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First Regional Capacity Building Online Workshop on Extended Producer Responsibility in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine

Agenda

Date: Friday, 4 June 2021

Time: 9:30-12:30 CEST/10:30-13:30 EET

Format: web-based video conference

Platform: Zoom

Simultaneous interpretation (English/Russian) will be provided. The meeting will take place in virtual format – all discussion and information documents will be circulated electronically.

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Background

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is one of five partner agencies implementing the EU-funded EU4Environment Programme (2019 – 2022). This regional programme will support the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine) in making policy planning and investment greener, stimulating the uptake of innovative products and technologies, and raising awareness about benefits of environmental action. The application of strategic approaches to waste management can assist in addressing countries' overarching waste management challenges. To this end, within EU4Environment's component 2.4 on "The use of strategic approaches on waste management" UNEP will support countries in promoting development of comprehensive sustainable waste management policies and policy instruments. More specifically, under *Activity 2.4.2 Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) schemes*, UNEP will provide technical assistance to partner countries in the establishment of EPR schemes for the packaging waste streams.

Workshop objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

The overall aim of this regional workshop is to facilitate regional dialogue and information sharing on the status of EPR in EaP countries, discuss main issues and bottlenecks in the EPR implementation; and look at the mechanisms and solutions for a successful implementation of operational EPR schemes in the region.

The objectives of the regional workshop are: i) to present the findings of the EPR survey/questionnaire, identify and discuss common critical issues with EPR in the region; ii) discuss policy choices and pragmatic elements of EPR; iii) present and discuss the current best practices for the EPR schemes for packaging waste in 2-3 EU Member States; and iv) discuss opportunities for the EPR system establishment in EaP countries, including the development of a regional approach to EPR.

Participants

The event will bring together Eastern Partnership countries and international stakeholders, including representatives of relevant Ministries, local authorities, international organizations, the EU Delegations, private sector and Civil Society Organizations.

Practical Information

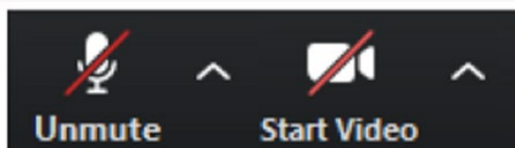
The meeting will take place virtually via the Zoom platform. The participants are invited to register for the event using the link below or confirm their attendance by **31 May 2021** to Ms. Maria Stavrou, e-mail: Maria.Stavrou@imhbusiness.com. The participants will also have an opportunity to register for the event after this date.

CLICK TO REGISTER (Registration link):

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G8Z0kxgiQwiSiL_B0i4dQ

All registered participants will receive connection details to access the platform. English is the main language of the regional workshop. English-Russian simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the meeting.

1. At the beginning of the meeting, we will ask everyone to turn on the cameras for greeting, as well as to introduce themselves. Then you will be asked to turn off cameras and turn on only when you want to ask a question or make a comment.
2. To maintain a high quality of communication, it is better that all participants have their microphones turned off and turn it on only when they are going to make a comment. The camera and microphone control buttons are located below and look like this.



3. If you noticed that your microphone was turned off, but you didn't do it, don't take it as a technical problem, it could be done by a moderator. Also, the moderator may turn on microphones for participants who are making a speech
4. When you want to say something during the speaker's presentation, you need to either click the raise sign, which is located in the right corner in the participants section. Then a palm will appear opposite your name, so the moderator will be able to see that you need to give the floor. Also, you can write a question in the chat to everyone or only to a moderator and you will be given the floor when it will be possible.
5. During the video conference, we will record the meeting ONLY for our internal use (to prepare the report). We will not transfer this record to third parties or post it on the Internet.
6. During the meeting, the chat for participants will be active, you can write questions there or report problems with sound or presentations.
7. The sound quality will be better if each participant uses headphones or a headset, such as for a mobile phone.
8. We plan to take some photos during the meeting for the report. If you are opposed to being photographed, please report this to the moderator before meeting.

About EU4Environment

The "European Union for Environment" (**EU4Environment**) programme aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and 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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Within the framework of the EU4Environment programme, UNEP provides technical assistance to partner countries in the establishment of EPR schemes for the packaging waste streams under *Activity 2.4.2 Initiating/assisting the establishment of Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) schemes*. This task is carried out by UNEP with its implementing partner - Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance (EXPRA).

AGENDA

Moderators:

- Ms. Rie Tsutsumi (UNEP), Mr. Feng Wang (UNEP)
- Mr. Kyriakos Parpounas, Managing Director, Parpounas Sustainability Consultants (PSC)

Time (CEST/Geneva)	
9:30 - 9:40	<p>Item 1: Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rie Tsutsumi, Regional Coordinator for Climate Change and Resource Efficiency, UNEP <p><i>Introduction of objectives of the meeting and agenda.</i></p>
9:40 - 10:40	<p>Item 2: Current status of EPR in the Eastern Partnership countries <i>Current status, challenges and future plans:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armenia: Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan, on behalf of the Ministry of Environment; • Azerbaijan: PowerPoint presentations by Ms. Aytekin Guluzade, Ministry of Economy and Ms. Suqra Ibarahimli, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources; • Belarus: (tbc); • Georgia: Ms. Irma Gurguliani, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture; • Moldova: Ms. Tatiana Tugui, on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment; and • Ukraine: Ms. Olena Koltyk, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources.
10:40-11:00	<p>Item 3: Current best practices for the EPR schemes for packaging waste <i>EU approach to EPR, legal and policy drivers, and case studies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Mr. Joachim Quoden, Managing Director, EXPRA <p>Q&A</p>
11:00-12:20	<p>Item 4: EPR in EaP Countries: Main challenges and opportunities <i>Overall results of the EPR survey and common challenges in the region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Mr. Kyriakos Parpounas, Managing Director, PSC <p><i>Discussion: Countries' views and plans on the following actions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy development and implementation • Minimum EPR requirements

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action from the private sector: setting up EPR system and PRO, management and operation, technical work on collection and recycling;• Monitoring and enforcement• Number of PROs and scope – Monitoring PROs• Informal sector• Sorting at source and the citizen! |
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12:20-12:30	Item 5: Closure of the workshop <i>Summary, next steps, and closing remarks.</i>
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