

# 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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1. **Country or organization:** Malta
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):** Free public transport to all citizens. Promote modal shift from individual transport to public transport which is accessible, affordable and which results in cleaner air.
3. **Description of the action:** Holders of a personalised Tallinja Card (local company recognised card) can travel for free on Day Routes, Night Routes and Special Services with the exception of the offered direct services.
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:** From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 onwards
5. **Type of action<sup>iii</sup>:** Economy and fiscal instruments;
6. **Economic sectors<sup>iv</sup>:** Transport Sector
7. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** MoU and Agreement between Malta Public Transport and Government
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** Energy saving, air quality and well-being improvement.
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** SDG11 (Sustainable cities and communities), SDG 13 (Climate action), SDG 3 (Good health and well-being)
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:** Not Applicable
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** Number of passengers travelled per year/.
12. **Partners:** Malta Public Transport
13. **Contact points:**  

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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)
  - *If yes, please indicate below to which “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure<sup>v</sup>” does the action contribute:*
    - Resource efficiency and circularity;
    - Equity, inclusiveness, and empowerment;
    - Enhancing economic benefits;
- **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”?** (YES )

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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.

<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>