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**EU4Environment**  
Green Economy in Eastern Partner Countries



## Training Session on Promoting the Sustainable Public Procurement in Georgia: Green Criteria for Imaging Equipment and Consumables

### AGENDA

Monday – 27 June 2022

Start: 10:30 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)

End: 14:00 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)

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## Background

In 2014, Georgia signed an Association Agreement with the European Union (EU). One of the articles of the Association Agreement refers to a need for introducing Sustainable Public Procurement (hereinafter - SPP) principles. SPP is considered the process by which public authorities seek to achieve the appropriate balance between three pillars of sustainable development - economic, social, and environmental - when procuring goods, services, or works at all stages of the project. Since the SPP concept is a completely new approach to Georgian legislation, there was a need for a full roll-out of the SPP approach, including policy development, capacity building and SPP implementation, in Georgia for the uptake of SPP by the government.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is one of the five partner agencies implementing a newly launched EU-funded EU4 Environment (2019-2022) Action. This regional programme supports 6 countries, including Georgia, in making policy planning and investment greener, stimulating the uptake of innovative products and technologies, and raising awareness about the benefits of environmental action. More specifically, within EU4Environment's component on "circular economy and new growth opportunities", UNEP supports Georgia to promote activities related to SPP issues and its complementary tools.

UNEP in close cooperation with the Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC) and the State Procurement Agency of Georgia (SPA) implements a set of activities on promotion and application of SPP, including improving the legislation to introduce the SPP provisions, as well as to raise awareness on the SPP benefits. In the framework of the EU4Environment project, a training session for the business sector, including Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and business associations is envisaged in order to build capacity of business to respond to public tenders.

## Objectives of the training session

- Raise awareness of the Georgian business representatives operating in the IT sector on SPP approach;
- Introduce benefits of SPP to Georgian economic operators including SMEs, producers, distributors and suppliers of imaging equipment and consumables;
- Present green and sustainability criteria elaborated for imaging equipment and consumables;
- Present EU case studies focused on green and sustainability criteria for imaging equipment, and consumables.

## Participants

The representatives of the Georgian economic operators, including SMEs, producers, distributors, suppliers of imaging equipment and consumables will be invited to the training session.

## Practical Information

The training session will be held in a hybrid format (in person and online via the Zoom platform). The participants of the training session who will attend in person are invited to the conference room of the

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Environmental Information and Education Centre of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (**6 Marshal Gelovani Ave, 0159, Tbilisi, Georgia**).

The **online training** session can be accessed at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85364160862?pwd=dGxSRlA1QjJlYXFlbkVlcE10bFBTQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 853 6416 0862

**Passcode:** 601786

English and Georgian are the languages of the training session. English-Georgian simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the training.

### **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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Time	Item
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Welcome coffee and registration</b>
<b>11:00- 11:10</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC) of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</li> <li>● Mr. Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia</li> <li>● Mr. Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, Economy Division, Resources &amp; Markets Branch, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</li> </ul>
<b>11:10-11:30</b>	<b>SPP and Regulatory Reforms in Georgia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Eriks Mezalis, International Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
<b>11:30-11:45</b>	<b>SPP Legal Provisions and Regulations in the Draft Secondary Legislation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC) of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</li> </ul>
<b>11:45-12:00</b>	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>
<b>12:00-12:10</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>12:10-12:20</b>	<b>Economic, Environmental and Social benefits of SPP tenders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, Economy Division, Resources &amp; Markets Branch, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</li> </ul>

12:20-12:45	<p><b>EU Case Studies: Sustainability Criteria for Imaging Equipment and Consumables (such as toner and ink cartridges, printers and plotters)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Eriks Mezalis, International Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
12:45-13:10	<p><b>SPP Criteria in Georgia elaborated for Imaging Equipment and Consumables (such as toner and ink cartridges, printers and plotters)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC) of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</li> </ul>
13:10-13:40	<p><b>Joint Exercise on SPP cases</b></p> <p>Firstly, the drafts of the “conventional” tender announcement documents will be presented during the exercise where the contracting authorities’ necessity will be identified. Then, green and sustainable criteria will be added and participants will get to know how the conventional texts of the public tenders could be modified into SPP and thus, how the green and sustainability criteria can be used at different stages of the public procurement. The imaging equipment, such as printers, plotters, and consumables that were initially prioritised for SPP implementation in Georgia will be used for this exercise. Trainees will have to answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether they would consider particular a SPP requirement advisable at all;</li> <li>• Whether they would participate in the particular tender with the green and sustainability criteria.</li> </ul>
13:40-13:55	<p><b>Q&amp;A session and joint discussion</b></p> <p><i><b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC), Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i></p>
13:55-14:00	<p><b>Final remarks and closure of the training session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Lesya Nikolayeva, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>