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AGENDA

Kick off Stakeholders Meeting on Industrial Waste Mapping in the Rustavi and Zestaponi municipalities

The “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” Component of the EU-funded “EU4Environment” Action in Georgia

Date: June 3, 2021

Time: 11:00 – 12:35 GET

Format: web-based video conference

Platform: Zoom

Language: Georgian and English (with simultaneous interpretation)

Action implemented by:



Background

The kick-off stakeholders meeting on industrial waste mapping (IWM) under the “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” Component of the EU- funded “EU4Environment” Action will take place with the purpose to provide a better understanding of what are industrial waste management and waste mapping, and how they can benefit businesses, environment and civil society.

The EU-funded “EU4Environment” Action aims to preserve and better use the natural capital, increase people’s environmental well-being, and stimulate economic growth in six Eastern Partnership countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine.

By bringing together environmental and economic actors, EU4Environment helps to deliver policy and legislative changes, making planning and investment greener, stimulating the uptake of innovative technologies, the adoption of new business models, and the creation of green jobs. Thus, it promotes better environmental governance, improved management of protected areas and forests, and sustainable trade.

Waste management includes the activities and actions required to manage waste from its inception to its final disposal. This includes the collection, transport, treatment, and disposal of waste, together with the monitoring and regulation of the waste management processes and waste-related laws, technologies, and economic mechanisms.

An efficient waste management system creates an increased business value, contributing to the sustainability of manufacturing industries, whilst realizing more economic opportunities.

The main responsibility for industrial waste lies with the operations owners, however, as waste management is usually performed by various entities or companies, supportive methods to include material waste in the operational development of enterprises are needed to improve waste and resource management together with the performance of the end-of-life disposal methods.

Waste mapping is a common method to quantify and demonstrate the distribution and management of waste within a geographic area. There are many ways of undertaking waste mapping, and there are good examples around the world. Waste maps have been created as part of circular economy plans for the cities of Amsterdam, Glasgow, and London, which identified key producers of waste and how such wastes are subsequently managed or returned to the economy via resource “loops”. Diagrams of these cities depict how the resources are administered in a visual form. Hence, the overall objective of industrial waste mapping is to identify, assess, and map the waste streams of manufacturing enterprises in order to develop options for an improved resource efficiency.

In Georgia, the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (REC Caucasus) supports UNIDO in implementing task 3 “Circular Economy and Waste Management” of the EU4Environment Action Component “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities”. The work on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production under this component also covers other activities, including:

- RECP Networking and Institutionalization
- RECP Clubs & Industry Demonstrations

- Circular Economy & Waste Management
- RECP Awareness & Knowledge Management and Capacity Building
- Introducing EU Single Market for Green Products: Product Environmental Footprint Methodology

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

This event focuses on three key objectives:

- provide a better understanding of waste management, industrial waste mapping and its benefits for national manufacturing enterprises;
- discuss new opportunities related to industrial waste mapping as a means to improve waste management in selected municipalities;
- explore how waste types can be mapped, and what further steps are planned in this project.

Participants

The meeting will gather around 25 participants from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, representatives from the Rustavi Municipality and from the Zestaponi Municipality, industrial companies, waste recycling companies, representatives from the lead international partner in SWECO, UNIDO, National Implementing Partner (Energy Efficiency Center) and REC Caucasus.

Practical Information

The event will be organized online via ZOOM platform on June 3, 2021 (11:00 - 12:35 GET). The meeting will be held in Georgian.

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86287778622>

Meeting ID: 862 8777 8622

Organizer:

UNIDO, REC Caucasus and SWECO

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

The Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022.

For further information contact: www.eu4environment.org and www.recp.ge

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Moderator: Sophiko Akhobadze

TIME	ITEM
11:00 – 11:10	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Davit Advadze, TFP EU4Environment, Ministry of Economy & Sustainable Development, Deputy Head of Sustainable Development Division - Irma Gurguliani, Deputy Head of Waste and Chemicals Management Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture - Angela Bularga, Programme Manager, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission - Tatiana Chernyavskaya, EU4Environment International Project Coordinator, UNIDO - Malkhaz Adeishvili, EU4Environment National Action Coordinator
11:10 – 11:20	<p>Introduction of participants</p> <p>George Abulashvili - National Project Coordinator <i>Presentation of “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” Component of the EU4Environment Action</i></p>
11:20 – 11:35	<p>Sophiko Akhobadze - Executive Director of REC Caucasus <i>Presentation of the REC Caucasus activities on waste mapping under the framework of “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities”</i></p>
11:35 – 12:00	<p>Ally Carruth – International Circular Economy Expert, SWECO International AB <i>Presentation of the waste mapping exercise and the next steps</i></p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>All Participants <i>Discussion Session</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moderator: Sophiko Akhobadze</p>
12:30 – 12:35	<p>Closing Remarks</p>