

Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference

Sustainable Infrastructure
Sustainable Tourism
Education for Sustainable Development

5-7 of October 2022
Nicosia-Cyprus

AGENDA

Greening the economic development in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

Wednesday, 5 October 2022,
13:10 – 14:40

Room 4, NTL Building of the Cyprus Institute

Languages: English-Russian [Live/Hybrid]

Zoom connection

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86303552622?pwd=eGdObGszR3BpVzIzNIQzMXloSlk5UT09>

Event's web page

<https://www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/gatf-efe-event.htm>

This side event of the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference will review progress in greening the economic development in the region of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central (EECCA), identify the main achievements and discuss the remaining and new challenges. The event will also review support provided to the region by the GREEN Action Task Force, hosted by the OECD.

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Background

For nearly 30 years, the OECD has been supporting the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) to improve their environmental policies and integrate environmental concerns into economic development. At the 8th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Batumi, Georgia (8-10 June 2016) the Ministers asked the OECD to continue its support through GREEN Action Task Force.

Objectives of the event

The side event at the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Nicosia, Cyprus (5-7 October 2022) will review progress in greening the economic development in the EECCA region, identify the main achievements and discuss the remaining and new challenges. The event will also review support that has been provided to the region by the GREEN Action Task Force, hosted by the OECD.

The discussion will engage high-level representatives from the EECCA and OECD countries, representatives of the civil society and development co-operation partners. The discussion will be supported by the findings of the OECD/GREEN Action Task Force report "[Greening the economic development in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia](#)" (see also the [Policy Highlights](#)).

About the GREEN Action Task Force

The GREEN Action Task Force (previously the EAP Task Force) has been a unique platform for interested OECD countries and development co-operation partners to work with the EECCA countries. Together, they develop policies that improve environmental quality and social well-being, while creating opportunities for strong economic growth and decent jobs in the EECCA region.

The GREEN Action Task Force promotes analysis and exchange of experience among countries on key environmental policy and institutional reforms and develops guidelines and best practices for environmental policy and institutional reforms.

Working with national governments, bilateral and multilateral development partners, think tanks and civil society organisations, the GREEN Task Force identifies best ways for environmental policy integration into the broader process of economic and political reform. It also works with donors and development finance institutions to upgrade institutional and human capacities for environmental management and to remove obstacles to investments in the environmental sector.

The platform has mobilised result-oriented financial and technical support to the region, which responded to policy priorities set by each EECCA country and serve as models for environmental policy reform.

For more information, please visit <https://oe.cd/GATF>

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| 13:10 - 13:20 | <p>1. Welcome and introductory remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Jürgen Keinhorst, Co-Chair of the GREEN Action Task Force, Germany |
| 13:20 - 13:35 | <p>2. Main findings from the OECD/GREEN Action Task Force report “Greening the economic development in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Krzysztof Michalak and Mr Takayoshi Kato, GREEN Action Task Force Secretariat, Environment Directorate, OECD |
| 13:35 – 14:30 | <p>3. High-level panel discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Kumi Kitamori, Deputy Director, Environment Directorate, OECD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment, the Republic of Moldova – Ms Gayane Gabrielyan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Armenia – Ms Zulfiya Suleimenova, Vice Minister, Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan – Ms Nino Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia – Ms Ina Coseru, Member of Parliament, the Republic of Moldova – Mr Davor Percan, Head of Unit, Bilateral and Regional Environmental Cooperation, DG Environment, European Commission – Ms Adina Relicovschi, Principal Advisor, European Investment Bank <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Discussion questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What would you consider as one or two greatest achievements over the last six years in the area of environment protection and greening the economy in your country/the EECCA region? ● What is the greatest remaining or new challenge and how to address it? </div> |
| 14:30 – 14:40 | <p>4. Summary and closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Kumi Kitamori, Deputy Director, Environment Directorate, OECD – Mr Jürgen Keinhorst, Co-Chair of the GREEN Action Task Force, Germany |