)

*To be filled in by submitting country/organization*

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1. **Country or organization:** Albania
2. **Title of the action (referencing in parenthesis the number of the related focus area(s)<sup>ii</sup> that the initiative will contribute to):** Preparation of the national plan on chemicals safe management
3. **Description of the action:** Preparation for the first time of the national plan on chemicals safe management, as a legal requirement of the law 27/2016 “On chemicals management”. This plan will determine the objectives and measures that will be implemented in the next 5 years in Albania in order to protect people and the environment against toxic and dangerous chemicals.
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:** 2022 and ongoing
5. **Type of action<sup>iii</sup>:**
  - legal, regulatory and policy instruments
  - information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments
6. **Economic sectors<sup>iv</sup>:** economy-wide.
7. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** The law 27/2016 “On chemicals management”, which can be found here: [Ligj 27 2016 17.03.2016.doc \(live.com\)](#)
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** The new national plan on chemicals safe management will determine the objectives and measures necessary that will be implemented in the next 5 years in Albania in order to protect people and the environment against toxic and dangerous chemicals.
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** SDG 8 (sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, productive employment and decent work) und SDG 12 (sustainable consumption and production patterns), DG 3 on Good Health and Well-being and SDG 6 on Clean Water and Sanitation. SDG 9 on Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure.
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:**

Recommendation 8.5: The Ministry of Tourism and Environment should implement the necessary capacity-building and organizational development activities on chemicals management, following the requirements of the 2016 Law on Chemicals Management.
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** to be decided in the future.
12. **Partners:** Sweden Chemicals Agency (KemI) and SIDA.
13. **Contact points:** Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania, Directory of the Policies and Strategies of Environmental Development .

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<sup>v</sup>” does the action contribute:*

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

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

<sup>ii</sup> 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.

<sup>iii</sup> 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.

<sup>iv</sup> 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.

<sup>v</sup> 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>