

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (Nicosia call)
Actions by the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus**

Organization: the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus

Title:

Support resource efficiency and circularity in South Caucasus

Focus area, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 Shift consumer behaviors towards sustainable consumption patterns; Promote green and fair trade; Increase green and decent jobs, while developing the necessary human capital; Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being; Promote public participation and education for sustainable development.

Description of the action: Supporting the South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) countries on promoting resource efficiency through contributing to national plans and actions, providing expertise concerning sustainable procurement and circularity; Consultations and capacity building activities for engaging with tourism stakeholders.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: 2022-2027 years

Type of action: information, education-based, capacity building, networking, and voluntary instruments

Economic sectors: sectors, including: agriculture, forestry, fishing, energy, mining, manufacturing, transport, water, waste, tourism and housing, buildings and construction

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: Project budgets of planned projects to be implemented in close cooperation and support of GEF, EU, REC Caucasus, IFIs and other interested international donor partners

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: The South Caucasus countries have implemented necessary measures concerning circularity in all sectors of the economy as well as have adopted appropriate resource management that coincide with sustainability standards, thus further advancing the economic sector.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: (SDG 9, SDG 11, SDG 12)

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Contribution to the implementation of the EPR recommendations in South Caucasus countries

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

1. Number of projects promoting circularity and resource efficiency
2. Number of capacity building activities with tourism stakeholders

Partners: National partners, Ministries of economy, Ministries of the Environment Protection, private sectors, SMEs, SCOs, relevant international organizations and projects

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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 Infrastructure¹” does the action contribute:*
 - YES: (5) Resource efficiency and circularity

 - **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”? (YES / NO)**
 - YES: (6) Engage and partner with tourism stakeholders, and build their capacity to participate effectively
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