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**Kick-off Stakeholders Meeting on Industrial Waste Mapping (IWM)
activities of the “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” Component
within the EU4Environment Action in Azerbaijan**

Agenda

Date: November, 16, 2021

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Baku time),

Format: web-based video conference via Zoom platform

REGISTRATION LINK

Language: Azerbaijani (with simultaneous interpretation in English)

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AGENDA

Moderator: Mr. Yashar Karimov, National Coordinator of RECP activities in Azerbaijan

Time	Item
15:00-15:15	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Ms. Aytakin Guluzada (TBC) Deputy Head of Department of Cooperation with International Organizations, Ministry of Economy</p> <p>Mr. Faig Mutallimov (TBC) Head of Subdivision of Regulation of Usage of Water Resources, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</p> <p>Mr. Rainer Freund Programme Manager, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Azerbaijan</p> <p>Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya EU4Environment Project Manager, Industrial Resource Efficiency Division, Directorate for Environment and Energy, UNIDO</p>
15:15-15:20	<p>Presentation of the “EU4Environment” Action and its components</p> <p>Mr. Kamran Rzayev, National Action Coordinator of the “EU4Environment” Action in Azerbaijan</p>
15:20-15:30	<p>Result 2: Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities of the EU4Environment Action</p> <p>Mr. Yashar Karimov, National Coordinator of RECP Activities in Azerbaijan</p>
15:30-15:50	<p>Creating new growth opportunities related to circular economy: methodology for industrial waste mapping</p> <p>Mr. Alastair Carruth, Circular Economy Expert, SWECO (Sweden)</p>
15:50-16:10	<p>Presentation of the findings from the report on the selection of pilot regions and enterprises in Azerbaijan</p> <p>Mr. Tofiq Hasanov, Industrial waste management expert, ACE Group Consultants, UNIDO NIP</p>
16:10-16:30	<p>Question and Answers/Final Remarks</p> <p>All participants</p>

Practical Information

Interested participants should register in advance via the link below in order to participate in the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tde6gpzssE9WvMcyoE8PHGOakFaLB9N0g>

Meeting objectives

The event focuses on four key objectives:

- Raising awareness on the “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” Component of the “EU4Environment” Action in Azerbaijan, and showcasing its benefits;
- Discussing new opportunities related to Circular Economy in Azerbaijan: industrial waste mapping as a means to improve waste management;
- Presenting the findings from the report on the selection of pilot regions and enterprises;
- Presenting the methodology and work plan for industrial waste mapping activities.

Expected outputs and outcomes

Agreement on the developed methodology and work plan, and

Confirmation of regions and enterprises for the industrial waste mapping activities.

Participants

The meeting will gather up to 50 participants representing companies, Government institutions - including the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (as National Focal Points of the “EU4Environment” Action), as well as organizations like the Small and Medium Business Development Agency (SMBDA), associations, NGOs, financial institutions, academia, and research institutes.

The meeting is open to all those interested in and related to the issues of green growth, circular economy, resource efficiency, cleaner production, industrial development, and environmental protection.

Background

The event falls under the Result 2 - “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” of the EU4Environment Action funded by the European Union (EU). It is part of work on scaling up Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) among Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Azerbaijan and other EaP countries. It works to build the capacity of SMEs to use RECP and innovative approaches in their business operations. About 35 Azerbaijani enterprises are to be assisted in revising their business models. As well, local experts will be trained on the RECP methodology and practices while conducting assessments in the selected demonstration companies. The implementation of the RECP methodology will help increase productivity, product quality, and the competitiveness of Azerbaijani SMEs.

Building on the achievements of the former EU-funded, EaP GREEN Programme (2013-2017) in Azerbaijan in which the participating SMEs demonstrated the effectiveness of UNIDO’s RECP approach resulting in reduced a consumption of resources, energy, and water, EU4Environment continues to

promote and build the national capacity to enable SMEs in switching to a Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP). In addition, UNIDO is identifying opportunities that can support the creation of circular value chains through industrial waste maps (IWMs) to raise awareness about the opportunities and benefits of a Circular Economy among enterprises, the government, and the civil society. As a means of introducing Circular Economy principles, the project aims to assess waste sources from industrial activities and identify recycling options (from waste to source). Hence, selected Circular Economy practices will be introduced using industrial “waste maps” on a pilot basis.

Waste mapping is a common method to quantify and demonstrate the distribution and management of waste within a geographic area. There are many ways of undertaking waste mapping, and there are good examples around the world which identified key producers of waste and how such wastes are subsequently managed or returned to the economy via resource “loops”. Hence, the overall objective of industrial waste mapping is to identify, assess, and map the waste streams of manufacturing enterprises in order to develop options for an improved resource efficiency. This includes the analysis of collection, transport, treatment and disposal of waste, together with the monitoring and regulation of the waste management process and waste-related laws, technologies, and economic mechanisms. An efficient waste management system creates increased business value. This contributes to the sustainability of manufacturing industries and promotion of economic opportunities.

In Azerbaijan, ACE Group Consultants, as a National Implementing Partner (NIP), supports UNIDO in implementing the Result 2 Component of the EU4Environment Action. Under this component, its work on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) also covers:

- RECP networking and institutionalization
- RECP Clubs and industry demonstrations
- Circular Economy and Industrial Waste Management
- RECP awareness and knowledge management, as well as capacity building

About EU4Environment Action

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment) Action 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.

For further information about the action visit: www.eu4environment.org

For information about RECP in Azerbaijan, please visit: www.recpaz.wordpress.com
