

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 SEPARATE COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR TEXTILE WASTE (4)
3. Description of the action: DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATORY FRAMEWORK, IMPLEMENTATION OF FRAMEWORK FOR SEPARATE COLLECTION OF TEXTILES IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY AND APPLICATION OF THESE SYSTEMS
4. Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate: 2025
5. Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ: A (REGULATORY FRAMEWORK)
6. Economic sectors^{iv}: B (MUNICIPALITIES)
7. Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2021-2028
8. Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: PROMOTING CIRCULAR ECONOMY APPROACH BY SORTED COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND REUSE OF TEXTILES
9. SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: SDG12
10. Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: -
11. Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES WITH SEPARATE COLLECTION SYSTEMS FOR TEXTILE WASTE
12. Partners: MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MUNICIPALITIES, WASTE MANAGEMENT ENTERPRISES
13. Contact points: MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PASTS@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>