

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**CIRCULAR ECONOMY BENEFITS FOR THE UKRAINIAN INDUSTRY
IN THE CONTEXT OF RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION**

AGENDA

REGISTRATION LINK

Date: 15 December (Thursday) 2022
Start: 11:00 (EET)
End: 13:30 (EET)

Format: web-based video conference (via Zoom)
Language: Ukrainian and English (with simultaneous interpretation)

Action implemented by:

Circular Economy benefits for the Ukrainian industry in the context of recovery and reconstruction

15 December 2022, 11:00-13:30 EET, online (via Zoom)

Meeting objectives, expected outputs, and outcomes

The conference aims to discuss the possible opportunities for the enterprise sector in Ukraine in the context of recovery and reconstruction and feasible measures to assist them within the “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment) programme. In particular, the participants will:

- Recap the benefits of implementing a Circular Economy and Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) within enterprises in Ukraine
- Present the results of the industrial waste mapping exercises conducted in two pilot regions (Davydiv and Slavuta)
- Explain the key elements of the EU Single Market for Green Products (SMGP) initiative
- Provide an overview of the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) methodology in Ukraine

Participants

The conference is open to all stakeholders interested in and working on issues related to the industry, circular economy, resource efficient and cleaner production, and environmental protection. The event will bring together the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine as National Focal Points of Action, representatives from the EU Delegation, UNIDO, and other international organizations, representatives from companies, organizations, associations, NGOs, financial institutions, academia and research institutes.

Practical Information

The National Conference “Circular Economy benefits for the Ukrainian industry in the context of recovery and reconstruction” will take place online, via Zoom, on December 15 2022 (11:00-13:30 Kyiv time, EET) in both Ukrainian and English (with simultaneous interpretation). Interested participants should register in advance by filling out [the form](#).

Background

In the context of the current situation in Ukraine and the activities undertaken by enterprises and the industry sector, overall, it is important to provide timely support for national businesses and assist them in their development and recovery. As well, the path to recovery and development needs to be a sustainable and green one, as sustainable development is an organizing principle for meeting human development goals while simultaneously providing natural resources and ecosystem services upon which the economy and society depend on.

Sustainable development practices help countries grow in ways that make them adaptable to different challenges among which is climate change. This, in turn, helps preserve important natural resources for future generations. Here, the principles of Circular Economy (CE) have emerged as a viable alternative to the unsustainable linear (take–make–waste) economy. In a Circular Economy, resources are not consumed in one go, but rather recovered in a system that is continuous and long-lasting, with the goal of keeping them in function at their highest potential.

In Ukraine, the Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Centre is the national partner of UNIDO in implementing “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” within the “EU4Environment” Action. Here, the Action covers three core thematic areas:

- Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP)
- Circular economy (CE) and industrial waste management (IWM)
- The EU Single Market for Green Products (SMGP) initiative and Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) methodology

RECP has been defined as the integrated and continuous application of preventive environmental practices and techniques to processes, products, and services, to increase efficiency and reduce risks to humans and the environment. The CE and IWM approaches include the development of new business models based on the principles of eco-design, repair, reuse, recovery and exchange of products, as well as waste prevention.

The SMGP initiative envisages developing a common methodology for the quantitative evaluation of the environmental impacts of products throughout their life cycle to support the assessment and labelling of products based on their environmental footprint. This initiative is particularly beneficial for companies wishing to export their products to the European Union.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment – Green Economy) Action helps the EU’s Eastern Partner countries 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. It is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations - OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank – over the 2019-2024 period, with a budget of EUR 20 million.

