

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
Actions by Croatia**

Country: Croatia, Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection

Title:

Develop Sustainable Public Procurement Action Plans/Strategies and set targets

Focus area 4: Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns

Description of the action: There is a high-level political commitment for Green Public Procurement (GPP) and the implementation of measures from first Green Public Procurement Action Plan for period 2015 -2017 is underway. Drafting of new GPP Action Plan for the following three years is planned and the National Committee for Green Public Procurement has been established to coordinate and follow up the Action Plan (22 members from different stakeholders from national and local level).

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: measures from the first Green Public Procurement Action Plan will be implemented by the end of 2017 b) the new GPP Action Plan for the period 2017 – 2020 will be adopted by the beginning of 2017.

Type of action: regulatory

Economic sectors: Economy-wide

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: EU GPP Policy Public Procurement for a Better Environment, Croatia – Green Procurement National Action Plan, 10 YFP Sustainable Public Procurement programme

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: increased use of green products and services in public procurement, development of green economy

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: Action contributes to SDG target 12.7 “Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities”

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Strengthening the national policy by establishing of mechanisms for inter-sectoral coordination. (1.6b)

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: number of public procurement contracts using green criteria

Partners: Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection, Ministry of Economy, State Office for Central Public Procurement, National committee for GPP

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**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
Actions by Croatia**

Country: Croatia, Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection

Title:

Develop capacity for Sustainable Public Procurement and establish information platforms/helpdesk

Focus area 4: Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns

Description of the action: Establishment of an online platform that allows coordination among procurement stakeholders, including their training and exchange of information. The initiative will enable an assessment of different sustainability and green criteria and facilitate the dialogue on procurement with the private sector and market.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: Platform/helpdesk will be in place by the end of 2016

Type of action: Economy, fiscal

Economic sectors: Economy-wide

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: EU GPP Policy Public Procurement for a Better Environment, Croatia – Green Procurement National Action Plan, 10 YFP Sustainable Public Procurement programme

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: increased use of Green Public Procurement, higher visibility of GPP policy

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: Action contributes to SDG target 12.7 “Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities”

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Development of training programs for public authorities, including the development of supporting tools such as: online portal, guidelines or manuals. (1.3b)

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: Number of active platform users, number of assessments conducted through the platform

Partners: Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection, Ministry of Economy, State Office for Central Public Procurement, National committee for GPP

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**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
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Country: Croatia, Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection

Title:

Develop and promote environmental product information and sound labelling for sustainable goods and services

Focus area 4: Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns

Description of the action: Improvement of implementation and promotion of ecological labels for sustainable goods and services: the national one “Environment Friendly” and EU Ecolabel. Actions will inform producers about benefits of ecolabels and sensitize the public for buying sustainable goods and services.

Action’s timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: The end of 2017

Type of action: Information, education-based, capacity building and voluntary

Economic sectors: Economy-wide

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: EU Ecolabel, UNEP Ecolabeling, 10YFP Consumer Information programme

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: goods and services with ecolabels are more recognized among consumers

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: 12.2 By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources, 12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: —

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: number of goods and services that have ecolabels

Partners: Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection, Chamber of Commerce

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**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
Actions by Croatia**

Country: Croatia, Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection

Title:

Establish well-functioning and user-friendly national Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs)

Focus area 5: Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns

Description of the action: Existing National Register for Pollutant Release and Transfer will be improved in a way to have more relevant and validated data up to date and to be more user-friendly (publicly more accessible).

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: the end of 2018

Type of action: Legal/Regulatory

Economic sectors: Economy-wide

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: PRTR Protocol and its relevant guidance material

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Public is well informed about pollutant release and transfer on national territory.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: Action contributes to SDG targets: 3.9 „By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination“ and 12.4 „By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment“.

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: Continued work towards the establishment of an integrated information system that provides information about the state of the environment. (3.1.)

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: —

Partners: Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection, Croatian Environment and Nature Agency

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**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)
Actions by Croatia**

Country: Croatia, Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection

Title:

Promote the adoption of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) environmental management and product standards and/or EMAS

Focus area 5: Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns

Description of the action: Improvement and promotion of voluntary participation by organisations in ISO environmental management standard and in eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS). Actions will inform organisations about benefits of participation in ISO and especially in EMAS as a proof of their improvement in the environmental performance and implementation of environmental management systems.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: 2018

Type of action: Information, education-based, capacity building and voluntary instruments

Economic sectors: Economy-wide

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: The International Organization for Standardization: Environmental Management

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Companies are informed of benefits that ISO environmental management standard and EMAS offer in reducing environmental footprint of organisations.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: Action contributes to SDG target 12.2 „By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate: —

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate: number of organizations with ISO environmental standards and registered in EMAS register

Partners: Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection

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