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### Second Meeting of the EaP GREEN Steering Committee

16-17 September 2013

Hotel «Courtyard Marriott», Ballroom 1  
Tbilisi (Georgia)

The “Greening Economies in the European Union’s Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN) programme aims to support six the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries to move towards green economy by decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation and resource depletion. Six EaP countries are; Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

More specifically, the EaP GREEN aims to:

- Mainstream sustainable consumption and production (SCP) into national development plans, legislation and regulatory framework with a view to provide a sound legal basis for future policy development, in line with the regional and international agreements and processes and consistently with existing EU *acquis* in the relevant policy areas;
- Promote the use of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as essential planning tools for an environmentally sustainable economic development; and
- Achieve a shift to green economy through the adaptation and adoption of sustainable consumption and production practices and techniques in selected economic sectors (manufacturing, agriculture, food production and processing, construction).

Accordingly, the EaP GREEN is structured around three components: (1) Governance and financing tools; (2) SEA and EIA: accompanying SCP policy implementation; and (3) Demonstration Projects.

The programme is supported by the European Commission and other donors, and involves joint implementation by four international organisations – OECD, UNECE, UNEP, and UNIDO. The total EaP GREEN budget for a period of implementation of 48 months is 12.5 million Euros.

*The Second Steering Committee Meeting of EaP GREEN will bring together the National Focal Points from the EaP countries, representatives of the civil society and relevant Regional Environmental Centres, donor countries representatives, and the four EaP GREEN partners (OECD, UNECE, UNEP, and UNIDO). The meeting will be held over two days. During Day 1, issues of programme management will be discussed aiming at the approval of two documents: (i) the first progress report, and (ii) the work plan for 2013-2014. Day 2 will feature a thematic discussion on business opportunities for the green economy, in particular from more productive use of natural resources. Participants will be invited to share progress on strategic planning and analysis in support to supporting businesses, in particular Small and Medium Enterprises, to contribute to and benefit from green economy. A brief overview of measures relevant for green economy promotion in the European Union will also be presented. Finally, the participants will be invited to raise any other questions and agree on the dates and venue of their next meeting.*



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### DRAFT AGENDA

#### Day 1 – Monday, 16 September

<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00 – 14:15</b>	<b>Item 1. Opening remarks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nino Sharashidze, Deputy Minister of Environment of Georgia</i></li> <li>• <i>Nicola Di Pietrantonio, European Commission</i></li> </ul>
<b>14:15 – 14:45</b>	<b>Item 2. Approval of the Draft Agenda and Draft Summary Record of the First Meeting of the EaP GREEN programme Steering Committee (SC)</b>
	<p><u>Action required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion and adoption of the Agenda;</li> <li>• Discussion and adoption of the Summary Record.</li> </ul> <p><u>Format:</u> Presentation by the OECD Secretariat with feedback from the Steering Committee members</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Nicola Di Pietrantonio, European Commission</p> <p><i>The OECD Secretariat will present Draft Agenda and materials. At their first meeting on 26 April 2013, the SC members discussed and endorsed the EaP GREEN’s long-term programme and requested that the work plan for 2013 be updated following national launch events. Such events were conducted in the course of May-July 2013. Immediately following the First SC Meeting, a draft summary record was circulated. No substantial changes to the draft were suggested by the participants but a request to approve the record at the next meeting rather than through a written procedure was requested by Belarus.</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brendan Gillespie, OECD Secretariat.</li> </ul> <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Agenda of the Meeting;</li> <li>• Draft Summary Record of the First Steering Committee (Berlin, 26 April 2013).</li> </ul>
<b>14:45– 17:30</b>	<b>Item 3. Progress in 2013 and work plan for 2013-14</b>
	<p><u>Action required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion and adoption of the progress report;</li> <li>• Discussion and adoption of the work plan for 2013-2014.</li> </ul> <p><u>Format:</u> Presentation by EaP GREEN Partners with tour de table involving feedback from each country</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Nino Sharashidze, Deputy Minister of Environment of Georgia</p> <p><i>The draft progress report will provide an overview of activities carried out regionally and nationally in the period 1 January – 31 July 2013. It will include a summary of feedback received during the launch events and bilateral meetings with officials in the EaP countries. The work plan presented during the First SC meeting will be presented in its updated and extended version.</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela Bularga, OECD Secretariat;</li> <li>• Elena Santer, UNECE Secretariat – to be confirmed;</li> <li>• Rie Tsutsumi, UNEP;</li> <li>• Rene van Berkel, UNIDO.</li> </ul> <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Report on Progress with Implementation of the EaP GREEN Programme (January – July 2013);</li> <li>• Draft Plan of Work of the EaP GREEN Programme for 2013-2014.</li> </ul>



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### Day 2 – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September

**9:30 – 11:30      Item 4. Grasping green growth opportunities in the EaP countries: Focus on green industry**

Action required:

- Take note of presentations, pose questions, and provide examples of opportunities related to green economy;
- Underline what aspects should be considered during the relevant national-level work within EaP GREEN.

Format: Stage setting remarks by invited speakers (each up to 10 minutes) followed by succinct, up to 4 minutes, presentations by invited panellists leading into a roundtable discussion.

Chair: Irakli Matkava, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.

*Innovation and diffusion of resource-efficient and cleaner technologies and new business models should be a key element of green economy in the EaP countries. Work to enter new sectors and change business models has started. For instance, Ukraine and Moldova have operational centres for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP), working with UNIDO and UNEP, while in other EaP countries RECP service delivery will be established and enhanced under EaP GREEN. Green business opportunities in four sectors were screened in Georgia and a more in-depth analysis of the textile sector was conducted. Besides, a Green Business Strategy was drafted. Consideration to new business models is given in Armenia as part of small and medium-sized enterprise support programmes. In the majority of the EaP countries, green growth business opportunities are mostly linked to resource efficiency and new green sectors, including organic agriculture and renewable energy. Energy efficiency and renewable energy promotion is very high on the political agenda in countries as different in terms of availability of conventional energy resources as Azerbaijan and Moldova. However, this relatively narrow approach needs to be extended to include other promising sectors and the development of supporting environmentally-friendly infrastructure.*

Speakers:

- Rene van Berkel, UNIDO
- Igor Shilovych, Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre (Ukraine) – to be confirmed

Panel interventions:

- Lilit Apujanyan, SME Development National Center of Armenia (Armenia);
- Ruslan Rustemli, Ministry of Economy (Azerbaijan) – tbc;
- Nino Kvernadze, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (Georgia).

Background documents:

- Hand-outs of the presentations.

**11:30 – 12:00      Item 5. Relevant developments in the European Union**

Action required:

- Take note of the presentations and pose questions.

Format: Presentations by the European Commission.

Chair: Nicola Di Pietrantonio, Task Manager, European Commission.

Speakers:

- Andrzej Januszewski, European Commission, DG Environment;
- John Warburton, European Investment Bank– to be confirmed.

Background documents:

- Hand-outs of the presentations.



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**12:00 – 12:30**      **Item 6. Other business, next meeting and closing remarks**

Action required:

- Raise any other questions;
- Agree on the dates and venue of the next meeting.

Format: Oral interventions by the meeting participants.

Chair: Irakli Matkava, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.

Speakers:

- Irakli Matkava, Deputy Minister of Economy of Georgia and Sustainable Development;
- Nicola Di Pietrantonio, European Commission.