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**Outcome Statement from the Eastern European Regional
Meeting of the Ten Year Framework of Programmes on
Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns**



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The Rio+20 adopted Ten Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (SCP) is a global framework for action to accelerate the shift towards SCP in both developed and developing countries. The framework supports the development, scaling-up and replication of policies, voluntary measures, management practices and consumer information tools that promote resource efficiency and decouple countries' economic growth from environmental degradation. It also aims to enhance international cooperation, facilitate access to technical and financial assistance and build countries' capacities to increase the net contribution of their economic activities to poverty eradication and social development. At present, 124 countries have appointed national 10YFP focal points and are actively participating in this inter-governmental initiative.

The 10YFP Regional meeting for Eastern Europe was held in Bucharest 9-10th February 2016. It was attended by 46 participants from 14 countries in the region, including H.E. the Minister of Environment, Water and Forests of Romania, along with further representatives from government and civil society. The 10YFP and its programmes could be an important supporting mechanism for the implementation of the Batumi Initiatives on Green Economy (BIG-E) actions. In light of this, the following statement was developed and agreed on by the participants from the region:

The sustainable consumption and production (SCP) approach, encompassing policies and measures on both the supply and demand side, is a central requirement for the transition to a green economy.

The objective of shifting to SCP patterns is cross-cutting, reflected in goal 12 of the SDGs, and in targets of many of the other SDGs. Focusing on this shift represents an opportunity to develop more coherent strategies and policies and complement approaches and instruments specific to environmental media. As such the SCP approach and collaboration in the context of the Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns ("the 10YFP") represent important opportunities to enhance coherence and integration of policies at national, regional and sub-regional levels in the pan-European region.

Enhanced cross-sectoral coordination is key to designing policies which promote the shift to SCP patterns – this can also facilitate the transition to a green economy. Strengthening inter-ministerial coordination mechanisms at the national level and, if considered necessary, establishing a working group or forum on SCP at regional or sub-regional levels, could also leverage political will and enhance collaboration for policy-making on SCP.

There are also opportunities to enhance pan-European engagement in the 10YFP, including by strengthened partnership and collaboration between countries facing various SCP-related challenges.

There is a need to enhance engagement of the private sector and civil society in the 10YFP. In addition it is necessary to support SMEs, enabling them to make the shift to more resource efficient and cleaner production patterns. Such support to SMEs should include both financial and technological elements.

Additional policies and incentives may be required to enhance the contribution of large, and in particular multi-national companies, to shift to SCP patterns.

The full potential of civil society to promote the shift to SCP patterns should be harnessed, engaging them more in the 10YFP, thereby expanding the opportunities in the framework and its programmes for increased collaboration between all stakeholders at national and regional levels.

The current six 10YFP programmes are all relevant for the Eastern European region: Sustainable Public Procurement; Consumer Information; Sustainable Tourism; Sustainable Building and Construction; Sustainable Lifestyles and Education; and Sustainable Food Systems. Collaboration within the pan-European region on these policies and sectors, and with countries in other regions around the world also engaged in these programmes, should build on analysis, policies and best practices that have been undertaken and adopted in Eastern Europe and elsewhere. Synergy with other ongoing processes should also be ensured.

The 10YFP and its Global SCP Clearinghouse serve as an important platform for exchange of information and best practices on making the shift to SCP patterns.