



EU4Environment in Armenia: achievements, ongoing work and plans for 2022-23

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Result 1. Greener decision making (UNEP)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- An American University of Armenia selected to host an introductory on-line Green Economy (GE) training course and ensure its regular delivery
- ✓ 9 civil servants trained (in person) on GE policy development and analysis (in-depth GE course)

- Plans for 2022-23
- Promote and integrate into regular training packages an introductory on-line GE training course targeting civil servants and graduate students
- ✓ Development of university curricula on GE
- ✓ Public awareness campaign(s) on sustainable lifestyles
- ✓ Support to inter-ministerial dialogue
- ✓ Investment proposal/action plan for a selected sector





Result 1. Greener decision making (UNECE: SEA/EIA)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- Identification of a draft strategic document as the focus of the pilot Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) project finalized and approved: a micro-regional combined spatial plan for Armenia's largest Gegharkunik province – "Gegharkunik-2"
- Preparatory phase of the pilot SEA project for Gegharkunik-2 incl. the setting up of an SEA team, contracting – in progress
- Preparation of a video on transboundary EIA/Espoo
 Convention in Armenian

✓ Kick-off meeting for the pilot SEA (October 2022, date tbc)

- Preparation of the Scoping Report under on the pilot (Q4 2022)
- ✓ Preparation of the SEA Report under the pilot (timing tbc)



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Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNIDO)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ 14 SMEs in plastic, fisheries and other production sectors launched environmentally friendly production processes that benefit from resource efficient and cleaner production (RECP)
- Employees of 13 demonstration companies benefitted from coaching sessions by RECP experts
- Concept of a national RECP platform identified priority steps to institutionalise RECP in the country
- Database of RECP success stories in Armenia was expanded by six new business cases
- Two training sessions on circular economy practices with over 30 participants
- RECP information meeting showcased its benefits to more than 50 participants
- Country gender analysis report to further develop a gender sensitisation matrix for greening industries
- **RECP Stakeholders Group** convened to steer the implementation process

 Reports on RECP implementation support and 15 new success stories expanding the national knowledge database

- National RECP Conference, thematic awareness events and knowledge sharing meetings
- Two RECP Clubs are established in priority regions engaging 20 manufacturing SMEs
- Awareness campaign & event on the EU's Single Market for Green Products (SMGP) & its tool – Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)
- ✓ Bilingual RECP web page (<u>www.recp.am</u>) and other SM channels are regularly updated promoting the Circular Economy and RECP news
- Business plans for 10 SMEs are prepared to support most promising RECP measures implementation





Result 2. Circular economy and new growth opportunities (UNEP)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022	Plans for 2022-23		
 Recruitment of an International Consultant for elaboration of a Legal Framework for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes for packaging waste 	 ✓ Development of legal framework for EPR schemes for packaging waste ✓ Further cooperation to promote Sustainable Public 		
 ✓ 3rd regional capacity development EPR webinar (29 Oct 2021) 	Procurement (SPP) and complementary tools (under discussion)		
	 Awareness and capacity development on eco-labelling (possibly as part of a regional initiative) 		



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Result 3. Environmental level playing field (OECD)

Progress from Sept 2021 to	Sept 2022	Plans for 2	022-23	
 Publication of assessment of investment r up to 2030 	needs for climate action	Assessing progress on greening Sl with EU4Business)	MEs in the SME Policy Index	
✓ Inclusion of 2010-20 fossil-fuel subsidies (the OECD database on FFSs	(FFSs) data for Armenia in		approaches to the regulation of large recommendations for reform in light of the	
 Support to the preparation Armenia's sub- related indicators on fossil-fuel subsidies, indicator 12.c.1 		 EU IED Roadmap for reform of regulatory regimes for large emission sources and training 		
 Review of environmental compliance assessed Armenia (in English and in Armenian) 	urance system of	egislative proposal to improve e cossibly combined with developm	nent of legislation regulating	
✓ Country-level analysis of the capital market	•	lamage compensation (pending c		
readiness to use green bonds as a source of long-term green finance, consultations with key stakeholders	0 0	Review of legislation regulating da country need)	amage compensation (pending	
 Draft report on strengthening administrative capacity for environmental management 	ive capacity for	inalised country-level assessmen	t on green bonds	
	Report on strengthening administ	rative capacity, roadmap and		

training



Result 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods (World Bank)

