

EU4Environment Green Economy in Eastern Partner Countries

Advancing resource efficient and cleaner production in Ukraine

The RECP methodology

Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) is the integrated and continuous application of preventive environmental strategies to **processes, products, and services** to increase efficiency and reduce risks to humans and the environment. RECP is all about producing with fewer resources while minimizing environmental impacts and increasing overall productivity. For **Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)**, the RECP methodology can effectively lower production costs whilst improving the SMEs' competitive advantage and applying environmentally friendly practices. RECP is also an effective tool to introduce and promote Circular Economy principles among SMEs.

"TRIADA-M" LLC - PRINTING INDUSTRY



Location: Khmelnytskyi No. of employers: 36 Key products: printing products Main markets: Ukraine Founding year: 1998 Certifications: ISO 12647-2: 2004, DSTU ISO 12647-1:

Company overview

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"Triada-M" LLC is a regional leader in providing printing services to the city of Khmelnytskyi and the region. The company offers a variety of products and services, including design and layout development, manufacturing of products based on request, the printing on textiles and fabrics, production of promotional materials and souvenirs, as well as outdoor advertising. Motivated to reduce production costs (especially during summertime when the air conditioning system is excessively used), and to provide comfortable working conditions for its employees, the company participated in the RECP Clubs programme under EU4Environment (2019-2024). This publication shows the company's experience reported after the monitoring exercise conducted in 2023.

BENEFITS FROM IMPLEMENTING RECP OPTIONS



The project's approach

With the support of the RECP self-assessment tool and the contribution of the RECP experts, the company developed its RECP Action plan which identified several RECP options, out of which the following was prioritised, as it included a low-cost measure:

RECP Option 1. Installing foil cloth screens on the dryer: This measure proposed to install foil cloth screens under the lower part of the dryer's conveyor belt and from the belt's surface to the edges of the dryer's exhaust hood. It would significantly reduce heat loss from the conveyor belt into the atmosphere (around 80%), as the belt gets heated during the production process. Hence, it would lower the average temperature of the room (which is not equipped with a ventilation system) and reduce temperature loss within the conveyor belt (the colder this gets, the more electricity is needed to heat it back to the required temperature).



The introduction of RECP Clubs programme has been part of the EU-funded EU4Environment Action and executed by UNIDO. In this context, **"Triada-M"**, **LLC** joined the Clubs programme to be monitored under EU4Environment. Follow-up visits have also been conducted to check on the implementation of the recommended RECP options. EU4Environment helps the EU's 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. For more details, visit: **www.eu4environment.org**

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