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INFORMATION MEETING
Progress on
Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP)
Component under the
European Union for Environment (EU4Environment)
Action in Armenia

AGENDA

30 April 2021

Registration: 10:00 AMT

Start: 10:30 AMT

End: 14:00 AMT

Format: hybrid event

Venue: Ani Grand Hotel Yerevan

Platform: Zoom

Language: Armenian and English (simultaneous interpretation)

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Background

The EU4Environment Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) component aims to:

- ✓ Deliver RECP capacity building and demonstration programs to professionals and entrepreneurs, and technical assistance to industries in the adoption of RECP measures, promoting a transition to Circular Economy.
- ✓ Promote RECP implementation and scaling up among SMEs by extending the national capacity on RECP among experts and RECP demonstration audits in selected manufacturing enterprises.
- ✓ Promote RECP and Circular Economy policies and practice based on best international and national practices.

The project will 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) improved quality of products and services, 3) creating additional economic and environmental benefits, strengthened health and safety conditions for business.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

The aim of the meeting is to present the main objectives and goals of the RECP activities under the EU4Environment Action, demonstrate potential use and application of RECP practices based on food/agriculture (included fish farming), construction materials and chemical (including plastic) industries experiences, and receive recommendations on partnership possibilities with other stakeholder organizations.

The meeting focuses on:

- promoting resource efficiency and cleaner production benefits for society and business sector
- raising awareness about the “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” component of the “EU4Environment” Action in Armenia
- discussing the achievements and plans of implementing RECP activities in Armenia since 2020
- exploring new opportunities related to RECP as a stepping stone for Circular Economy introduction in Armenia

Participants

The meeting will gather 60 participants from the government, business sector, local authorities, civil society, and other key institutional stakeholders. It will be attended by the Ministries of Environment, Economy, the EU Delegation in Armenia, the national and international partners of the EU4Environment Action, including National Focal Points from the Government, UNIDO, the National Action Coordinator and representatives of other profile organizations and programmes in the country.

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Practical Information

The meeting will be conducted on 30 April 2021, at Ani Grand Hotel, located at 65 Hanrapetutyan St, Yerevan 0010. The meeting will be organized in a hybrid format which will allow participants to join online (using the Zoom platform). Simultaneous interpretation in Armenian and English will be provided during the meeting.

Online Zoom Platform Registration

The connection details for Zoom will be provided to the registered participants prior to the meeting.

Organizer

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

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.

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Time	Item	Speaker
10:00- 10:30	Registration and welcoming coffee	
10:30-11:00	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ministry of Environment</i> • <i>EU Delegation to Armenia</i> • <i>Representative of UNIDO</i> 	<p>Mr. Romanos Petrosyan Minister of Environment</p> <p>H.E. Andrea Wiktorin, EU Ambassador to Armenia</p> <p>Ms. Anahit Simonyan, UNIDO Country Representative</p>
11:15-11:25	EU4Environment Action: overview	Ms. Carolina Gonzalez, Project Manager, UNIDO
11:25 – 11:40	RECP activities: Snapshots of the benefits and challenges of RECP in Armenia	Ms. Nune Harutyunyan Project National Coordinator
11:40-12:00	Scaling up RECP towards Circular Economy in the Eastern Partnership: tools of the regional EU4Environment Programme	Dr. Johannes Fresner, Senior Technical Advisor, UNIDO
12:00-12:30	Q and A session	
12:30-12:50	Preliminary results on monitoring the RECP implementation in SMEs in 2015- 2020	<p>Ms. Dshkhuhi Sahakyan Resource efficiency and CP Expert</p> <p>Mr. Tigran Sekoyan Energy Efficiency Expert</p> <p>SME representatives</p>
12:50-13:15	Presentation of new RECP assessments: first findings and observations	<p>RECP experts</p> <p>SME representatives</p>
13:15-14:00	Wrap-up and Closing Remarks	Ms. Nune Harutyunyan Project National Coordinator

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