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Highlights of progress

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Highlights of the achievements with EU4Environment support

- ✓ Draft **Packaging Waste Law** was analyzed. **Roadmap** for establishing **extended producer responsibility** schemes for packaging waste was developed (UNEP)
- ✓ **Pilot SEA project** for a draft master plan of the Ganja city progressed to its final and most important phase (SEA Report preparation) (UNECE)
- ✓ **RECP institutionalisation strategy** is being prepared and discussed with the SMEs Development Agency as a follow up to new national regulations (UNIDO)
- ✓ **119 participants** (51% women) learned about the **EU Single Market for Green Products initiative** and the **Product Environmental Footprint methodology** at the awareness event. **4 leaflets** promote its benefits for government, experts & business (UNIDO)
- ✓ Analysis of **environmental inspections and compliance assurance** and recommendations for reform (OECD)
- ✓ **Green public expenditure programme** with focus on water sector designed to increase the water supply and access to sanitation services in rural and remote areas in Azerbaijan (OECD)
- ✓ Draft **Emerald Roadmap** and **Guidelines** for preparing Emerald sites management plans developed to ensure effective management of the sites (World Bank)

More results in the [audio-recorded presentation](#)



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Zoom on... Improving water infrastructure in Azerbaijan using an expenditure support scheme (OECD)

Objective: Increase the reliability and resiliency of the water supply in Azerbaijan, with focus on remote areas (districts and settlements) in three priority regions

Pipelines: Water supply, irrigation & wastewater facilities

Target: increase water supply from 50% to **98%**

Costs: AZN 698 mln (AZN 483 mln of public support)

Subsidy rate: between 50-75%

Water savings: 778 000 m³/year

Programme elements	
Water supply facilities (number of users)	547 876
Irrigation facilities (ha)	93 350
Wastewater facilities (number of user)	10 000
Total investment cost (MAZN)	697.9
Of which co-financed by the public financier	483.0
Of which co-financed by private / public beneficiaries	214.98



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Zoom on... Pilot SEA in urban planning: progress and preliminary outcomes (UNECE)

- ✓ **City of Ganja: pilot strategic environmental assessment** for the draft master plan for Azerbaijan's second-largest city, Ganja, is now in its most important and final stage.
- ✓ It was designed to provide the State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, relevant stakeholders with hands-on learning on the SEA of spatial plans in line with international standards.



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Feedback from the country

1. Are there any institutional barriers or policy challenges for implementing a green **public investment programme** in the water sector, and is there a need for further capacity development support?
2. How do you think the city of Ganja and its people would benefit from EU4Environment assistance once the **pilot SEA** of its draft master plan and the master plan itself have been soon finalized?
3. What are the most tangible achievements and priorities on **greening the economy** with EU4Environment support in your country?