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# Greening the economy

Follow-up to 8<sup>th</sup> Environment for Europe  
Ministerial Conference



# Batumi Talk Shows

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- Geneva, ECE session, 27 April 2017
  - Scoring SDGs through action on green economy and clean air
- Almaty, GREEN Action Task Force meeting, 26 October 2017
  - BIG-E energy focus
- Geneva, CEP session, today



# BIG-E commitments

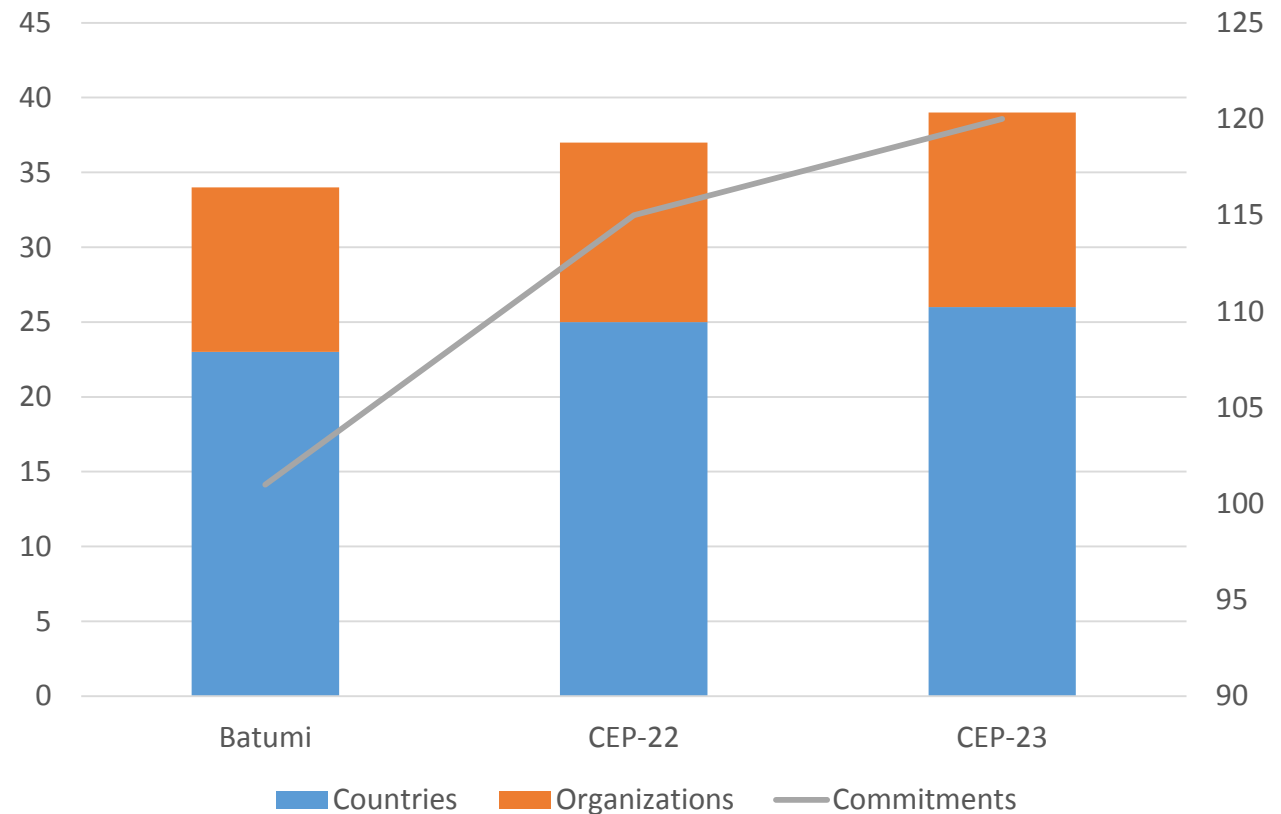
## Progress

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#### Latest:

- Kazakhstan (+1)
- Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development
- Ukraine (3)



# BIG-E promotion

## Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy



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- PAGE Ministerial Conference, 27-28 March 2017
  - State Secretary, Federal Office for Environment, Switzerland, as keynote speaker; and launch of GGKP Policy Solutions Centre including BIG-E
- Partnership Exchange special event, in support of High-level Political Forum, 17 July 2017
  - UNECE Executive Secretary as panellist supported by UN Environment



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# BIG-E promotion

## United Nations Development Account proposal



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- Joint project proposal by UN Environment and UNECE
- Enhancing sustainable public procurement for the regional transition to inclusive green economy in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
- Budget: 570,000 USD
- Timeline: 2018–2021
- Subject to approval by UN General Assembly in Dec. 2017

United Nations

**DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT**

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## Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy



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- Eastern Partnership Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change, 17-18 October 2016
  - UN Environment Regional Director presentation to Ministers
- 67<sup>th</sup> session of Economic Commission for Europe, 26-27 April 2017
  - Chair of Committee on Environmental Policy as panellist
- Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment & Health, 13-15 June 2017
  - UN Environment Regional Director and UNECE Environment Division Director speeches
- World Resources Forum, 24-25 October 2017
  - UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary as keynote speaker



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OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, Sept. 2017

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- Importance of transition to green economy for fostering security, economic prosperity and sustainable development
- Advantages that OSCE offers through its ability to mobilize political will and build consensus for supporting the transition to green economy
- Role OSCE could play in facilitating dialogue in transition to green economy and building trust between government, public and business
- OSCE potential to promote green economy, in cooperation with others
- Role of OSCE as a platform for dialogue on implementation of SDGs
- Potential role of OSCE to
  - support development of circular economy models, agreements on use of natural resources and waste reduction and enabling policy and regulatory frameworks
  - track progress on resource efficiency; explore links between resource use & security