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Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- Country work plan developed and agreed with the national counterparts
- ✓ Work launched on the following tasks:
 - Developing National Action Plan to advance the establishment of the Emerald Network
 - ✓ Review of the Emerald Network of Armenia
 - Developing methodology/guidelines for preparing management plans for the Emerald sites
 - Pilot development of management plans for 2 selected Emerald sites
 - Capacity building for implementing the management plans including monitoring of Emerald sites

 Complete review of the Emerald Network, development of the Emerald national action plan and development of guidelines for preparing management plans for the Emerald sites

- Proceed with developing management plans for 2 selected Emerald sites
- Conduct 5 capacity building trainings for implementing Emerald sites management plans
- Conduct baseline mapping for community engagement in forests
 & other NRM
- ✓ Support 8 communities to improve their practical knowledge on NRM (with focus on eco-tourism planning and non-timber forest production planning)
- Develop guidelines for forest certification and sustainable forest management





Result 5. Monitoring progress at environment-economy nexus (OECD)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ New 3d edition of the country profile
- Participation of Armenia in the regional communications campaigns (European Week For Waste Reduction, EU Green Week)
- Preparation of the Terms of Reference to launch the work on green growth indicators

- ✓ New 4th edition of the **country profile**
- ✓ Report on green growth indicators



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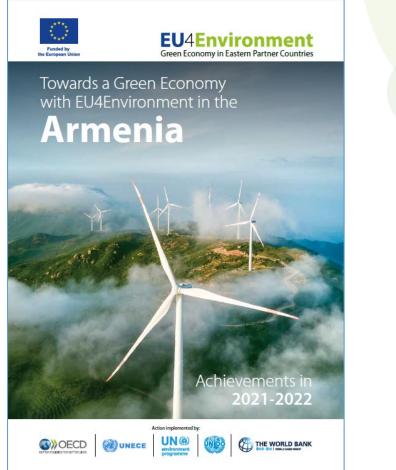
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Programme (2019-2022) will follow up on the successful results

achieved in the EaP GREEN Programme and continue supporting en-vironment-related activities, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth in Armenia. Together with the Government of

Armenia, UNIDO has developed RECP project activities that support the uptake of circular economy for more resource efficient business

solutions among SMEs. The project is also extending the number of

industry demonstrations to display the business case for a resource

efficient production in additional sectors and regions. To achieve this, UNIDO will cooperate with the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry

 Enlarging the number of business cases for RECP in Armenia by rtaking additional RECP assessments to support its uptake

in sectors critical for the National Development Strategy;

Delivering an "on the job" coaching programme for the 25 SMEs to foster continuous learning on RECP among industry professionals;

Raising awareness on the Circular Economy and best practices from the RECP in Armenia to support the adoption of circular

Establishing a national professional network for RECP to promote knowledge sharing, exchange on technical expertise and foster dialogue among professionals and businesses on

nment RECP project in Armenia will work to:

of Economy and stakeholders from the Armenian industry.

business models;

national and international levels

For the past decade, Armenia has experienced significant economic growth rates (7.6 % in 2019). Nevertheless, the impacts from the global COVID-19 pandemic and with an expected drop in demand and prices for export commodities, will also negatively affect the economic situation for Armenia's industry. Assisting the private sector to utilize a more resource-efficient production and thereby producing cleaner and more cost-effective, would not only improve the environmental management and the urgent economic situation for SMEs in the country but also support a more resilient industry in Armenia

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The Government of Armenia places high importance on improving the environmental performance of its economy, which has been reflected in the National Development Strategy 2014-2025, and in the Second Phase of the Energy Efficiency Action Plan for Armenia 2017-2018. To realize such ambitions industrial development is required that can continue to improve productivity, job-creation and support economic growth opportunities for SMEs, while at the same time reduce resource consumption and the environmental performance of the production

From 2013 - 2017, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) demonstrated, in the EU funded EaP GREEN Programme, the saving potential of a resource efficient and cleaner production methodology (RECP) by undertaking RECP assessments in 55 Armenian companies, identifying RECP measures that would allow m to reduce the consumption of resources, energy and water worth million Euro per year. Apart from establishing a business case for RECP in Armenia, this project revealed the prospects of Circular Economy focused business models in the industry, showing that an investment in RECP is good for the businesses and the environment alike.



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