

CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR GREEN RECOVERY OF UKRAINE



***National Conference
commemorating the tenth anniversary of the
Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre
and EU support for circular economy***

AGENDA (draft)

Date: 19 December 2023

Start: 14:00 (EET)

End: 17:30 (EET)

Format: hybrid, in-person (limited) and on-line

Language: Ukrainian and English (with simultaneous interpretation)

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Co-hosts: Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, EU4Environment Project Manager, Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency Unit, UNIDO

Ms. Kateryna Romanova, CE Expert, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre

Time (EET)	Item
Welcoming remarks	
14:00-14:20	<p>Ms. Nadiia Bihun, Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine (tbc)</p> <p>Ms. Chloé Allio, Head of the Department for Economic Cooperation, Energy, Infrastructure and Environment of the EU Delegation to Ukraine</p> <p>Mr. Stephan Sicars, Senior Coordinator for Ukraine, UNIDO</p>
Panel Discussion #1 “Policies and Drivers for Making Ukrainian Economy Circular”	
14:20-15:20	<p><i>Status of circular economy policy in Ukraine, drivers for transformation (including EU accession and momentum offered by the recent Ukraine Green Recovery Conference), paving the way for implementation of circular economy and its practices in Ukraine, supporting green recovery.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Andrii Vorfolomeiev, Director, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p> <p>Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine (tbc) Ministry of Economy of Ukraine (tbc)</p> <p>Mr. Joe Ravetz, Co-Director of Centre for Urban Resilience and Energy, Manchester University</p> <p>Mr. Volodymyr Buzhan, Project Expert, Civitta Ukraine</p> <p>Mr. Andrii Gnap, CEO, Waste Ukraine Analytics</p> <p>Mr. Nicola Cantore, Research and Industrial Policy Officer, Industrial Policy Research Unit, UNIDO (tbc)</p> <p><i>Questions and answers session</i></p>

Panel Discussion # 2 “The Practical Outcomes of EU Support in Promoting Circular Economy”

15:20-16:00	<p><i>This session will present the outcomes of EU support for making the business case for circular economy in Ukraine. Focus will be put on the results achieved by pilot enterprises and peer assistance among enterprises as part of RECP (Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production) Clubs. Furthermore, results of work related to industrial waste mapping and piloting Product Environmental Footprint will be presented.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Oleksiy Tchaykovskiy, Regional Coordinator, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p> <p>Ms. Tetiana Dehodia, Acting Technical Director, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p> <p>Demonstration company representative (tbc)</p> <p>Demonstration company representative (tbc)</p> <p>Ms. Svitlana Permynova, PEF Expert</p> <p>PEF demonstration company representative (tbc)</p> <p>Mr. Ivan Omelchuk, Regional Coordinator, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p> <p>CE demonstration company representative</p> <p><i>Questions and answers session</i></p>
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16:00-16:15 **Coffee-break**

Panel Discussion # 3 “Circular Economy Knowledge Development and Networking”

16:15-17:00	<p><i>Global trends in CE knowledge development, knowledge gaps in Ukraine to be addressed, online training courses, and global knowledge networks.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Kateryna Romanova, CE Expert, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p> <p>Mr. Edward Clarence Smith, Technical Advisor, UNIDO</p> <p>Mr. Andrii Vorfolomeiev, Director, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p> <p>Ms. Olena Maslyukivska, Associate Professor, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy</p> <p>Mr. Hannes MacNulty, Green Industry Platform Manager, Green Growth Knowledge Partnership</p>
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	<p>Mr. Lars Ratjen, Associate Research Scientist, Center for Green Chemistry & Green Engineering at Yale University (The Global Greenchem Innovation and Network Programme)</p> <p>Representative of Ukrainian academia (tbc)</p> <p><i>Questions and answers session</i></p>
The 10th Anniversary of the RECPC	
17:00-17:20	<p>Mr. Andrii Vorfolomeiev, Director, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre</p> <p>Mr. Johannes Fresner, Chief Technical Advisor, UNIDO</p>
Wrapping up the Conference	
17:20-17:30	<p>Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, EU4Environment Project Manager, Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency Unit, UNIDO</p>
17:30-18:30	Networking buffet

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19 December 2023, 14:00-17:30 (EET), hybrid, in-person (limited) and on-line

