

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

To be filled in by submitting country/organization

Commitment V

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) that the initiative will contribute to):

Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns

Description of the action:

Develop action plan for circular management of plastic packaging and items, with a focus on elimination, transition to reuse models, and sustainable procurement.

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:

- (a) economy-wide;
- (c) sectors, including: waste; and manufacturing.

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:

Action Plan for 2019-2020 on reducing the negative impact of plastic packaging waste on the environment in the Republic of Azerbaijan (<https://e-qanun.az/framework/41394>)

Towards a circular economy document, UNEP ([Towards a Circular Tourism Economy: Drivers and strategies for a green transition | One Planet network](#))

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:

circular economy

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

SDG 9,12,13,14 ,15

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

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

Partners: The Ministry of Economy, executive authorities, municipalities

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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”ⁱⁱ does the action contribute:*

NO

- **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”?** (YES / NO)
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 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>