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Launch event of project “Designing Green Public Investment Programme and Conducting Training in Azerbaijan”

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 17th June 2021, 11.00–12.30, Baku time

Zoom platform

Please register for the meeting here ([link](#))

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Background

The EU-funded EU4Environment Action supports countries in the EaP region, including Azerbaijan, to improve national governance and regulatory mechanisms that support transition to a greener and more sustainable development path. Public expenditure forms an essential part in efforts to create a level playing field for environmental and climate-related objectives.

Activity Area 3.3 of EU4Environment, and its Work Plan for Azerbaijan, envisage providing technical assistance and capacity development to help increase the capacity of government authorities to better manage public environmental expenditure.

The main objective of the proposed project “Designing Green Public Investment Programme and Conducting Training in Azerbaijan” is to equip the government officials and experts in Azerbaijan with know-how and practical skills on designing a public environmental expenditure programme with the aim of obtaining adequate resources from the public budget and leverage international co-financing for its implementation. The programme will be designed in line with international good practices and can serve as a model for preparing other low-carbon public investment programmes within national medium-term expenditure frameworks (MTEFs).

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- The objective of the meeting will be to launch the implementation of the project “Designing Green Public Investment Programme and Conducting Training” in Azerbaijan.
- The expected outputs of the meeting are:
 - an agreement on the key elements of the project (scope of the programme, implementation modalities), and
 - awareness raised about the water supply sector in Azerbaijan, which is the project focus.

Participants

The meeting will gather officials from the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan and their invited experts, representatives of other Ministries, municipal governments, donors, IFIs and NGOs involved in the sector, the EU4Environment and other EU programmes in Azerbaijan.

The meeting will be facilitated by the OECD and experts from Kommunalkredit Public Consulting (KPC).

Practical Information

English–Azerbaijani 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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Project website: <https://www.eu4environment.org>

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Time	Item
Session 1	Welcoming remarks
11:00 – 11:15 (15 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources TBD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives of the meeting and presentation of the project <i>David Simek, OECD</i>
Session 2	General overview of the design and costing of green public investment programmes
11:15 – 11:25 (10 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a green public investment programme? Programme costing and linking programme objectives and programme results <i>David Toft, KPC</i>
11:25 – 11:35 (10 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main environmental challenges related to the water supply in areas affected by climate change TBD
Session 3	Focus and scope of the green investment programme in Azerbaijan
11:35 – 11:45 (10 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible project types targeting the problems with water supply in areas affected by climate change, to be supported through the investment programme <i>Rafal Stanek, KPC</i>
11:45 – 12:00 (15 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on prioritisation of the types of projects, including their geographical focus, to be potentially supported through the future programme <i>Facilitator: Christian Oberleitner, KPC</i>
12:00-12:10 (10 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of the study and data requirements <i>Rafal Stanek, KPC</i>
Session 4	Next steps in project implementation and closing remarks
12:10 – 12:25 (15 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of key outcomes and next steps <i>David Simek, OECD</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concluding remarks TBD