

Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (Nicosia call)
Actions by Estonia

Country: Estonia

Title of the action

Residential buildings with improved heating systems

Focus area 2: Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital

Description of the action: Supporting of renovation/replacement of solid fuel heating systems in densely populated areas. Furthermore, support is granted for connecting to district heating networks and development of such networks in new residential areas.

Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate: first milestone 2024, programme continues until 2029.

Type of action: Economy and fiscal instruments.

Economic sectors: Energy, housing, buildings and construction.

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:

- The “Estonia 2035” strategy
- EU Action Plan: 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil'
- The European Green Deal

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Improving air quality in densely populated areas and making homes more energy efficient which is also important for energy security.

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

Goal 3 – Good Health and Well-being

- Target 3.9 – reduce illnesses and deaths from hazardous chemicals and pollution

Goal 7 – Affordable and clean energy

- Target 7.3 – Double the improvement in energy efficiency

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

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: Number of homes with improved heating systems is expected to be 1850 by the year 2029.

Partners: Ministry of Economy and Communication, Kredex, Estonian Environmental Research Centre, Estonian Potters Union. Action is mostly funded by European Regional Fund.

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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)**
 - Resource efficiency and circularity

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