# UNECE-UNEP Mapping of activities by international organizations

in support of greening the economy in pan-European region



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- Responses from 9 organizations: ILO, ITU, GGKP, OECD, OSCE, UNDP, UNECE, UNEP and WIPO
- 95 programmes implemented in 28 countries across 5 subregions
- Analyses by sector, type, subregion, focus area and budget
- Useful for international agencies implementing programmes for green economy
  - identify programming gaps and opportunities for collaboration
  - assist in designing programmes targeting under-served subregions and sectors
- Living document – maintain?
- Combine information from this mapping with BIG-E commitments in nine focus areas of Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy



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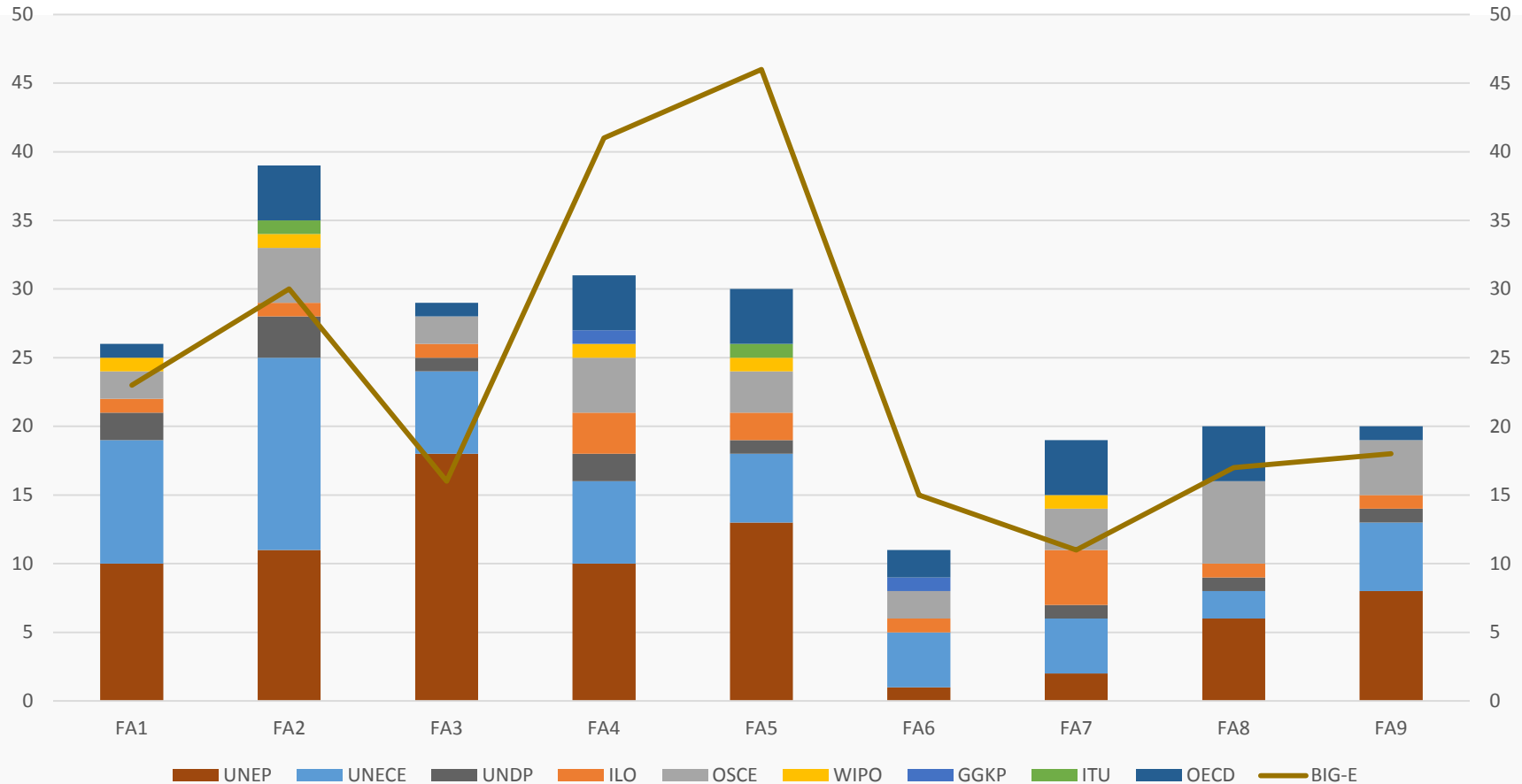
- Among 13 specified categories of sectors represented in programming
  - Energy best-served sector, with 7 of 9 agencies implementing 27 programmes
  - Waste also well-served, with 7 of 9 agencies contributing to 17 programmes
  - Mining (5 programmes), tourism (2) and education (1) least represented sectors
- Among 5 specified types of programmes
  - Nearly 90% categorized as knowledge development and sharing
  - 23 programmes implemented region-wide categorized as knowledge sharing
  - Central Asia best-served subregion with 20 knowledge sharing programmes
- Central Asia is best-served subregion with 36 programmes
- Of 9 focus areas specified in Strategic Framework for Greening Economy
  - Focus area 2 (promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital) receives most programming (17%)
- Funding information provided for 49 programmes (out of 95)
  - Total investment currently valued at USD 107 million

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Focus areas by BIG-E commitment and by organization



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Thank you!

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