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Consultation Workshop on Legal Provisions on Sustainable Public Procurement

AGENDA

Tuesday – May 18, 2021


Start: 11:00 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)

End: 12:30 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)

Zoom platform

Action implemented by:





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Background

In 2014, Georgia signed an Association Agreement with the EU. One of the articles of the Association Agreement refers to a need in introducing Sustainable Public Procurement (hereinafter - SPP) principles. SPP is considered the process by which public authorities seek to achieve the appropriate balance between the three pillars of sustainable development - economic, social, and environmental - when procuring goods, services, or works at all stages of the project. Since the SPP concept is a completely new approach to Georgian legislation, there was a need for a full roll-out of the SPP approach, including policy development, capacity building and SPP implementation, in Georgia for the uptake of SPP by the government.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is one of the five partner agencies implementing a newly launched EU-funded EU4 Environment (2019 – 2023). This regional programme supports 6 countries, including Georgia, in making policy planning and investment greener, stimulating the uptake of innovative products and technologies, and raising awareness about the benefits of environmental action. More specifically, within EU4Environment's component on "circular economy and new growth opportunities", UNEP supports Georgia to promote activities on SPP and complementary tools.

UNEP in close cooperation with the Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC) in Georgia and the State Procurement Agency of Georgia implements a set of the activities on promotion and application of SPP, including improving the legislation to introduce the SPP provisions. In the framework of the UNEP-EIEC contract on implementation of the EU4Environment project in Georgia, the Activity 1.4 envisages organizing a consultation workshop on legal provisions on SPP of the new draft law "On Public Procurement" and the relevant draft bylaw in order to present these documents to the Georgian authorities, increase their awareness on SPP benefits and explain how these changes in legislation will help to implement SPP on practice. SPP related articles, provisions to the new draft law "On Public Procurement", as well as the by-laws were elaborated with support of EU4Environment project.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- Present and discuss the SPP related articles and provisions to the new draft law "On Public Procurement", as well as the by-laws on SPP;
- Present the achievements and plans for implementing SPP principles and regulations in the context of the newly developed draft law "On Public Procurement";
- Raise awareness among public officials, civil society activists and academia on the SPP concept/approach and benefits;

Participants

The meeting will gather officials and participants from the Parliament, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Environmental Information and Education

Centre, State Procurement Agency, Dispute Resolution Council, Energy Efficiency Centre, as well as other line Ministries, contracting authorities, CSOs experts and academia professionals.

Practical Information

The meeting will take place virtually via the Zoom platform, please follow the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87905584956?pwd=eW14WUozQWdmRXJLMetodDNqTG5pZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 0558 4956

Passcode: spa

All registered participants will receive connection details to access the platform. English and Georgian are the main languages of the workshop. English-Georgian simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the meeting.

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
11:00-11:20	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Alexandre Darras, Attaché, Sector Coordinator Connectivity, Energy, Environment & Climate Change, EU delegation to Georgia ● Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC), Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia ● Mr. Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia ● Mr. Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, Economy Division, Resources & Markets Branch, United Nations Environment Programme
11:20-12:05	<p>Presentation of the SPP legal provisions and regulations in the draft primary and secondary legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Eriks Mezalis, International Legal Expert, EU4Environment project ● Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EIEC
12:05-12:25	<p>Feedback by the participants and joint discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator – Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EIEC
12:25-12:30	<p>Closure of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Lesya Nikolayeva, International Expert, EU4Environment project