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## **GREEN Action Task Force**

### **Draft annotated agenda: 2022 Annual Meeting of the GREEN Action Task Force**

30 June 2022 (14h00) - 1 July 2022 (18:00)  
Tbilisi, Georgia

This GREEN Action Task Force meeting will be held in person at the Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace Hotel in Tbilisi, Georgia, starting at 14:00 (Tbilisi time) on 30 June and finishing at 18:00 on Friday, 1 July.

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# 2022 Annual meeting of the GREEN Action Task Force

30 June – 1 July 2022, Tbilisi, Georgia

## Draft Annotated Agenda

1. Since 2016, the GREEN Action Task Force, (and previously under the name of the EAP Task Force) has been a unique platform for interested OECD countries and development co-operation partners to work with the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) to develop policies that improve environmental quality and social well-being, while creating opportunities for strong economic growth and decent jobs.
2. Guided by the biennial programmes of work, a wide range of activities carried out in co-operation with national and international partners have generated several tangible results on the ground. The work of the Task Force was recognised and appreciated by the Task Force members at the annual meetings held in: Almaty in 2017, Bratislava in 2018, Paris 2019 and at the two virtual meetings in 2020 and 2021.
3. After two years of the COVID-19 pandemic and the GREEN Action Task Force meetings being held virtually, the 2022 annual meeting will be held in person in Tbilisi, Georgia. The meeting will bring together official representatives from the Ministries of Environment and of Economy from the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), the OECD member countries as well as partner international organisations, financial institutions, and the representatives of the environmental citizens organisations and the private sector.
4. The 2022 Annual meeting will provide an opportunity for members and partners to:
  - Exchange views on the recent developments and plans related to “greening” the economic recovery policies from COVID-19 pandemic;
  - Discuss the environmental and economic consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on climate policies in the EECCA region;
  - Evaluate progress in implementing the GREEN Action Task Force work programme since the last meeting in October 2021 and highlight selected results;
  - Review the preparations of the GREEN Action Task Force inputs to 9<sup>th</sup> “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference (5-7 October in Nicosia, Cyprus).
  - Discuss the future direction of the GREEN Task Force after the 9<sup>th</sup> “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference, including the main elements of the 2023-24 Programme of Work of the GREEN Action Task Force.

5. Further information about the meeting, including the documentation and information about the logistical arrangements is available from the GREEN Action Task Force web site: <https://www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/gatf-2022-annual-meeting.htm>.

**Thursday, 30 June 2022**

**starting at 14:00 Tbilisi time**

Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace Hotel

12:30 - 14:00	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14:00 - 14:15	<p><b>Item 1: Opening remarks, adoption of an agenda [ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2022)2] and a draft summary record of the 2021 Annual Meeting [ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2021)2]</b></p> <p>The Co-Chair, the representatives of the host country And the Secretariat will welcome the participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Jürgen Keinhorst, GREEN Action Task Force Co-chair / Head of Regional Division for Africa, Middle East, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Host country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Guram Guramishvili, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</li> <li>o Nino Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Kumi Kitamori, Acting Deputy Environment Director and Head of Green Growth and Global Relations Division, OECD.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Co-Chair will introduce the agenda and the summary record of the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Task Force.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Task Force members will be invited to adopt the agenda of the meeting, and take note of the summary record of the last Annual Meeting of the GREEN Action Task Force meeting (12-13 October 2021)</i></li> </ul>
14:15 - 15:00	<p><b>Item 2: Implementation of 2021-2022 Programme of Work and Budget of GREEN Action Task Force [Room document]</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will provide an update on the Task Force's activities since the last Annual Meeting in October 2021.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Task Force members will be invited to take note of the update. They will also be invited to share their perspectives on the practical results and benefits of co-operation under the GREEN Action Task Force.</i></li> </ul>
15:00 - 16:00	<p><b>Item 3: The environmental effects of COVID-19 related recovery measures in the EECCA region [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)4]</b></p> <p>For more than two last years the COVID-19 pandemic has been an unprecedented global health, social and economic challenge. Governments around the world, including in the EECCA region, have adapted their short-, medium- and long-term national strategies to stimulate post-COVID-19 economic recovery.</p> <p>The Secretariat will provide an update on the trends related to greening the COVID-19 economic response measures and recovery packages throughout the EECCA region on the basis of the findings</p>

	<p>presented in a background document “The environmental effects of COVID-19 related recovery measures in the EECCA region” [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)4].</p> <p>The Secretariat will also provide an update on the ongoing work of the green recovery advisory programme in Moldova, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Task Force members will be invited to discuss the analysis and engage in a discussion on the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on the environment as well as the policy responses they prioritise for a resilient, sustainable and inclusive economic recovery.</i></li> </ul>
16:00 - 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 - 18:00	<p><b>Item 4: Effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on climate and energy policies in the European Union’s Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries</b> [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)6]</p> <p>Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has resulted in horrendous consequences for people and the economy of Ukraine. The most important are the lives lost and the humanitarian crisis associated with the huge numbers of besieged and displaced people. Recent estimates of damage to the infrastructure total USD 105.5 billion which, beyond bare figures, mean vast destruction to of thousands of homes, civilian infrastructure, agricultural land and practically all other features of a country.</p> <p>Whilst Ukraine is clearly and without any comparability the victim, the war has also led to massive geopolitical and economic consequences beyond Ukraine. The impacts are global, but in virtue of its historical and geographical proximity, of particular relevance for the EECCA region that once, together with Russia, were part of the Soviet Union.</p> <p>The Co-Chair will invite a representative of Ukraine to share with the Task Force members information about the impact of war on the Ukraine economy, population and environment and present steps that the Ukraine Government and the population are taking to prepare for post-war reconstruction.</p> <p>The Co-Chair will also invite experts from Berlin Economics to introduce their analysis of the impact of war on climate and energy policies in the EECCA countries presented a paper “Effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on climate and energy policies in the European Union’s Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries” [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)6]. The paper was prepared as part of a project “Low Carbon Ukraine” that supports the Ukrainian government with demand-driven analyses and policy proposals to promote the transition towards a low-carbon economy. The project is part of the International Climate Initiative and is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Task Force members will be invited to share their views on the impacts of war on their climate policies, present the steps taken to accelerate the drive towards net zero emissions and identify the key remaining challenges.</i></li> </ul>
19:00	<i>Dinner</i>

Friday, 1 July 2022	
Starting at 9:30 Tbilisi time	
9:30 - 11:00	<p><b>Item 5: Draft flagship report of the GREEN Action Task Force on greening the economic development in EECCA as a contribution to the 9<sup>th</sup> “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)5]</b></p> <p>The Task Force’s current mandate under the “Environment for Europe” (EfE) process extends until October 2022 when the next EfE Ministerial Conference will take place in Nicosia, Cyprus. The 2021 Task Force meeting already supported using the EfE Conference as an opportunity to showcase the work and achievements of the GREEN Action Task Force as well as to confirm the extension of its mandate. The Secretariat will recall of the proposed Task Force contributions to the Nicosia Conference that were presented and endorsed at the Task Force meeting in 2021 [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2020)2/REV2].</p> <p>A representative of the UNECE Secretariat will be invited to provide an update on the latest preparations for the EfE Ministerial Conference.</p> <p>The Secretariat will also present the preliminary messages on progress with greening the EECCA economies and will elaborate on an outline of the report of the GREEN Action Task Force to the EfE Ministerial Conference presented in a note “Draft flagship report of the GREEN Action Task Force on greening the economic development in EECCA as a contribution to the 9<sup>th</sup> “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference” [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)5].</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Task Force members will be invited to provide feedback on the preliminary messages from the report and its draft outline. The Task Force members will also be invited to provide written comments to the Secretariat until 15 July 2022.</i></li> </ul>
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 - 12:30	<p><b>Item 6: Future directions of the Task Force after the 9<sup>th</sup> “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)2/REV1]</b></p> <p>Against the background of the previous session the Secretariat will present the proposed main features and modalities of the future directions of the Task Force for the period 2023 and beyond contained in a document “Future directions of the Task Force after the 9<sup>th</sup> “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference” [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)2/REV1]</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Task Force members will be invited to discuss and provide guidance on the future directions of work of the GREEN Action Task Force after the Nicosia Conference. The Task Force members will also be invited to provide written comments to the Secretariat until 15 July 2022.</i></li> </ul>
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 - 15:30	<p><b>Item 7: Highlights from the draft 2023-24 Programme of Work of the GREEN Action Task Force [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)1/REV1]</b></p> <p>The Task Force’s current mandate under the Environment for Europe (EfE) process extends until October 2022 when the next EfE Ministerial Conference will take place in Nicosia, Cyprus. At its 2021 meeting the Task Force meeting already supported the extension of its mandate.</p>

	<p>The Task Force members will be asked to discuss the main proposed elements of the work programme for 2023-24 as presented in the “Draft 2023-24 Programme of Work of the GREEN Action Task Force [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)1/REV1].</p> <p>The selected items of the work programme will be discussed as follows:</p> <p><b>7.1: Energy-water-land use nexus in Central Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction from the Secretariat</li> <li>- Roundtable discussion</li> </ul> <p><b>7.2: “Smart” environmental regulations, compliance promotion and enforcement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction from the Secretariat</li> <li>- Roundtable discussion</li> </ul> <p><b>7.3: Greening agriculture and industry value chains</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction from the Secretariat</li> <li>- Roundtable discussion</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>After each presentation from the Secretariat, the Task Force members will be invited provide their reactions on the proposed activities. The Task Force members will also be invited to provide feedback to the Secretariat on the work programme document by 15 July 2022.</i></li> </ul>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:30	<p><b>Item 7 (cont.): Highlights from the draft of the 2023-24 Programme of Work of the GREEN Action Task Force [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2022)1/REV1]</b></p> <p><b>7.4: Sustainable water management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction from the Secretariat</li> <li>- Roundtable discussion</li> </ul> <p><b>7.5: Sustainable Infrastructure in Central Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction from the Secretariat</li> <li>- Roundtable discussion</li> </ul> <p><b>7.6: Green finance and investment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction from the Secretariat</li> <li>- Roundtable discussion</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>After each presentation from the Secretariat, the Task Force members will be invited to ask questions for clarification and provide their reactions on the proposed activities. The Task Force members will also be invited to provide feedback to the Secretariat on the work programme document by 15 July 2022.</i></li> </ul>
17:30 - 17:45	<p><b>Item 8: Elections of the GREEN Action Task Force Bureau for the 2023-24 term [Room document]</b></p> <p>The mandate of the current Bureau of the GREEN Action Task Force will come to an end in 2022.</p> <p>The Bureau is composed of four representatives of OECD countries (one as Co-Chair and three as Vice-Chairs) and four representatives of EECOA countries (one as Co-Chair and three as Vice-Chairs), each serving in their personal capacity. The Bureau is elected for the period of two years.</p> <p>The Secretariat will present to the Task Force the candidates to the Bureau for election.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The Task Force members will be invited to designate the new members of the Bureau for the period 2023-2024.</i></li> </ul>
17:45 - 18:00	<p><b>Item 9: Other business and closing remarks</b></p> <p>The Co-Chair will invite the Task Force members to raise any other business.</p> <p>The Co-Chair will make the final remarks and close the meeting.</p>

**Saturday, 2 July 2022**

9:30 – 14:00	<p><b>Field trip to Krtsanisi Forest Park, a nature conservation area outside Tbilisi, organised by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture and the Agency of Wildlife of Georgia</b></p>
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