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Consultation Workshop on Sustainable Public Procurement and Public Procurement Regulatory Reform in Georgia

AGENDA

Thursday, 10 November 2022
13:00-18:00 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)
Telavi (venue tbc)

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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 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. In the framework of the UNEP-EIEC contract on implementation of the EU4Environment project in Georgia, activity 2.10 envisages organizing consultation workshops for the representatives of the local authorities. The purpose of the consultation workshop is to present SPP concept, its benefits as well as SPP related articles and provisions to the draft legislation and main concepts of the ongoing public procurement reform in Georgia.

Objectives and expected outputs of the consultation workshop

- Present and discuss SPP concept and its benefits;
- Present SPP related articles and provisions to the new draft law "On Public Procurement", as well as the draft by-law on SPP;
- Present and discuss the approach and the relevant guidelines for further implementation of SPP concept on selected procurement objects (goods);
- Present and discuss Georgia SPP criteria;
- Present main concepts of the ongoing public procurement reform in Georgia.

Participants

The participants will include representatives of the local authorities of Kakheti region, administration of the state representative of Kakheti, as well as representative of the

Environmental Information and Education Centre and State Procurement Agency of Georgia.

Practical Information

The consultation workshop will take place in Telavi (venue tbc). Georgian is the main languages of the workshop.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment – Green Economy) Action helps the Eastern Partnership countries 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.

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Time	Item
13:30-14:00	Welcome Coffee Registration
14:00-14:10	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC), Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia Mr. Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia (tbc) Mr. Giorgi Aladashvili, State Representative of Kakheti Region (tbc) Moderator: Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team
14:10-14:30	What is SPP? Links between SPP and SDGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team
14:30-15:00	General overview and main concepts of the new draft Law of Georgia “On Public Procurement” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Giorgi Latsabidze, Head of the Legal Department, State Procurement Agency of Georgia (tbc)
15:00-15:30	New Procedures and Instruments Provided by the draft Law of Georgia “On Public Procurement” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Tamuna Kakashvili, Head of the Division of Legislative and Consulting Affairs, State Procurement Agency of Georgia (tbc)
15:30-16:10	Lunch
16:10-16:40	Policy priorities, implementation instruments, guidelines and SPP criteria in Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team
16:40-17:10	Q&A session and joint discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderation: Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team

17:10-17:20	Final remarks and closure of the training course <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC), Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia● Mr. Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia (tbc)● Mr. Giorgi Aladashvili, State Representative of Kakheti Region (tbc)
17:20-18:00	Dinner