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# EU4Environment in GEORGIA

Highlights of progress

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## Highlights of the achievements with EU4Environment support

- ✓ **Law on Public Procurement** integrates now sustainability and social provisions. **By-laws** on sustainable purchasing criteria for printing and cleaning products drafted (UNEP)
- ✓ **Guidelines on EIA of the Hydropower Projects** developed to provide sector-specific guidance in support of Georgia's Environmental Assessment Code (UNECE)
- ✓ Nearly **EUR 2 mln** is the amount of potential annual savings by 30 SMEs, applying the RECP measures (UNIDO)
- ✓ **Digital support to RECP institutionalization**: over 40 participants (63% women) from the RECP Clubs & demonstration companies tested the **I-GO Assistant tool** for SMEs at information workshop in March 2023 (UNIDO)
- ✓ **Greening debt capital markets** and the role of green bonds analyzed to support financing of long-term green investments (OECD)
- ✓ **Green public investment programme** designed to utilize non-municipal organic waste generated by agriculture, households, food and beverage production. It will help to process biodegradable waste that is currently disposed in landfills, illegally burned, or dumped in nature (OECD)
- ✓ **Guidelines for sustainable management of forest areas within Emerald sites** in line with the Bern Convention are underway (World Bank)

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



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# Zoom on... Financial and environmental benefits from RECP application in SMEs (UNIDO)

## RECP Demo & advanced assessment results

Phase	No. of RECP options	Investm. Euro year	Savings					
			Benefits	Energy	Water	Material	Waste	Emissions
			Euro/year	kWh/year	m <sup>3</sup> /year	tons/year	tons/year	CO <sub>2</sub> eq tons/year
Recommended	26	605 302	681 871	8 376 926	0	0	4 618	1 628
Implemented	5	388 036	97 514	836 088	0	0	0	173
% of total achievement	19%	64%	14%	10%	0%	0%	0%	11%

## RECP Clubs results

Phase	No. of RECP options	Investm. Euro year	Savings					
			Annual	Energy	Water	Material	Waste	Emissions
			Euro/year	kWh/year	m <sup>3</sup> /year	tons/year	tons/year	CO <sub>2</sub> eq tons/year
Recommended	89	2 095 868	1 491 397	11 250 620	573	2 640	2 115	15 608
Implemented by 2023	21	365 372	460 136	557 334	287	1 317	282	105
% of total achievement	24%	17%	31%	5%	50%	50%	13%	1%



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## Zoom on... Progress and perspectives for Sustainable Public Procurement in Georgia (UNEP)

- New provisions on **sustainability** and **social criteria** have recently been added to Georgia's national **Law on public procurement** (enter into force in Jan 2025)
- Various **practical documents** were developed, i.e. sustainability criteria and technical specifications for selected products, guidelines, training and communication materials
- Benefits of SPP were promoted among stakeholders through **awareness campaigns**



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## Feedback from the country

1. RECP measures are often implemented when a company sees short term (immediate) **economic benefits**. When it comes to mid/long term benefits, additional stimulus is needed. Does Georgia envisage **any support schemes for SMEs** under Energy Efficiency Action Plan to encourage enterprises to implement RECP measures?
2. Given the new provisions on sustainability and social criteria which will enter into **Georgia's procurement law** in January 2025, how do you think the law will encourage concrete SPP practices? What further support would Georgia need in this regard?
3. What are the most tangible achievements and priorities on **greening the economy** with EU4Environment support in your country?