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**EU4Environment**  
Green Economy in Eastern Partner Countries



## Training course on the Sustainable Public Procurement in Georgia

### AGENDA

**Monday, 7 November, 11:00-14:00 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)**

**Tuesday, 8 November, 11:00-14:00 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)**

**Zoom platform**

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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 2.9 envisages organizing a training course on the Sustainable Public Procurement. The purpose of the training course is to present SPP concept, its benefits as well as SPP related articles and provisions to the draft legislation and international best practice examples of SPP.

### **Objectives and expected outputs of the training course**

- 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 and discuss various examples of SPP implementation, including examples of SPP practices in the EU.

### **Participants**

The participants will include students from the Georgian universities, women entrepreneurs, representatives of the Georgian contracting authorities, as well as other stakeholders of SPP.

### **Practical Information**

The two-day training course will take place virtually via the Zoom platform, please follow the link:

**Monday 7 November, 11:00-14:00 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87353462616>

**Meeting ID:** 873 5346 2616

**Tuesday 8 November, 11:00-14:00 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84984714398>

**Meeting ID:** 849 8471 4398

All registered participants will receive connection details to access the platform. Georgian is the main languages of the training course.

### **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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## AGENDA

Time	Item
<b>Day I – Monday, 7 November</b>	
<b>11:00-11:10</b>	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC), Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</li> <li>● Mr. Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia (SPA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</p>
<b>11:10-11:20</b>	<b>Self-introduction of the participants of the training course</b>
<b>10:20-11:25</b>	<b>Icebreaker: What is SPP? Why SPP?</b>
<b>10:25-11:40</b>	<p><b>SPP and Regulatory Reforms in Georgia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
<b>11:40-12:10</b>	<p><b>Implementation of SPP in practice part I (life cycle costing approach, technical specifications, eco-labelling)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
<b>12:10-12:20</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>12:20-12:50</b>	<p><b>Implementation of SPP in practice part II (selection criteria, contract management, tools for monitoring and control)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
<b>12:50-13:15</b>	<p><b>Q&amp;A session and joint discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>

<b>13:15-13:55</b>	<p><b>Practical exercise: thematic joint discussions on social procurement cases</b></p> <p>Groups will be given cases where the specific factual circumstances will be explained. Taking into account the SPP concept and the draft legal provisions presented during the session, participants will be assigned to assess the situation and discuss whether the case needs to be addressed via SPP implementation tools and at which stage is it possible to address such cases (if any).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
<b>13:55-14:00</b>	<p><b>Final remarks and closure of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the training course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC), Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</li> <li>• Mr. Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia (SPA)</li> </ul>
<b>Day II – Tuesday, 8 November</b>	
<b>11:00-11:10</b>	<p><b>Reflection of the 1st day of the training course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
<b>10:10-11:30</b>	<p><b>Energy Efficient Public Procurement in Georgia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
<b>11:30-11:55</b>	<p><b>Georgia SPP Criteria and policy priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
<b>11:55-12:25</b>	<p><b>Q&amp;A session and joint discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>
<b>12:25-13:10</b>	<p><b>International best practice of SPP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li> </ul>

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<b>13:10-13:40</b>	<b>Practical exercise: thematic joint discussions on SPP cases</b>  Groups will be given practical cases where contracting authorities' necessities will be identified. Taking into consideration draft SPP regulations and SPP criteria and international best practice examples, participants will be assigned to foresee and practice SPP criteria at different stages of procurement process in order to prepare and announce the virtual pilot tenders.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</li></ul>
<b>13:40-13:55</b>	<b>Q&amp;A session and joint discussion</b>  <b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC), Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia.
<b>13:55-14:00</b>	<b>Final remarks and closure of the training course</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC), Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</li><li>● Mr. Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia (SPA)</li></ul>