



Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP GREEN)

Green growth measurement in Azerbaijan

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1. A workshop “Green Growth Measurement in Azerbaijan” was organised on 19 May 2016 in Baku, Azerbaijan under the European Union regional project “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN). Participants included representatives of the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Statistical Committee, State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources, representatives of the European delegation to Azerbaijan, UNDP and OECD as well as national and international experts (see the full list of participants in Annex 2).

2. The main objectives of the meeting were to:

- discuss how to adapt the OECD methodology for identifying national green growth indicators in Azerbaijan;
- identify possible steps to develop a full set of green growth indicators, including the establishment of a working group on green growth indicators development in Azerbaijan; and
- consider how to best integrate green growth measurement in the governmental agenda, including the possibility of developing a report on green growth in Azerbaijan using relevant indicators.

Agenda Item 1. Opening remarks

3. The participants took note of welcoming remarks by Mr. Jeroen Willems (EU Delegation to Azerbaijan), Mr. Samad Bashirli (Ministry of Economy), and Krzysztof Michalak (OECD). The speakers:

- underlined the importance of integrating the green economy concept in strategic policy documents, especially as part of the 2020 Future Vision of Azerbaijan and the Economic Reform Road Map that promote economic and energy diversification;
- highlighted steps already taken by Azerbaijan to promote green growth, in the areas of energy, transport, industrial and urban development policies as well as waste management and expanding environmental infrastructure;
- highlighted the opportunities provided by the EU support to the country, including via the EaP GREEN project and the EU twinning programmes;
- underlined the importance of the EaP GREEN project in supporting cross-sectoral analysis and inter-ministerial arrangements to green economy reform; and
- reiterated the need to disseminate results to a wide range of stakeholders and to ensure longer-term sustainability of efforts to green economic development.

Agenda Item 2. Efforts to green the national economy

4. Under this agenda item the participants:

- Took note of the presentation by Mr. İlgar Valiyev and Ms. Rena Lazimova, State Statistical Committee of Azerbaijan, on the Committee’s work on environmental and economic information, including on the forthcoming state programme on statistics.

- Took note of the presentation by Mr. Elchin Mamedov, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, which outlined recent efforts on climate change mitigation, support to renewable energy, reforestation, and better water management.
- Took note the presentation by Mr. Mr. Sabit Zeyniyev, which outlined several positive features of the Tamiz Shahar project, implemented to improve municipal waste management in Baku, with technical assistance from the World Bank as an example of recent initiatives to green economic growth.

Agenda Item 3-5. Monitoring progress towards green growth

5. Under this agenda item the participants:

- Took note of the presentation by Mr. Krzysztof Michalak and Ms. Mikaela Rambali (OECD) on the OECD green growth measurement framework and its application in OECD member and non-Member countries.
- Took note of presentations by Ms. Tatiana Gustafikova from the Slovak Environment Agency and Ms. Tetiana Kvasha from the Ukrainian Institute of Scientific Technical and Economic Information on the practical application of green growth indicators in Slovakia and Ukraine.

Agenda Items 6-7. Discussion on possible Green Growth Indicators in Azerbaijan report and on the establishment of the Working Group on Green Growth Indicators.

6. This part of the workshop was devoted to the discussion of the necessary steps to develop a government report on Green Growth Indicators in Azerbaijan and to establish the Working Group on Green Growth Indicators. The participants:

- agreed to join forces to develop, possibly by end 2016, a GGIs-based report that would present the state and trends of greening the Azeri economy using the OECD set of indicators;
- recognising that adequate information to develop all indicators may not be available, agreed to work with the information existing in different agencies and explore possible ways to broaden the coverage of analysis;
- agreed on the need to establish a working group on GGI which will lead and co-ordinate work of relevant Ministries and other stakeholders as appropriate;
- agreed that the working group is led by the Ministry of Economy in close co-operation with the Ministry of the Environment and the State Statistical Committee. They took note of the interest of the State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy to participate in the work of the group;
- agreed that the composition, duration and mandate of the working group on GGI will be further defined with the help of the OECD.

7. It was also agreed that the preparation of a report on GGI (as well as a stock-taking and gap analysis) will be undertaken by an external consultant in collaboration with local experts and relevant stakeholders/members of the Working Group. The OECD will provide funding for hiring consultants through the EaP GREEN project.

Agenda Item 8. Conclusions and next steps

8. Mr. Krzysztof Michalak and Mr. Ayaz Gadirov thanked the participants, for their active participation in the discussions and expression of support for the GGI project in Azerbaijan.

9. It was agreed that all the presentations from the meeting would be made available on the EaP GREEN web site: <http://www.green-economies-eap.org/home/>.

Annex II
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