For more information, please visit: www.eu4environment.org and www.recpc.org

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Moderator: Ms. Kateryna Romanova, Communication and Advocacy Expert of RECP, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre

Time (EET)	Item
1. Welcoming remarks	
11:00-11:20	<p>Mr. Yevheniy Fedorenko, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine</p> <p>Ms. Viktoriya Kovalenko, State Expert on Smart Specialization and Resource Efficiency, Directorate for Development of the Real Sector of Economy, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine</p> <p>Mr. Gregory Tsouris, Counsellor, Green Deal, EU Delegation to Ukraine</p> <p>Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, EU4Environment Project Manager, Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency Unit, UNIDO</p>
2. The recovery and reconstruction agenda in the manufacturing sector <i>The needs and challenges of national enterprises</i>	
11:20-11:30	<p><i>Current situation on the environment in Ukraine</i></p> <p>by Ms. Daria Moskalenko, Leading Specialist, Circular Economy Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine</p>
11:30-11:40	<p><i>The general state of the enterprises operating in Ukraine</i></p> <p>by Mr. Vyacheslav Bykovets, First Vice-President, General Director of the Union of Small, Medium-Sized and Privatized Enterprises of Ukraine</p>
11:40-11:50	<p><i>Researching the actual state and needs of companies in Ukraine (July, 2022)</i></p> <p>by Ms. Nadiia Shmygol, Regional Coordinator, RECPC</p>
11:50-12:00	<p><i>State and needs of Ukrainian SMEs in 2022</i></p> <p>by Ms. Myroslava Kalamunyak, Director, Owner, PJSC “Uzhgorod Clothing Factory”</p> <p>by Ms. Yuliia Laskava, Leading Energy Manager, JSC “SMNPO – Engineering”</p>

3. Addressing new challenges and prospects for a greener development of the industry	
<i>The current progress in greening national businesses and support programmes targeting business recovery</i>	
12:00-12:10	<p><i>The national programmes supporting businesses</i></p> <p>by Mr. Oleksandr Vasylichuk, Deputy Head of the Entrepreneurship Development and Support Department - Head of the Entrepreneurship Support Division, Department of Regulatory Policy and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine</p> <p><i>Implementation of the state program on enterprises relocation</i></p> <p>by Mr. Ihor Tereshchenko, Head of the Expert Group on Enterprise Relocation and Employment, Directorate of Labour Market Development and Employment, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine</p>
12:10-12:20	<p><i>Circular economy benefits and the EU experience</i></p> <p>by Ms. Olena Maslyukivska, National Action Coordinator, EU4Environment Action</p>
12:20-12:30	<p><i>Support of companies in RECP and green recovery within the EU-funded EU4Environment Action</i></p> <p>by Mr. Ivan Omelchuk, Regional Coordinator, RECPC</p>
12:30-12:40	<p><i>Developing the UNIDO Green Recovery and Post-Crisis Programme in Ukraine 2023 - 2027</i></p> <p>by Mr. Andrii Vorfolomeiev, National Specialist, UNIDO</p>
12:40-12:50	<p><i>The project on implementing eco-industrial parks concept "GEIPP-Ukraine": opportunities and benefits for national industry</i></p> <p>by Mr. Anton Kleshchov, National Coordinator of the "GEIPP-Ukraine" project, UNIDO</p>
4. Progress with EU4Environment initiatives to help the enterprise sector in Ukraine	
<i>The Single Market for Green Products (SMGP) initiative: introducing Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) in Ukraine</i>	
12:50-13:00	<p><i>PEF piloting in Ukraine</i></p> <p>by Mr. Volodymyr Popovych, Regional Coordinator, RECPC</p>
13:00-13:10	<p><i>Ecolabel as a tool to support the transition to a green economy</i></p> <p>by Ms. Svitlana Berzina, President, All-Ukrainian NGO "Living Planet"</p>
13:10-13:20	<p><i>Question & Answer session</i></p> <p>All participants</p>
5. Closing remarks	
13:20-13:30	<p><i>Summing up and wrapping up the Conference</i></p> <p>Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, EU4Environment Project Manager, Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency Unit, UNIDO</p> <p>Ms. Angela Bularga, Programme Officer, European Commission</p>