

# 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*

---

1. **Country or organization:** SWITZERLAND
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):** Develop instruments for the sustainable management of public infrastructure and real estate (focus areas: 3, 4, 8)
3. **Description of the action:** In the context of the revised Federal Law on Public Procurement (LMP), which entered into force in 2021 and makes a paradigm shift toward sustainable public procurement and quality-oriented competition, the Confederation is developing different instruments to adopt exemplary sustainable infrastructure and real estate management. Among others, the KBOB (Conference for the Coordination of Building and Construction Services of Public Owners) is developing recommendations for purchasing departments and strengthening the exchange of information between clients and the construction industry. In addition, from 2022 on, public authorities in Switzerland commit to the sustainable management of green spaces by signing a declaration (measure 20 of the action plan 2021-2023 implementing the Swiss strategy for sustainable development until 2030).
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:** e.g. publication of two new KBOB-recommendations
  - a. [Sustainable procurement in construction – part infrastructure](#) (published in 2021, in German, French and Italian)
  - b. Sustainable procurement in construction – part building construction (expected to be published in 2023, in German, French and Italian)
5. **Type of action<sup>iii</sup>:** (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments; and (c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments.
6. **Economic sectors<sup>iv</sup>:** building and construction
7. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:**

[2030 Sustainable Development Strategy \(admin.ch\)](#) (Measure 21 of the action plan)  
[Les bases \(admin.ch\)](#)  
[https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2020/126/de#art\\_29](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2020/126/de#art_29)
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Promotion of sustainable procurement of building and construction services of public owners**
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** SDG9 (esp. SDG 9.1), SDG 12 (esp. 12.7.), SDG 11 (esp. SDG 11.6)
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: ---**
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:**
12. **Partners:** the two recommendations mentioned in 4. are developed by the KBOB in collaboration with the Sustainable Construction Network Switzerland ([NNBS](#))
13. **Contact points:** Swiss Federal Office for buildings and logistics (OFCL), Vera Kämpfen, [vera.kaempfen@bbl.admin.ch](mailto:vera.kaempfen@bbl.admin.ch) ; Swiss Federal office for the Environment, Ruth Freiermuth, [ruth.freiermuth@bafu.admin.ch](mailto:ruth.freiermuth@bafu.admin.ch)

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
  - *If yes, please indicate below to which “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure”<sup>v</sup> does the action contribute: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10*
- **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”?** NO

---

<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>