**Template[[1]](#endnote-1) for submitting voluntary commitments to the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (Nicosia call)**

***To be filled in by submitting country/organization***

1. **Country or organization:**
2. **Title of the action (referencing in parenthesis the number of the related focus area(s)[[2]](#endnote-2) that the initiative will contribute to):**
3. **Description of the action:**
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:**
5. **Type of action[[3]](#endnote-3):**
6. **Economic sectors[[4]](#endnote-4):**
7. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:**
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:**
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:**
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:**
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:**
12. **Partners:**
13. **Contact points:**

Additional information on the Nicosia focus of the action:

* + **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme I: “Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure”? (YES / NO)**
    - *If yes, please indicate below to which “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure***[[5]](#endnote-5)***” does the action contribute:*
  + **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”? (YES / NO)**

1. Based on the “Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy” (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/6, appendix). Webpage: <https://unece.org/documents-and-materials> [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Nine integrated focus areas were identified in the Strategic Framework are:

   1: Improve the measurement and valuation of natural capital;

   2: Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital;

   3: Enhance ecosystems and ecosystem services as part of ecological infrastructure;

   4: Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns;

   5: Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns;

   6: Promote green and fair trade;

   7: Increase green and decent jobs, while developing the necessary human capital;

   8: Improve access to services, healthy living and well-being;

   9: Promote public participation and education for sustainable development. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. In accordance with the Strategic Framework, the following three types of actions are suggested:

   (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments;

   (b) economy and fiscal instruments; and

   (c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments.

   Countries and organizations should refer to any of these three types, as appropriate and relevant. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. In accordance with the Strategic Framework, the following three clusters of sectors are suggested:

   (a) economy-wide;

   (b) cities; and

   (c) sectors, including: agriculture, forestry and fishing; energy; mining; manufacturing; transport; water; waste; tourism; and housing, buildings and construction. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. The “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure” (as reflected in a subsequent UNEA Resolution UNEP/EA.5/Res.9) set out ten guiding principles that policymakers can follow to help integrate sustainability into infrastructure planning and delivery:

   1. Strategic planning;

   2. Responsive, resilient, and flexible service provision;

   3. Comprehensive lifecycle assessment of sustainability;

   4. Avoiding environmental impacts and investing in nature;

   5. Resource efficiency and circularity;

   6. Equity, inclusiveness, and empowerment;

   7. Enhancing economic benefits;

   8. Fiscal sustainability and innovative financing;

   9. Transparent, inclusive, and participatory decision-making;

   10. Evidence-based decision-making.

   Web link: <https://www.unep.org/resources/publication/international-good-practice-principles-sustainable-infrastructure> [↑](#endnote-ref-5)