



Better Enterprises – Cleaner Environment - Green Economy

Consultative Dialogue

Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) for manufacturing sector in Belarus

Monday 25th of May 2015, 09:30 – 13:00

Venue: Minsk, Leningradskaya str., 20, room 516, building of FIR BSU

Background

The European Commission has established EaP GREEN, a Partnership for Environment and Growth that supports the Government of Belarus and other members of the Eastern Partnership to start the transformation to a green economy (<http://www.eap-green.org>). Within the framework of EaP GREEN the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) implements a Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Programme in Belarus (www.recp.by)

RECP is a globally proven approach to improve productivity and reduce environmental impacts of enterprises in manufacturing and associated sectors (www.unido.org/cp). This is good for business, the environment and climate, and indeed economy and society at large, as has also been confirmed by the findings in five companies from food and chemical sectors in Belarus since mid- 2014.

A consultative dialogue is called to further explore the relevance and benefits of RECP in Belarus, in the context of national development objectives and business interests, with a view to further foster inclusive and sustainable industrial development of the country. The dialogue results will guide further communication and outreach activities aimed at mobilizing manufacturing enterprises to adapt and adopt RECP, as a way to improve their business.

Objectives and Approach

The consultative dialogue is organized to draw on the expertise and insights of stakeholders representing government, business and civil society to customize and domesticate RECP to national context in Belarus, including business and government agendas, natural resource and environmental issues, business organization, language and culture.

Participants are first invited to reflect on RECP concept and terminology and improve it to ease understanding and acceptance in Belarus, in particular among manufacturing and related enterprises. Next, the dialogue will zoom into the current environment and natural resource situation in the country, as determinants of the business environment in Belarus. Throughout it is aimed to identify good environment and resource conservation practices of enterprises, and understand their motivation and benefits.

Provisional agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 - 09:45	Opening Remarks and Tour de Table Introductions by co-facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Zinaida FADEEVA, Senior Specialist – Policy & Strategy, United Nations University – Institute for the Advanced Studies of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) • A/Prof Thomas LINDHQVIST, International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics (IIIEE), Lund University 	René VAN BERKEL, Chief, Industrial Resource Efficiency Unit, UNIDO, Siarhei DAROZHKA, National RECP Coordinator
09:45-11:15	Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP): towards a taxonomy for Belarus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Concept and Terminology • Break out group discussions on local terminology, focused on RECP goals, benefits, practices and methodology • Discussion and consolidation of draft local terms and taxonomy 	René VAN BERKEL All Zinaida FADEEVA Thomas LINDHQVIST
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:45	Natural Resource and Environment: driver for business success in Belarus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock take of present environmental and resource management situation in Belarus and relevance of RECP • Break out group discussions to explore in depth key issues for and good practices in Belarus • Discussion and consolidation of business drivers and agenda for RECP in Belarus 	Zinaida FADEEVA Thomas LINDHQVIST All
12:45 – 13:00	Conclusions, feed-back and next steps	René VAN BERKEL, Chief, Industrial Resource Efficiency Unit, UNIDO, Siarhei DAROZHKA, National RECP Coordinator
13:00	Lunch	

The RECP demonstration project in Belarus is implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the framework of the European Union’s EaP GREEN programme that supports eastern partnership countries to green their economies. The Government of Slovenia, Development Bank of Austria and UNIDO provide additional funding. This consultative dialogue on customization of RECP to Belarus is further supported by the United Nations University – Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS).