

Templateⁱ for submitting voluntary commitments to the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (Nicosia call)

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1. **Country or organization:** SWITZERLAND
2. **Title of the action (referencing in parenthesis the number of the related focus area(s)ⁱⁱ that the initiative will contribute to):** Set up an inter-ministerial coordination unit to support participation of Swiss companies in infrastructure projects abroad and promote the use of high sustainability standards. (potential focus areas: 4, 5, 7, 8)
3. **Description of the action:** In order to strengthen the participation of Swiss companies in major infrastructure projects abroad, an inter-ministerial coordination unit has been established end of 2019, within the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). The coordination unit will better connect stakeholders, and, in particular, promote the use of high sustainability standards like the SuRe Standard and the upcoming Sustainable Infrastructure Label from FAST Infra, in the planification, realisation and maintenance of infrastructures.
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:** The first phase of the action is going on from 2021 to 2024 and will probably be prolonged for some more years
5. **Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ:** (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments
6. **Economic sectors^{iv}:** economy-wide
7. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** [FAST-Infra - CPI \(climatepolicyinitiative.org\)](https://climatepolicyinitiative.org)
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** economic, ecological and social co-benefits
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** SDG 9
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:** --
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** indicators are under development
12. **Partners:** Climate Policy Initiative, Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation
13. **Contact points:** Daniel Zürcher, Daniel.zuercher@bafu.admin.ch, Federal Office for the Environment

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
 - *If yes, please indicate below to which “International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure^v” does the action contribute: 1 strategic planning*
- **Is the action related to the Nicosia environmental theme II: “Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism”?** NO

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3. **Description of the action:** The program, led by IFC, thanks to financial support from Switzerland, fosters the needed education and training for future architects and engineers, in order to drive green building development. The overall goal of IFC's Green Building engagement is the reduction of GHG emissions and the improvement of energy, water and other resource efficiencies associated with new building constructions. This action follows up previous engagement of Switzerland that led to the development of EDGE - Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies, a green-building certification program.
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:** **More than 2200 students and professionals trained in 34 educational entities, which offer new / improved trainings related to green buildings**
5. **Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ:** (c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments
6. **Economic sectors^{iv}:** housing, buildings and construction
7. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:**
[https://edgebuildings.com/Designing for Greater Efficiency - EDGE Buildings](https://edgebuildings.com/Designing%20for%20Greater%20Efficiency%20-%20EDGE%20Buildings)
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** economic and social
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** SDG 9, SDG6, SDG7, SDG13
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:** --
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** See no. 4
12. **Partners:** International Finance Corporation (IFC)
13. **Contact points:** Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, André Pantzer, andre.pantzer@seco.admin.ch

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3. **Description of the action:** The Hydropower Sustainability Standard certification system was launched in September 2021. The support focuses on capacity development to sustainably plan, implement and operate sustainable hydropower plants in four selected priority countries (Albania, Colombia, Indonesia, and Tajikistan) and on the co-financing of sustainability assessments in priority countries of the Swiss development cooperation. It also aims to develop opportunities for climate finance investment in hydropower projects.
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:** 2021 (launch of the standard) – 2024 (target date for ending SECO support).
5. **Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ:** (c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments.
6. **Economic sectors^{iv}:** energy sector
7. **Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:**
[Hydropower Sustainability Standard — Hydropower Sustainability Council \(hydrosustainability.org\)](https://www.hydro-sustainability.org/)
[Hydropower ESG Fund — Hydropower Sustainability Council \(hydrosustainability.org\)](https://www.hydro-sustainability.org/)
<https://www.eda.admin.ch/deza/en/home/projekte/projekte.filterResults.html/content/dezaprojekte/SECO/en/2014/UR00784/phase2?oldPagePath=/content/deza/en/home/projekte/projekte.html>
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** economic
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** SDG9
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:** ---
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** Number of national stakeholders trained on hydropower sustainability, number of accredited national stakeholders, number of HESG (hydropower environmental social and governance) assessments (target is 40).
12. **Partners:** <https://www.hydro-sustainability.org/>
13. **Contact points:** Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Daniel Menebhi, daniel.menebhi@seco.admin.ch

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3. **Description of the action:** In the context of the revised Federal Law on Public Procurement (LMP), which entered into force in 2021 and makes a paradigm shift toward sustainable public procurement and quality-oriented competition, the Confederation is developing different instruments to adopt exemplary sustainable infrastructure and real estate management. Among others, the KBOB (Conference for the Coordination of Building and Construction Services of Public Owners) is developing recommendations for purchasing departments and strengthening the exchange of information between clients and the construction industry. In addition, from 2022 on, public authorities in Switzerland commit to the sustainable management of green spaces by signing a declaration (measure 20 of the action plan 2021-2023 implementing the Swiss strategy for sustainable development until 2030).
4. **Timeframe/milestones for the action, as appropriate:** e.g. publication of two new KBOB-recommendations
 - a. [Sustainable procurement in construction – part infrastructure](#) (published in 2021, in German, French and Italian)
 - b. Sustainable procurement in construction – part building construction (expected to be published in 2023, in German, French and Italian)
5. **Type of actionⁱⁱⁱ:** (a) legal, regulatory and policy instruments; and (c) information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments.
6. **Economic sectors^{iv}:** building and construction
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[2030 Sustainable Development Strategy \(admin.ch\)](#) (Measure 21 of the action plan)
[Les bases \(admin.ch\)](#)
https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2020/126/de#art_29
8. **Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: Promotion of sustainable procurement of building and construction services of public owners**
9. **SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** SDG9 (esp. SDG 9.1), SDG 12 (esp. 12.7.), SDG 11 (esp. SDG 11.6)
10. **Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:** ---
11. **Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:**
12. **Partners:** the two recommendations mentioned in 4. are developed by the KBOB in collaboration with the Sustainable Construction Network Switzerland ([NNBS](#))
13. **Contact points:** Swiss Federal Office for buildings and logistics (OFCL), Vera Kämpfen, vera.kaempfen@bbl.admin.ch ; Swiss Federal office for the Environment, Ruth Freiermuth, ruth.freiermuth@bafu.admin.ch

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