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EU4Environment Programme Online Consultation Workshop: Deposit Refund System development in the Republic of Armenia

Agenda

**11 February 2021, 10.30-13.00 (AMT, Yerevan time)
Virtual meeting (Zoom platform)
Working languages (English and Armenian) (interpretation)**

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Background

Under EU4Environment's component 1.2 on "Sectoral investment planning and comparative analysis of costs and benefits", UNEP will support countries with assessing the investment needs for specific green growth areas/sectors which will help countries identify national investment gaps that might lead to specific investment programmes and to provide recommendations for a financing strategy. Specifically, under EU4Environment's component 1.2, UNEP will assist Armenia in assessing investment needs to develop the Deposit Refund System (DRS) for the packaging waste in Armenia. DRS can help reduce the amount of littering, boost recycling levels for relevant material, offer the possibility to collect high-quality materials in greater quantities and makes it easier for consumers to recycle through clear labelling and consumer messaging. An effective, functional and convenient DRS may entail high investment outlays. Armenia has recently completed an initial gap analysis study for the establishment of the DRS to understand what legislative amendments need to be put in place for the DRS to operate. The next step for the country is to undertake an economic analysis of the DRS models (based on international experiences and best practices) to identify DRS options that are best suited for the country. To this end, the Ministry of Environment of Armenia with the support of UNEP is organizing the online consultation workshop for the DRS for the packaging waste development in the Republic of Armenia.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- Exchange knowledge on the current status of the Armenian waste management system;
- Identify the key stakeholder's group for DRS;
- Present the best EU practical examples;
- Discuss the preliminary findings of the situation analysis and possible options for the DRS for the packaging waste in Armenia.

Participants

The meeting will gather 15 participants from Ministries, NGO and business associations.

Practical Information

The meeting will take place virtually through Zoom platform. English – Armenian interpretation will be provided.

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.

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CONSULTATION WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Time	Item	Speaker	Sub topic/Content
10:20- 10:30	Registration		
10:30- 10:40	Opening of the workshop	Ms. Ruzanna Grigoryan , Head of International Cooperation Department	-Introduction of participants -Background of the workshop
10:40- 10:50	Introduction to EU4Environment programme	Ms. Irina Davis , UNEP, Europe Office, Project assistant	-Brief descriptions of the EU4Environment programme objectives and activities
10:50- 11:10	Overview of the waste development in the Republic of Armenia	Representative from the Ministry of Environment of RA (Tbc)	-Waste development system in the Republic of Armenia -Legislative background -Extended Producers responsibilities
11:10- 11:50	DRS project in Armenia and practical examples from EU countries: Deposit Refund system (DRS)	Ms. Daiva Matonienė , International Consultant for DRS	-Objectives, approach and deliverables, timeframe -EU practical examples of Deposit refund system for packaging waste -EU, Norway and Lithuanian practical example -Lessons learned
11:50- 12:00	Questions&answers	Ms. Ruzanna Voskanyan , National consultant	-Q&A -Exchange of views and experience
12:00- 12:20	Presentation of preliminary analysis and feedback/additional information gathering from the participants	Ms. Daiva Matonienė , International Consultant for DRS	-Overview of legislation -Market analysis -SWOT and PESTEL analysis DRS models to RA
12:20- 12:50	Open discussion	Ms. Ruzanna Voskanyan , National consultant	-Challenges and opportunities -Q&A -Reccomendations
12:50- 13:00	Conclusions, closing of workshop	Ms. Ruzanna Grigoryan , Head of International Cooperation Department	-Conclusions -Steps forward

END of workshop

