

# 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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## **Commitment I**

### **Country or organization:**

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan

### **Title of the action (referencing in parenthesis the number of the related focus area(s)<sup>ii</sup> that the initiative will contribute to):**

Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being;

### **Description of the action:**

Development of non-motorized transport infrastructure - walking and cycling lanes, for example - enables low carbon transportation that has significant health and economic co-benefits.

### **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:**

2022-2024

### **Type of action<sup>iii</sup>:**

- (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments;
- (b) economy and fiscal instruments;

### **Economic sectors<sup>iv</sup>:**

- c) energy, transport, tourism

### **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:**

UNECE/WHO THE PEP <https://thepep.unece.org/index.php/publications>

Strategy of socio-economic development of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2022–2026

### **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:**

Sustainable urban infrastructure, Less emissions, public health, Traffic safety

### **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:**

### **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:**

### **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:**

**Partners:** Baku Transport Agency, The Ministry of Digital Development and Transport

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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.