

Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E) Actions by Slovenia

Country: Slovenia

Title:

Partnership for transition to a green economy

Overarching actions; Focus area 4, 7 and 9: Shift consumer behaviours towards sustainable consumption patterns; Increase green and decent jobs, while developing the necessary human capital; Promote public participation and education for sustainable development.

Description of the action: Special attention is focused on achieving wider social consensus and the more active participation of everyone in the process of shifting to a green economy. For this reason, on 29 October 2015 the Slovenian Government adopted the Framework Programme for Transition to a Green Economy (FP). It is essential for the FP that all stakeholders cooperate well, so the green thread running through implementation of the Programme is based on setting up a structured dialogue or partnership of all stakeholders.

With the adoption of the Framework Programme for Transition to a Green Economy and the activities pursued by departments in 2015 and 2016, the Slovenian Government has set out a long-term development vision, orientation and strategy, and has started taking the first systematic steps to link together sectoral policies and measures. For this vision to be fulfilled, all the relevant stakeholders need to coordinate their activities. The FP represents a substantive and administrative framework. It supports numerous activities that will contribute to green growth under the FP in the areas of:

- 1) Sustainable management of resources: Water, Waste as a resource, Physical space as potential, Protected natural areas, Forests, Wood, Opportunity for greater social inclusion
- 2) Greening of the economy
- 3) New green jobs
- 4) Green products and services
- 5) Green budget reform
- 6) Sustainable urban development: Sustainable construction, Sustainable mobility
- 7) Green public procurement
- 8) Training for a green economy
- 9) Green farming practices
- 10) Supporting e-activities: e-Space: e-Waters: e-Environment:

Main actions, the stakeholders will deliver:

1. Partnership for a green economy
An active, structured and continuous dialogue with key stakeholders is vital for implementation of the Framework Programme and seeking new solutions. In the process of Partnership for a Green Economy, which in addition to Slovenian Government representatives will involve other stakeholders, especially those representing the commercial sector, the regional and local levels, non-governmental organisations and others, dialogue will be essential. The process will involve the use of IT tools and will comprise consultations, workshops and cyclical meetings aimed at

monitoring implementation of the measures laid out and the achievement of targets, exchanges of opinion and seeking new solutions.

2. Coordinating green policies and harmonising the activities of government departments

Linking together existing policies and activities, and building upon them, will be vital to the success of the transition to a green economy. Coordination and harmonisation of government department activities will be ensured by the Interdepartmental Working Group of state secretaries, coordinated by the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning.

3. Establishing a platform through the promotion and support of examples of best practices

Slovenia has numerous examples of best practices that can serve the flow of knowledge and the linking of stakeholders. Information on existing examples of best practices, which will be supplemented during the process, will be accessible on the website. The website will serve as a common entry point for stakeholders and will facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge, promote learning from examples of best practices and enable the flow of information on interested partners, accessibility of funds available for financing projects linked to the transition to a green economy and project proposals from all interested stakeholders.

4. Awareness-raising and promotion of a green economy

The green economy is presented to the public through special publications and organised events, consultations and workshops. The website Transition to a Green Economy (Prehod v zeleno gospodarstvo, www.vlada.si/zeleno) serves for the provision of transparent and updated information on the work of the Partnership for Transition to a Green Economy, information on events, materials and links and serves as a two-way communication on proposals and examples of best practices. At the same time it will be possible via the website to monitor implementation of action plan measures and achievement of FP targets.

Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate: Long term- Continuing activity

Type of action: Legal, regulatory and policy instrument + information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments

Economic sectors: economy-wide

Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate: public budget

Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome: There is great potential for being more effective and achieving the targets of transition to a green economy in enhanced cooperation among departments and stakeholders, in the coordination of policy measures and in strengthening all factors in society as a whole. It is important here to link together all structures of administration, both vertically, i.e. from national to local, from policy and

measures design to implementation, and horizontally, i.e. among individual sectors and also with branches and professions for developing innovative solutions. Alongside the level of administration, a key part is played by other stakeholders such as the commercial sector, unions, experts and universities, non-profit and non-governmental institutions and the general public.

Support for the development and implementation of policies is possible only with the provision of networking and a common search for solutions. Young people will need to have an important and active role in this, since future development will have the greatest impact on them. At the same time it is they who represent the boundless potential for new ideas and the driving force in enacting these structural changes.

SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement: Targets: most specifically: 7, 9, 11, 12, but also 3, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15

Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) recommendations, as appropriate: —

Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:

Partners: Governmental bodies, economic actors, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders.

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