

Templateⁱ for submitting voluntary commitments to the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (Nicosia call)

To be filled in by submitting country/organization

Commitment II

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)ⁱⁱ that the initiative will contribute to):

Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns

Description of the action:

Address barriers of retrofitting and implementing water and energy efficiency improvements of buildings and energy systems, as well as waste management infrastructures at local and regional levels

Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:

2022-2024

Type of action:

- (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments;
- (b) economy and fiscal instruments;
- (c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments.

Economic sectors:

- (b) cities; and
- (c) sectors, including: energy; water; waste; and housing, buildings.

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:

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

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:

Energy efficiency, development of rural areas, circular economy

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

SDG 7,9,11,12, 13

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

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

Partners: The Ministry of Energy, The Ministry of Economy, executive authorities, municipalities

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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.