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RECP CLUBS IN GEORGIA HIGHLIGHTS



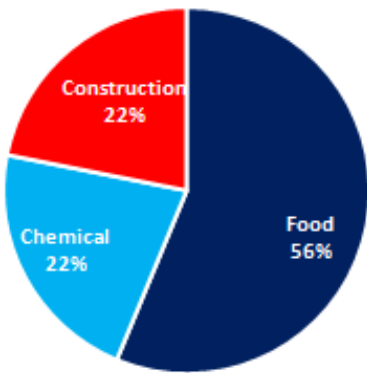
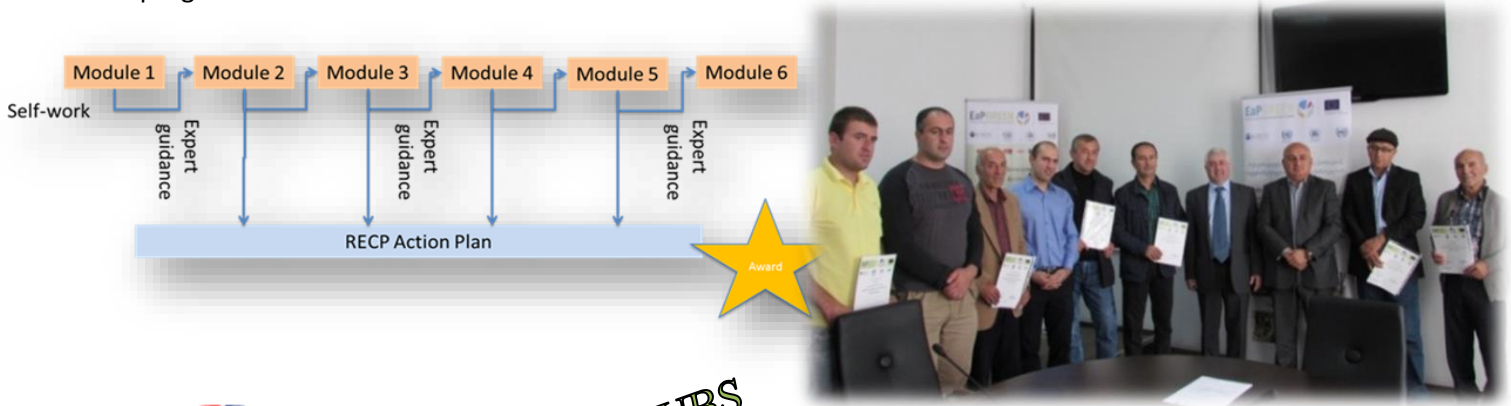
Among other activities, the RECP Demonstration in Georgia project supported the establishment of RECP Clubs in different regions of the country. The principal idea of a RECP Club is to bring together up to a dozen small businesses dealing with food, beverage, construction and chemical production working in the same region and take them jointly through an intensive training and coaching programme over a period of about 4 months, leading to a customized RECP action plan for all member companies on completion of the Club. In 2015-2016 four RECP Clubs were established in the Rustavi, Kutaisi and Kaspi municipalities and the Kakheti region (Akhmeta, Gurjaani, Lagodekhi, Telavi, Tsnori) involving 32 local SMEs. Training of club member companies in RECP methodology modules was conducted with intervals of about 3 weeks over a period of 4 months for each Club. These modules were organized by the following thematic areas: business environmental profile, energy, water and wastewater, materials and waste, chemicals and chemical waste, and RECP action plan which was developed jointly by local SMEs and RECP team.

Modules 2-5 formed the core and focused on the enterprise's technical processes, whereas module 1 and 6 provided introduction and capstone respectively and were focused on management and information systems. Between the trainings the Clubs Facilitator undertook technical visits in each company for quick scan, review of gathered data, and root source and cause analysis to support the identification and evaluation of RECP measures.

Municipal governments played a key role in identification and engagement of local SMEs in the clubs. They also hosted a number of meetings and trainings organised in the framework of the

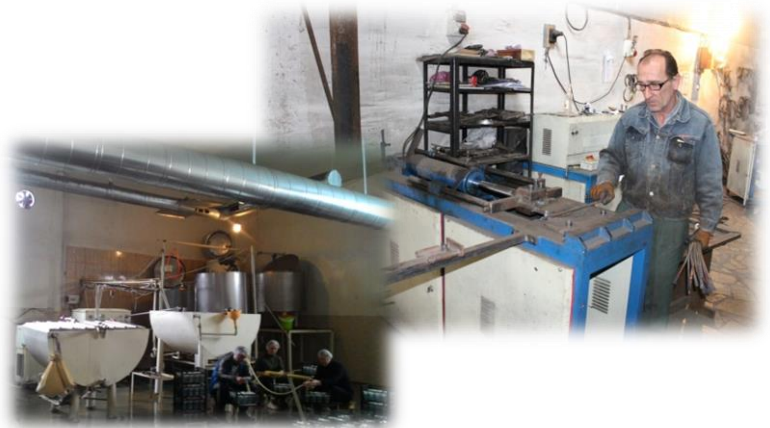


clubs program. By the end of the training program each club member company had developed a RECP action plan including low, medium and high cost RECP measures. These measures were designed to help the club member companies to save energy, water and materials, reduce negative impacts on the environment and human health, increase their profit, improve compliance with the Georgian environmental legislation and increase access to financial resources to invest in cleaner technologies. Upon completion of the training program and submission of RECP Action Plans each club member companies were awarded with UNIDO certificates for successful participation in the RECP Clubs program.

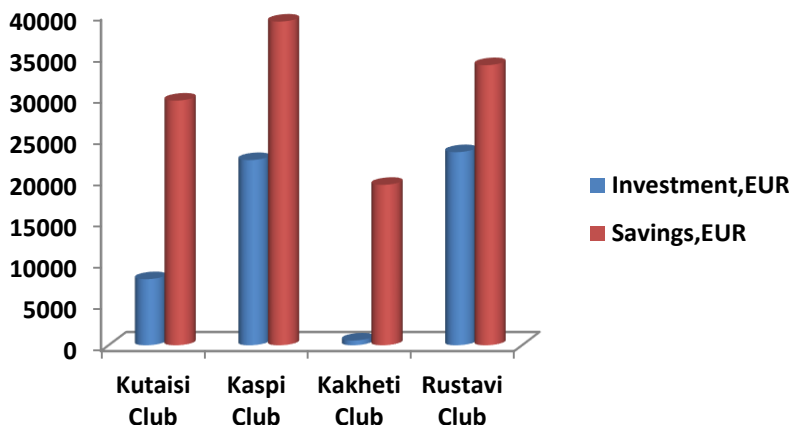


4 RECP CLUBS

32 SMEs



Total investments, economic and environmental benefits achieved by the Clubs member companies after implementation of the RECP actions are impressive as presented below:



1 024 187 kWh energy, 32 653 m³ water and 562 t materials were saved by all RECP Club member companies. Cost of the RECP measures implemented by the SMEs amounted to 54 315 Euros. These RECP investments helped the companies to save 121 902 Euros and reduce 172 t CO_{2eq} emissions.

Preparatory works for establishment of new clubs in other Georgian municipalities has been conducted. Mtskheta, Tetrtskaro, Marneuli, Bolnisi, Tsalka and Gori municipalities have expressed interest in the establishing RECP clubs. This might increase RECP club members from current 32 to 71 SMEs.

Further information is available at: www.recp.ge; EaP GREEN program website : www.green-economies-eap.org