

Templateⁱ 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:** CROATIA
2. **Title of the action (referencing in parenthesis the number of the related focus area(s)ⁱⁱ that the initiative will contribute to):**

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM OF SUSTAINABILITY SATELLITE ACCOUNTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
3. **Description of the action:**

The System of Tourism Sustainability Satellite Accounts of the Republic of Croatia will be established through an analysis of the relationship between the environment and tourism. They integrate the guidelines of the economic and environmental accounts that were established through the European Environmental Economic Accounts (EEEA), and thus through System of ecological and economic accounting 2012 - Center Frame (SEEA).
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:**

April 2022 – June 2026
5. **Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ:**

This is a policy instrument that ensures the development of sustainable tourism in the Republic of Croatia and public availability of information through indicators that will be created for the national and regional level and the level of selected tourist destinations.
6. **Economic sectors^{iv}:**

Tourism
7. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:**

The Recovery and resilience Facility
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:**

The expected additional benefits are information availability and raising awareness among all tourism stakeholders and the general public about the effects of tourism on the environment and about the necessity of tourism sustainable development. The effect of its outcome will be the data-based implementation of sustainable tourism in the Republic of Croatia in public policies that support tourism development.
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:**

SDG 12.b.1.
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:**

Based on recommendation 9.1 of the EPR, the Ministry of Tourism and Sports will establish a recommended mechanism for establishing a continuous assessment of the impact of the tourism sector on the environment.
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:**

An objectively verifiable indicator is the System of Sustainable Satellite Accounts of the Republic of Croatia established by June 2026.
12. **Partners:**

Ministry of Tourism and Sport, Institute for Tourism and Ministry of Science and Education

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Additional information on the Nicosia focus of the action:

14. Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme I: “Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure”? (YES / NO)

YES

- *If yes, please indicate below to which “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure”^v does the action contribute:
The activity contributes to the following principles defined by the document “International Principles of Good Practice for Sustainable Infrastructure” (as presented in the subsequent UNEA resolution UNEP/EA.5/Res.9):*
 4. *Avoiding impact on the environment and investing in nature;*
 5. *Resource efficiency and circularity;*
 9. *Transparent, inclusive and participatory decision-making;*
 10. *Decision-making based on evidence.*

15. Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”? (YES / NO)

YES

Explanation:

The activity contributes indirectly to the environmental theme II. “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism” as it establishes the foundations for monitoring the sustainability of tourism in the Republic of Croatia through following accounts:

- *accounts of tourist expenditures and domestic consumption and incoming tourists and one-day visitors;*
- *accounts of tourism industry production;*
- *accounts that combine tourist consumption and production of tourist industry;*
- *accounts of tourism macro-aggregates;*
- *accounts of water of the tourism industry;*
- *accounts of energy flows of the tourism industry;*
- *accounts of greenhouse gas emissions of the tourism industry;*
- *accounts of amount of solid waste of the tourism industry*
- *accounts of tourist shares in environmental flows.*

ⁱ Based on the “Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy” (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/6, appendix).
Webpage: <https://unece.org/documents-and-materials>

ⁱⁱ 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.

ⁱⁱⁱ 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.

^{iv} 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.

^v 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>