



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

4th Regional Assembly meeting, 22-23 September 2022

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Result 1. Greener decision making (UNEP)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022



- ✓ Azerbaijan State Economic University selected for the promotion and delivery of an Introductory Green Economy (GE) online course
- ✓ Ganja University and national university networks agreed to develop university curricula on GE
- ✓ Launch and promote introductory GE course
- ✓ Development of **Green Economy curricula** or lecture series
- ✓ Support to the Commission on SDGs or facilitate establishment of a new inter-ministerial body





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

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- 2nd Training Workshop on the Practical Application of SEA in Regional and Spatial Planning (15 October 2021, online)
- Identification of a draft strategic document as the focus of the pilot Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) project finalized and approved: a draft Master Plan of the city of Ganja
- Preparatory phase of the pilot SEA incl. a kick-off event on 25 July 2022
- Finalization of a video on transboundary EIA/Espoo **Convention** in Azerbaijani

Preparation of the Scoping Report under the pilot SEA – Q3-Q4 2022

- Preparation of the **SEA Report** under the pilot Q4 2022
- Development of Guidelines/Recommendations on SEA in **Urban Planning** (based on the pilot SEA) – Q4 2022 – Q1 2023
- Development of awareness-raising materials and an awareness-raising event on SEA (2023)





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

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ A series of meetings to engage manufacturing SMEs into RECP demonstrations resulted in engagement of 13 enterprises
- ✓ Stakeholders group meeting on RECP activities was held (July, 2022)
- ✓ 15 RECP experts are contracted to conduct RECP assessments; a series of training and coaching sessions organized and assessments advanced resulting in 9 draft reports
- ✓ RECP Clubs of enterprises in Ganja and Baku established in partnership with university centers engaging about 20 enterprises.
- ✓ Industrial Waste Mapping (IWM) pilot studies were finalized in Absheron-Kizri and Baku Economic regions; draft IWM Report was discussed at technical meeting in August 2022
- ✓ RECP monitoring survey for EaP GREEN companies conceptualised and monitoring visits to selected enterprises conducted
- Resource efficiency is promoted through a newly established web page and associated social media channels

- ✓ At least one more meeting of RECP stakeholders group
- ✓ Training program of 10 RECP experts finalized and RECP assessments of 15 manufacturing SMEs completed: reports and associated 10 business cases are developed
- ✓ 2 RECP Clubs are completed coaching programs for about 20 industrial enterprises resulting in RECP action plans and 10+ additional business cases on specific RECP measures
- ✓ Analysis for RECP preconditions and barriers in the country is finalized using the survey data
- ✓ Industrial Waste Maps for two regions are validated and published
- ✓ Product environmental footprint (PEF) tool under the EU Single Market for Green Products approach is promoted through an awareness campaign and a Roadmap for its application is developed
- ✓ A specialised training on RECP/CE topics is organized
- Continuous promotion of resource efficiency and Circular Economy matters through specialized media and a National Conference





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

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022

- ✓ Initiated elaboration of the National Waste Management Program (NWMP) and Action Plan, and hiring of experts
- ✓ Gap analysis and recommendations of draft packaging waste law prepared in consultation with national partners and experts
- ✓ Roadmap to establish an EPR system for packaging waste streams developed
- ✓ 3rd regional capacity development EPR webinar (29
 Oct 2021)

- ✓ Development of National Waste Management Program (NWMP) and Action Plan
- ✓ Further technical assistance to EPR (TBC)





Result 3. Environmental level playing field (OECD)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022



- ✓ Development of **online self-assessment tool for greening SMEs**
- ✓ Inclusion of 2010-20 fossil-fuel subsidies (FFSs) data for Azerbaijan in the OECD database on FFSs
- ✓ Launch of work on **designing and costing a green public investment programme** with the focus on water management
- ✓ Fact-finding on functioning of the State Fund for Environmental Protection
- ✓ Draft report on strengthening the administrative capacity for environmental management
- Country-level analysis of the capital market in the country and its readiness to use green bonds as a source of long-term green finance, consultations with key stakeholders

- ✓ Assessing progress on greening SMEs in Azerbaijan in the OECD SME Policy Index publication
- ✓ Report on existing approaches to BAT/regulation of large enterprises
- ✓ An assessment report on the compliance assurance system and on administrative sanctions
- ✓ Preparation of investment programme (including a costing tool), analytical report and conducting training under project on designing and costing a green public investment programme
- ✓ Work on the assessment of the operations of the State Fund on Environmental Protection and explore synergy effects with the review of the Ecological Fund in Moldova and develop, if relevant, potential lessons for Azerbaijan
- ✓ Finalised country-level assessment on green bonds
- ✓ Report on strengthening administrative capacity, roadmap and training





Result 4. Ecosystem services and livelihoods (World Bank)

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022



- ✓ Country work plan developed and agreed with the national counterparts
- ✓ Work launched n the following tasks:
 - ✓ Developing a **Roadmap** for the establishment of the Emerald Network
 - ✓ Developing methodological guidelines on preparing Emerald Network Management Plans
 - ✓ Developing Emerald Network Management Plans for 3 selected sites
 - ✓ **Building national capacity** for the further application of the Guidelines for the preparation of the Emerald Network site management plans in selected 3 sites and for future management plans to be developed after this project

- ✓ Complete development of the Emerald Roadmap and development
 of guidelines for preparing management plans for the Emerald sites
- ✓ Proceed with developing management plans for 3 selected Emerald sites
- ✓ Start capacity building events for the application of the guidelines and implementation of Emerald sites management plans
- ✓ Conduct **baseline mapping** for community engagement in forests and other NRM
- ✓ Support 8 communities to improve their practical knowledge on NRM (with focus on eco-tourism planning)
- ✓ Start work on developing country investment and financing plans for natural capital conservation and sustainable utilization





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

Progress from Sept 2021 to Sept 2022



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

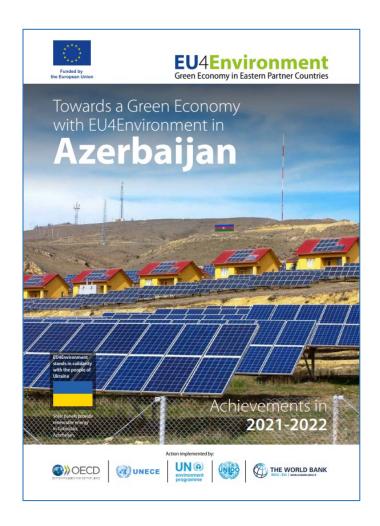
- ✓ Report on the green growth indicators in Azerbaijan
- ✓ New 4th editions of the **country profile**, in English and national language
- ✓ Translation of selected materials into national language





NEW 2022 edition of the Country profile





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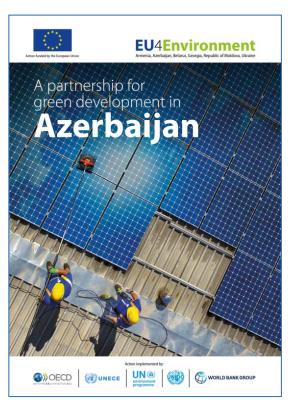


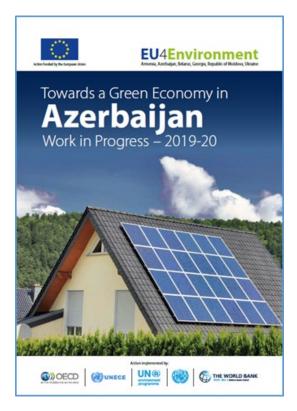






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