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AGENDA

19 March 2024

Registration: 10:00 AMT

Start: 10:00 AMT

End: 14:00 AMT

Format: Face-to-face event

Venue: Ani Grand Hotel, Areni Hall

Date: March 19th, 2024

Language: Armenian

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Armenia's embrace of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) is transforming its industrial landscape, marking a significant shift towards sustainable and innovative practices. The integration of RECP principles across various sectors exemplifies the nation's commitment to environmental stewardship and economic efficiency, paving the way for a more sustainable future.

Armenia's journey towards sustainable industrial development, guided by Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) principles, exemplifies the seamless integration of environmental stewardship and economic growth. The nation's proactive approach in adopting RECP showcases a commitment to innovative practices and a transition to circular production models, emphasizing holistic resource management. This strategy not only enhances energy and material efficiency but also addresses broader environmental, economic, and social dimensions.

Specific case studies from Armenian enterprises implemented within the Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) activities taking place under the EU-funded EU4 Environment Action reveal the tangible benefits of RECP implementation. These include significant reductions in energy and water consumption, waste generation, and greenhouse gas emissions, coupled with cost savings and improved production efficiencies. Such examples illustrate the potential of RECP to drive both environmental sustainability and economic competitiveness.

The adoption of circular economy principles and green production methods is proving beneficial for both the environment and the long-term sustainability of businesses. Armenia's experience offers a model for other nations and industries, highlighting the importance of innovative practices in achieving sustainable industrial development. This narrative underlines the crucial role of RECP in fostering a culture of innovation within the Armenian private sector, promoting green consumption and production, and paving the way for a sustainable future.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

The goal of the awareness meeting on **RECP Innovative approaches towards sustainable industrial development in Armenia** is to present the results of the RECP activities and outline innovative solutions recommended and implemented within EU4 Environment Action in Armenia. Real-world business cases from Armenia will be showcased, demonstrating how RECP principles are actively enhancing sustainability and fostering innovation in industries such as food/agriculture, construction materials, and chemical production (including metal and plastic production), energy and water solutions and technical approaches tested within pilot projects funded by EU, USAID, Energy Saving Foundation, International Center for Agriculture Research and Education and other companies.

These initiatives go beyond merely reducing environmental impact; they focus on improving operational efficiency, cutting costs, and enhancing market competitiveness.

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Armenian companies, through the adoption of innovative technologies and sustainable practices, are illustrating the synergy between environmental stewardship and economic prosperity.

The examples reflect a broader trend in Armenia where industries are increasingly adopting RECP measures will be presented. Incorporating real-world business cases from Armenia will support delving deeper into how RECP principles are tangibly enhancing sustainability and driving innovation across various industries.

The event will bring together stakeholder organizations engaged in Circular Economy approaches, providing an opportunity to share industry experiences and discuss recommendations for further supporting the promotion of RECP innovations among manufacturing enterprises in Armenia.

Participants

The meeting will gather around 30-35 participants from the government, business sector, civil society, and other key institutional stakeholders. It will be attended by the Ministries of Environment and Economy (the national focal points of the Action), the national and international partners of the EU4Environment Action, representatives of other profile organizations and programs engaged in Circular Economy approaches in Armenia.

Practical Information

The meeting will take place on 19th March 2024, The meeting language will be Armenian.

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Organizer

The National Implementing Partner of UNIDO – the Regional Environmental Center for Caucasus, Armenia Office.

Background

The activities related to RECP are part of the Results 2 Component on “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” of the EU-funded EU4Environment Action. These activities aim to:

- ✓ Deliver RECP capacity building and demonstration programs to professionals and entrepreneurs, as well as technical assistance to industries in the adoption of RECP measures, promoting thus a transition to Circular Economy.

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- ✓ Promote RECP implementation and scaling up among Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) by extending the national capacity through demonstration audits in selected manufacturing enterprises.
- ✓ Promote RECP and Circular Economy principles and practices based on best international and national experiences.

The Action seeks to improve knowledge, awareness and communication with beneficiaries, and will serve to transfer benefits of RECP through: 1) resource productivity and environmental performance of small and medium companies, 2) an improved quality of products and services, 3) creation of additional economic and environmental benefits, strengthened health and safety conditions for businesses.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment) aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the 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 2019-2024.

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Moderator: Ms. Nune Harutyunyan, National Coordinator of the Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production project of EU4Environment Action

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
10:00	Registration and welcoming coffee	
10:30 – 10:50	Welcome speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Environment • Ministry of Economy • EU4Environment RECP project national coordinator • ICARE 	Ms. Gayane Gabrielyan , Deputy Minister of Environment Mr. Aram Meymaryan , Deputy Minister of Environment <i>TBC</i> Ms. Nune Harutyunyan , EU4Environment RECP project national coordinator Mr. Artur Grigoryan , Director ICARE
10:50 – 11:10	Innovation as a key for introduction of circular practices through RECP in Armenia	Ms. Nune Harutyunyan , EU4Environment RECP project national coordinator
11:10 – 11:30	Green club innovation methods and approaches	Ms. Dshkhuhi Sahakyan EU4Environment Technical Expert, EU4Environment RECP project
11:30 – 11:45	Experience of Energy Saving Foundation	Ms. Astghine Pasoyan President, Energy Saving Foundation RECP expert
11:45 – 12:00	Recommended Solutions in Energy Efficiency and Climate Change	Mr. Tigran Sekoyan , EU4Environment Technical Expert, EU4Environment RECP project
12:00 -12:15	Coffee break	

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12:15 – 12:30	Innovation through Water Efficiency	Mr. Artur Grigoryan, Director ICARE
12:30 – 12:45	RECP experiences and innovative solutions for producers: interventions	Lilit Apujanyan, RECP expert
12:45 - 13:15	Q&A session	
13:15 – 13:30	Wrap-up, discussion, feedback from stakeholders and event closure	

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