GREENER, CLEANER, SMARTER!
Eighth Ministerial Conference
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Main themes

1. Greening the economy in the pan-European region

2. Improving air quality for a better environment and human health

3. Segment on Education for Sustainable Development
   - Thematic discussions (*roundtables, panels*)
   - Ministerial Declaration
   - Batumi Ministerial Statement on ESD
   - Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy
   - Initiatives: Batumi Action for Cleaner Air; Batumi Initiative on Green Economy
   - Chair’s Summary
   - Side-events, exhibitions, workshop for journalists
Vision for an Inclusive Green Economy

**Objectives**

- Reduced environmental risks and ecological scarcities
- Enhanced economic progress
- Improved human well-being and social equity

**Focus Areas**

1. Improve the measurement and valuation of natural capital
2. Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital
3. Enhance ecosystems and ecosystem services as part of ecological infrastructure
4. Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns
5. Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns
6. Promote green and fair trade
7. Increase green and decent jobs, while developing the necessary human capital
8. Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being
9. Promote public participation & education for sustainable development

**BIG-E**

Green Economy Actions by countries & organizations

**Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy** & **Batum Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)**

2016-2030
Batumi Initiative on Green Economy 2016-2030

Voluntary commitments by Governments and organizations

... a initiative operationalizing the Strategic Framework and supporting countries’ efforts in transitioning to green economy and contributing to the implementation of the SDGs ...
More than 100 BIG-E Commitments in the Pan-European region:

23 Countries
12 Organizations
BIG-E Commitments: by Focus Area
BIG-E Commitments: by type of Action

- **Economy-wide**
  - Legal, regulatory and policy instruments
  - Economic and fiscal instruments
  - Information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments

- **Cities**

- 36% legal, regulatory and policy instruments
- 46% economy and fiscal instruments
- 18% information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments
BIG-E Commitments: by Sector
BIG-E Commitments: by contribution to SDG
The Strategic Framework and the BIG-E on the GGKP Platform

The Eighth Environment for Europe (E8) Ministerial Conference took place from 8th June 2016 in Batumi, Georgia under the theme ‘Greener. Cleaner. Smarter’. The conference included over 300 participants from 30 countries, many represented at the ministerial level. The E8 process represents an important dialogue for the Pan-European region’s collective effort to promote sustainable development.

At the conference, governments endorsed the Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy, which enables a coordinated approach to a green and inclusive economy across member States of the Pan-European region.

It envisions the countries of the pan-European region pursuing a development pattern that ensures economic progress, social equity and the sustainable use of ecosystems and natural resources, so as to meet the needs of the present and future generations. It builds on the policy effort following from the outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as on the knowledge base and good practices developed in the region. And it is meant to support countries of the region in their efforts to achieve the SDGs and their targets.

The Strategic Framework proposes a common vision and three objectives, which are further detailed through nine focus areas.
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