

## BUILDING NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY

### AGENDA

**Date: 6 June 2024**

14:00-16:00 (EET)

**Format:** online (Zoom)

**Language:** Ukrainian and English (with simultaneous interpretation)

**REGISTRATION**

Action implemented by:

**BUILDING NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY**  
(online event)  
**6 June 2024, 14:00-16:00 (EET),**  
**Online (Zoom), simultaneous interpretation (Ukrainian-English)**

**Host:**

**Kateryna Romanova**, communication and advocacy expert on circular economy in Ukraine, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre

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Time, EET	Item
<b>Welcome remarks</b>	
14:00-14:10	<p><b>Ms. Nadiia Bihun</b>, Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine</p> <p><b>Ms. Angela Bularga</b>, Programme Manager, DG NEAR, European Commission,</p> <p><b>Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya</b>, EU4Environment Project Manager, UNIDO</p>
<b>Panel I. The importance of national knowledge in transition to circular economy</b>	
14:10-14:30	<p><i>Why is it important to build a national knowledge on the circular economy for sustainable future? How can one achieve a sufficient level? What are the specific ways of building national capacity and knowledge? How such knowledge can be applied locally? What are the current trends in knowledge building for circular economy?</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Edward Clarence Smith</b>, Senior Advisor, Green Industry and Circular Economy, UNIDO</p> <p><b>Mr. Mika Sulkinoja</b>, Coordinator of the World Circular Economy Forum, Sitra</p> <p><b>Mr. Hannes MacNulty</b>, Green Industry Platform Manager, Green Growth Knowledge Partnership</p>
14:30-14:40	Q&A
14:40-15:00	<p><i>Presentation of the online training course "Circular Economy in Ukraine: Implementation Support" (including the national circular economy cases)</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Andrii Vorfolomeiev</b> Director, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p>
15:00-15:10	Q&A
<b>Panel II. Circular economy knowledge initiatives in Ukraine</b>	
15:10-15:30	<p><i>What circular economy initiatives are currently in place in Ukraine? What are the drivers and barriers for developing the national knowledge in circular economy? How can knowledge networks promote circular economy development?</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Daria Honcharenko</b>, Head of the High Value Added Markets Development Division, Real Sector Development Department, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine</p>

	<p><b>Ms. Olena Maslyukivska,</b> Associate Professor, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy</p> <p><b>Mr. Massimiliano Rumignani,</b> CirCLER project manager, AMBIT</p> <p><b>Ms. Kateryna Kopishynska,</b> Associate Professor, Department of Management of Enterprises, National Technical University of Ukraine “Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”</p>
15:30-15:40	<p><i>How to achieve synergy and coordination of joint efforts to implement circular economy practices?</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Andrii Vorfolomeiev,</b> Director, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p>
15:40-15:50	Q&A
<b>Closing session</b>	
15:50-16:00	<b>Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya,</b> EU4Environment Project Manager, UNIDO

## BUILDING NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY (online event)

6 June 2024, 14:00-16:00 (EET)

### Background

With a rapid economic growth provoking intensive resource use and environmental pollution, circular economy (CE) is one of the key steps towards sustainable development. This approach helps reduce environmental risks, safeguard resources, and enhance business competitiveness, with a positive impact on the overall economy.

In Ukraine, the implementation of the circular economy principles will contribute to the economic sustainability through national business support as well as to country's successful integration into the European Union and green post-war recovery.

### Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

The main goal of the event is to raise awareness about the importance of national knowledge in transitioning to circular economy and to identify potential synergies for disseminating this knowledge in the country. In addition, the event will provide an opportunity to discuss and share international CE best practices and highlight barriers and challenges to its dissemination.

The main discussion topics will be:

- The role of CE in promoting country's green recovery.
- Existing initiatives to develop national knowledge on CE, including potential drivers and barriers.
- Presentation of the online training course "Circular Economy in Ukraine: Implementation support."
- Demonstration of national examples of CE implementation by Ukrainian companies.
- Discussion of potential synergies to implement circular economy in the country.

Expected outcomes of this event include gaining insights of the CE application from international experience, fostering national and international cooperation, and finding ways to develop the circular economy in Ukraine. Finally, the online event aims to contribute to the green recovery of Ukraine.

### Participants

The event is open to anyone interested in and involved in the circular economy, resource efficient and cleaner production, waste management, and environmental protection.

The target audience includes representatives of Ukrainian ministries, industrial enterprises, central and local authorities, business associations, public and non-governmental organizations, educational and scientific circles, etc.

The online event is organized by the EU4Environment programme, with UNIDO in the lead and in collaboration with the RECP Centre in Ukraine.

### About the `Circular Economy in Ukraine: Implementation support` online training course

The event will present the training course `Circular Economy in Ukraine: Implementation support`, developed by the national RECP Centre as part of Result 2 activities on `Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities` within the EU-funded EU4Environment program.

The training course focuses on the importance of the circular economy, its principles, strategies, practices and business models, as well as the means to promote the implementation of the circular economy at the country or community level. It includes practical examples from Ukraine and globally and is available on the following platform: [learning.unido.org](https://learning.unido.org).

Main objectives of the training course are to:

- Raise awareness of the key principles of the circular economy and its benefits;
- Facilitate understanding of various CE-specific topics and provide tools for the development and implementation of CE policies at national and regional levels;
- Identify national CE practices, while sharing international best practices of CE application;
- Consolidate and activate relevant stakeholders.

The course is developed for government organizations that ensure the implementation of state policy in the areas of environmental safety, natural resource conservation, energy efficiency, economic development, infrastructure and strategic industries, etc. The course will also be useful for representatives of business, civil society, academia, and other stakeholders interested in the country's environmental, economic, and industrial development.

The estimated time for completion is 5 hours; a certificate of completion is provided (10 hours including individual work) upon the completion of the final test.

### Practical Information

The online event `Building national knowledge on circular economy` will take place on 6 June 2024 (14:00-16:00, Kyiv time) within the EU-funded EU4Environment Result 2 activities on "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities". The event will be held online on Zoom. Languages of the event: Ukrainian and English, simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Interested participants should register in advance by [the link](#).

### Background

Circular Economy is where products, parts and materials are circled back into the industrial system, creating additional value and less waste<sup>1</sup>. In a Circular Economy value is maintained for as long as possible, products are designed to last, waste and pollution are minimized, and renewable energy is used as much as possible. The CE is now a transformation in progress in many countries around the world. Such transformation depends on forming new synergies, between many sectors of business, and many material streams, in many locations.

In Ukraine, the RECP Centre is the national partner of UNIDO in implementing Result 2 activities on "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities" within the "EU4Environment" Action.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.unido.org/sites/default/files/files/2020-02/IRE%20and%20Circular%20Economy.pdf>

**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 organizations - OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank – over the 2019-2024 period, with a budget of EUR 20 million.

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