

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: LATVIA
2. Title of the action (referencing in parenthesis the number of the related focus area(s)ⁱⁱ that the initiative will contribute to): DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION. (2); (4).
3. Description of the action: DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT TOOL (CALCULATOR) FOR SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT IN CONSTRUCTION SECTOR.
4. Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate: 2024.
5. Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ: C (CAPACITY-BUILDING AND VOLUNTARY INSTRUMENTS)
6. Economic sectors^{iv}: C (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION)
7. Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACTION PLAN 2020-2027; LAW ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT; CABINET OF MINISTERS REGULATION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION.
8. Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: PROMOTING CIRCULAR ECONOMY BY USING SUSTAINABLE AND INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
9. SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 12
10. Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:
11. Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: SHARE OF GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENTS (IN FINANCIAL TERMS) OF TOTAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENTS
12. Partners: STATE ORGANIZATIONS, MUNICIPALITIES, STAKEHOLDERS
13. Contact points: MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PASTS@VARAM.GOV.LV ; ZPI@VARAM.GOV.LV

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:
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- Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”? (YES / 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>