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Inception Consultation Workshop in Azerbaijan

AGENDA

Date: Monday, 26 July 2021

Time: 15:00-17:00 AZT/13:00-15:00 CEST

Format: web-based video conference

Platform: Zoom

Simultaneous interpretation (English/Azerbaijani) 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

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is one of five partner agencies implementing an EU-funded EU4Environment Programme (2019 – 2022). This regional programme supports 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 supports 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 provides technical assistance to partner countries in the establishment of EPR schemes for the packaging waste streams. This will be achieved through the provision of advisory services and capacity development/trainings to policy makers, procurement practitioners, businesses and business associations, as well as NGOs and other stakeholders.

To this end, UNEP, in collaboration with the implementing partners, is organizing the online Inception Consultation Workshop in Azerbaijan. The workshop aims to present the findings of the gap analysis report for the draft packaging waste law, present and discuss the needs and priorities and agree upon the next steps for developing an effective EPR scheme in the country.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- Present the findings for Azerbaijan from the draft regional analytical report.
- Discuss and present the findings of the draft Gap Analysis report.
- Discuss the Azerbaijani framework laws, waste management legislation and the draft legislation.
- Exchange knowledge on the current status of the Azerbaijani waste management system.
- Discuss the main recommendations from the consultants on the future set-up of EPR for packaging in Azerbaijan.
- Discuss expectations from the roadmap to establish an EPR system for the packaging waste in Azerbaijan.

Participants

The meeting will gather around 30 participants, including relevant governmental institutions, local authorities, UNEP, academia, private sector and NGOs in Azerbaijan.

Practical Information

The meeting will take place virtually via the Zoom platform. All registered participants will receive connection details to access the platform. English-Azerbaijani simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the 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).

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Time (AZT)	Item	Speaker	Sub topic/Content
15:00- 15:10	Opening of the workshop	Representative from UNEP	-Background of the workshop -Workshop objectives
15:10-15:20	Presentation of the findings for Azerbaijan from the draft regional analytical report as part of Activity 1.2	Mr. Christodoulos Manoli , Senior Consultant, PSC	-Summary of findings of the report for Azerbaijan
15:20-15:40	Presentation of the preliminary findings of the first draft gap analysis report for Azerbaijan produced as part of Activity 3.1	Mr. Kyriakos Parpounas , Managing Director, PSC	-Summary of findings of the report
15:40-16:10	Questions & Answers	Participants of the workshop	-Participants and implementing partners engage in a Q&A session regarding the presentations
16:10-16:40	Interactive discussion and dialogue	Participants of the workshop	- Discuss the presentation and findings of the first draft gap analysis report -Exchange of views and experiences -Process of further coordination and development of Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on circulation of packaging and packaging waste, framework waste laws and national strategies and action plan.
16:40-17:00	Discussion	Participants of the workshop	-Implementing partners will facilitate a discussion on the recommendations report for Azerbaijan -Azerbaijan stakeholders will discuss with implementing partners their expectations from the roadmap to establish an EPR system for the packaging waste in Azerbaijan
END of workshop			

