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

Agenda

Date: Friday, 29 October 2021

Time: 9:30-12:30 CEST (Time in Geneva)/10:30-13:30 EEST

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 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 EaP 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 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and other stakeholders.

Workshop objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

The overall aim of the 3rd Regional Workshop is to summarise the regional needs of the six partner countries in the best possible way, based on the discussions that took place during the 1st and 2nd Regional Workshops, as well as offer further support and guidance for the implementation of a functioning of EPR. The 3rd Regional Workshop will facilitate regional dialogue and information sharing and particularly focus on regional challenges and critical issues, mainly the importance of the state's role in EPR operation, the integration of the informal sector, immediate and long-term actions regarding EPR, fee setting and eco-modulation and the role and functioning of the Coordinating Committees.

The objectives of the third regional workshop are: i) to present and discuss the immediate and long-term actions regarding EPR in the six partner countries; ii) present and discuss internal EPR planning (fee calculations, eco-modulation, Coordinating Committee, EPR and DRS); iii) present and discuss the importance of the state's role in EPR implementation with industry-owned EPR systems; iv) present and discuss the integration of the informal sector in the organised waste collection; and v) discuss further regional support potential and the learnings of the six partner countries thus far from the EU4Environment programme.

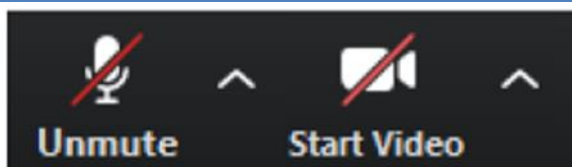
Participants

The event will bring together around 100 participants from EaP countries, including representatives of relevant Ministries, local authorities, UNEP, international organizations, the EU Delegation, private sector and CSOs.

Practical Information

The meeting will take place virtually via the Zoom platform. 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. 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.



2. If you noticed that your microphone was turned off, but you did not 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. During the meeting, the chat for participants will be active, you can write questions there or report problems with sound or presentations.
6. The sound quality will be better if each participant uses headphones or a headset, such as for a mobile phone.
7. 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. Irina Davis (UNEP), Mr. Feng Wang (UNEP)
- Mr. Kyriakos Parpounas, Managing Director, Parpounas Sustainability Consultants (PSC) and Mr. Joachim Quoden, Managing Director, Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance (EXPRA)

Time (CEST/Geneva)	Item 1: Welcoming remarks
9:30 - 9:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Delegation (TBC) • 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 - 11:10	<p>Item 2: PowerPoint Presentations</p> <p><i>Presentation on the immediate and long-term actions regarding EPR in the six partner countries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Mr. Joachim Quoden, Managing Director, EXPRA <p><i>Presentation on the internal EPR planning (fee calculations, eco-modulation, coordinating committee, EPR and DRS in the same market)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Mr. Kyriakos Parpounas, Managing Director, PSC <p>Q&A</p> <p><i>Presentation on the importance of the state's role in industry owned EPR systems</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by representative from Belgian Authorities <p><i>Presentation on the integration of the informal sector in the EPR system</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Chile case, Mr. Rodrigo Leiva Neumann, CEO, ValOryza <p>Q&A</p>
11:10 – 12:20	<p>Item 3: Interactive Discussion</p> <p><i>Discussion between participants on the following topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issues covered in the PowerPoint presentations; • The learnings so far from the EU4Environment programme; and • Further regional support potential.
12:20 – 12:30	<p>Item 4: Closure of the workshop</p> <p><i>Summary, next steps, and closing remarks.</i></p>