

Most important activities have been carried out for the period 2012-2013 in Georgia with regard to promote environmental education and ESD in the country and not included in the questionnaire for 2014 informal country reporting in the implementation of the priority action areas. Specifically:

- The legal Entity of Public Law (LEPL) Environmental Information and Education Center (EIEC) under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia (MENRP) was established on the basis of the Aarhus Centre in 2013. One of the directions of the Centre is promotion of environmental education and ESD in the country.
 - For having a clear picture on the existing situation in educational institutions throughout the country regarding environmental education including ESD, EIEC with support of GIZ started the project - Assessment of Environmental Education in Georgia. The assessment will cover all levels of education including vocational institutions. Under the project recommendations on promotion of environmental education and ESD in the educational institutions will be developed in October 2014.
 - With organization of EIEC a Working Group has been created for coordination of formal and informal environmental education in the country as well as implementation of "Environmental Education for Sustainable Development, Georgian National Strategy and Action Plan 2012-2014". The first meeting of the Working Group was held on April 1, 2014. The Working Group will meet quarterly.
 - EIEC will provide teachers trainings on different environmental topics related to ESD.
 - Under the framework of Integrated Natural Resources Management in Watersheds of Georgia Program (INRMW-Georgia), financed by USAID, the process of establishment of EcoClubs Alliance is ongoing. A document on study of Optimum Institutional and Financial Models for EcoClubs Alliance was developed and the first meeting of stakeholders was conducted on the 28th of March 2014. The EcoClubs Alliance will work in close cooperation with MENRP, more specifically, EIEC.
 - In cooperation with the Foundation for Environmental Education - FEE International - it has been decided that EIEC will represent the Foundation in Georgia and will implement the FEE programs at the national level. From the FEE's five environmental education programs, consisting of Blue flag, Eco-Schools, Young Reporters for the Environment, Learning about Forests, and Green Key, the Centre will start with Eco-Schools and Green Key programs. We would like to express our special thanks to the Government of the Netherlands which through the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment will cover cost for two years for associate membership to FEE International. The application process for membership has been already started and the payment will be done by the end of April 2014. Implementation of the program will be a good tool for encouraging the schools and business sector in Georgia to understand and care more about their environment, develop sustainably and follow the need for further actions in that direction.
- Implementation of the FEE International programs, as well as all mentioned activities with regard to promotion of environmental education and ESD throughout Georgia, is much

related to the financial expenditures in order to successfully and timely develop the planned work of EIEC. **Therefore, assistance of donor organizations in it is of high importance.**

- Green Building Council Georgia signed the agreement with the World Green Building Council about joining the Common Education Platform, developed by Europe Regional Network (ERN) of national green building councils (GBCs) in March 2014. This will support Georgia to develop/harmonize its national education capacity in the sphere of sustainable built environment by filling a gap in general knowledge. Target groups and beneficiaries, among others, are students of built environment related professions as well as appropriate policy makers (www.worldgbc.org).