Meeting objectives and expected outcomes

Following the results of the Ukraine Green Recovery Conference (Vilnius, 28 November-1 December 2023), the event aims to highlight and promote resilience and green growth in Ukrainian enterprises by showcasing the benefits of applying circular economy (CE) principles and practices, focusing on resource efficient and cleaner production (RECP) in particular. Additionally, the event will provide an opportunity to discuss and share experiences and practices on greening small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine. The event will cover the main features that enable implementation of CE in Ukraine – policy support, national knowledge development and CE practice. The main areas of focus will be:

- Presentation of the current progress in the transition to CE in Ukraine and active support tools, including policy instruments;
- Discussion on the way forward in implementing CE in Ukraine through coordinated efforts of different stakeholders;
- Demonstration of the CE activities at the level of the national companies;
- Promotion of development of national CE knowledge.

The expected outcomes of the conference are a better understanding of CE, its benefits and features by stakeholders; consolidation of efforts to implement CE at the national level in the coming years; and provision of clear landmarks for national stakeholders for CE implementation and green recovery. Key objectives also include identifying best practices, fostering cooperation, showcasing solutions and finding pathways to develop CE in Ukraine. Ultimately, the Conference aims to contribute to green recovery of Ukraine.

A green recovery is about remedying the damage from Russia's war against Ukraine and setting Ukraine on a new path of environmental and social sustainability. The European Union supports both the ongoing efforts to record the environmental damage and put in motion the green recovery. At the same time, the EU is helping Ukraine align its laws with the EU legislation and build administrative structures to enforce and implement this regulatory framework. It is also building coalitions, closely interacting with international partners. The proposed €50 billion Ukraine Facility (2024-2027) aims to help rebuild Ukraine's infrastructure while ensuring that environmental sustainability is considered in future investments. In late November, the European Commission hosted a four-day conference in Vilnius on the Green Recovery in Ukraine. It took stock of the challenges ahead and discussed the strategies and concrete solutions underpinning a green recovery.

Participants

The current event is open to all stakeholders interested in and working on issues related to green economy, circular economy, resource efficient and cleaner production, waste management and environmental protection.

The target audience for this event consists of representatives from national and international organizations, industrial enterprises, central and local authorities, business associations, and NGOs. These include sector or product experts, sustainability professionals, researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders from Ukraine and abroad.

The conference is organized by the EU4Environment programme, with UNIDO in the lead and in collaboration with the RECP Centre in Ukraine.

Practical Information

The Conference “Circular Economy for Green Recovery of Ukraine” will take place on 19 December 2023 (14:00-17:30 (EET)) within the EU-funded EU4Environment Result 2 activities on “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities”. It will be delivered in hybrid format, limited in-person (*venue (TBC)*) and online using Zoom platform. Simultaneous interpretation (Ukrainian-English and vice versa) will be provided.

Interested participants should register in advance by filling in [this form](#).

Background

The Business Segment day “Circular Economy to build back better” of the Ukraine Green Recovery Conference (organized in Vilnius on 28 November-1 December) was focused on circular economy. It brought together businesses, technical specialists, as well as NGOs and government to discuss specific challenges and industrial solutions available on the market. Decoupling global economic growth from natural resource use and decreasing environmental degradation is confirmed to be routed in a more resource efficient and circular economy.

A Circular Economy (CE) is where products, parts and materials are circled back into the industrial system, creating additional value and less waste¹. In a Circular Economy value is maintained for as long as possible, products are designed to last, waste and pollution are minimized, and renewable energy is used as much as possible. The CE is now a transformation in progress in many countries around the world. Such transformation depends on forming new synergies, between many sectors of business, and many material streams, in many locations.

Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) is an umbrella term used for the application of preventative environmental strategies to processes, goods, and services to improve the industrial sector’s efficiency and lower risks to people and the environment. UNIDO developed the RECP methodology to assist enterprises in identifying, evaluating, and reducing their resource usage while eradicating losses, increasing resilience, and enhancing productivity and competitiveness.

In Ukraine, the RECP Centre is the national partner of UNIDO in implementing Result 2 activities on “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” within the “EU4Environment” Action.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment – Green Economy) Action helps the EU’s Eastern Partner 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. It is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations - OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank – over the 2019-2024 period, with a budget of EUR 20 million.

For more information, please visit: www.eu4environment.org

¹<https://www.unido.org/sites/default/files/files/2020-02/IRE%20and%20Circular%20Economy.pdf>