

Accelerating the Transition towards a Circular and Resource Efficient Economy in the UNECE Region

Policy options for harnessing the power of trade and economic cooperation: *Key findings & way forward*

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Circular Economy & Trade Nexus



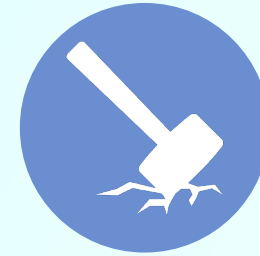
From one-way to two-way supply chains



From trade in primary to trade in secondary materials



From global to more regional and local trade



From dependence to more resilience

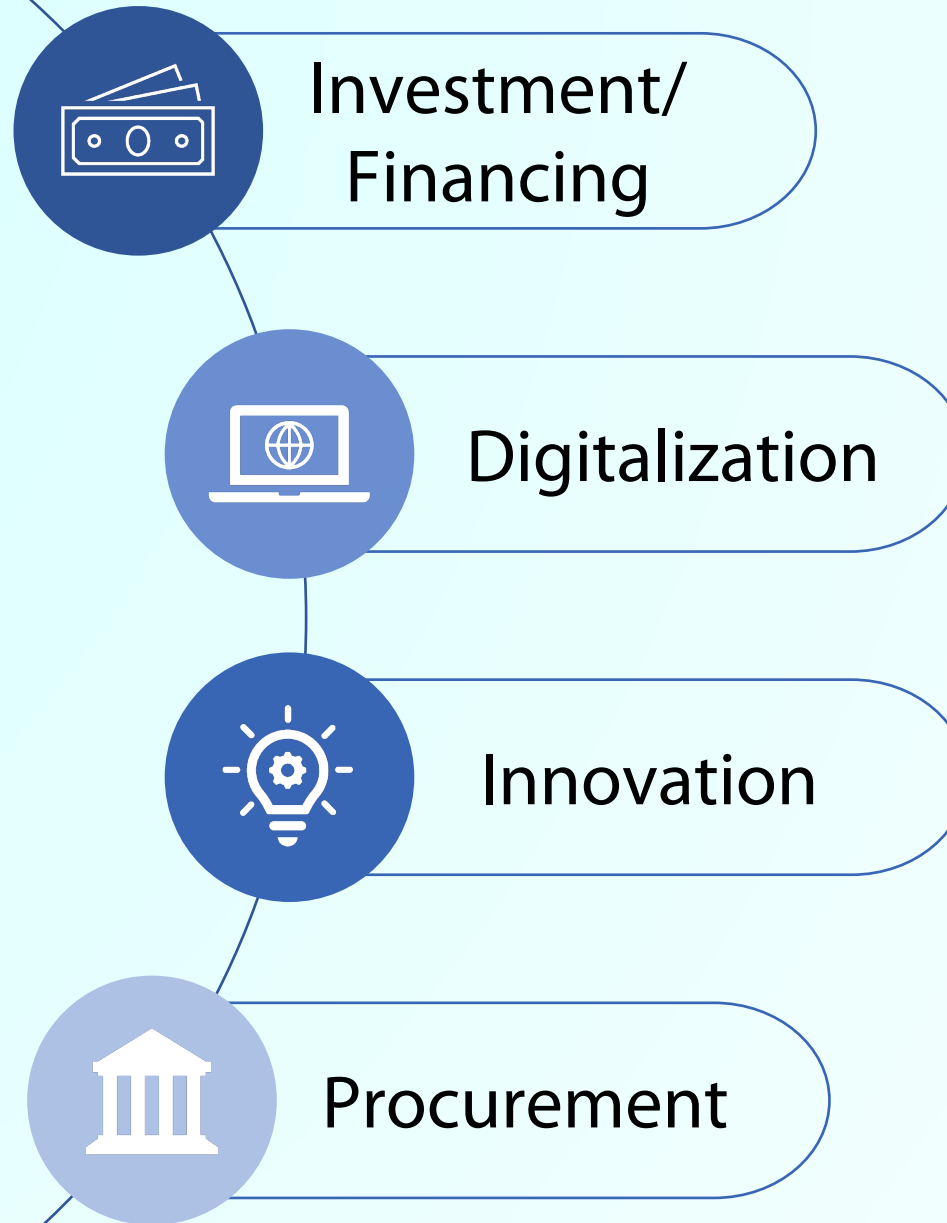


From analog to digital



From trade in goods to trade in services

Policy Interactions



Specific Sectors

Trade in
Agriculture



Trade in
Textiles



Trade in
Services



Trade in
Critical Minerals



Regulatory Framework

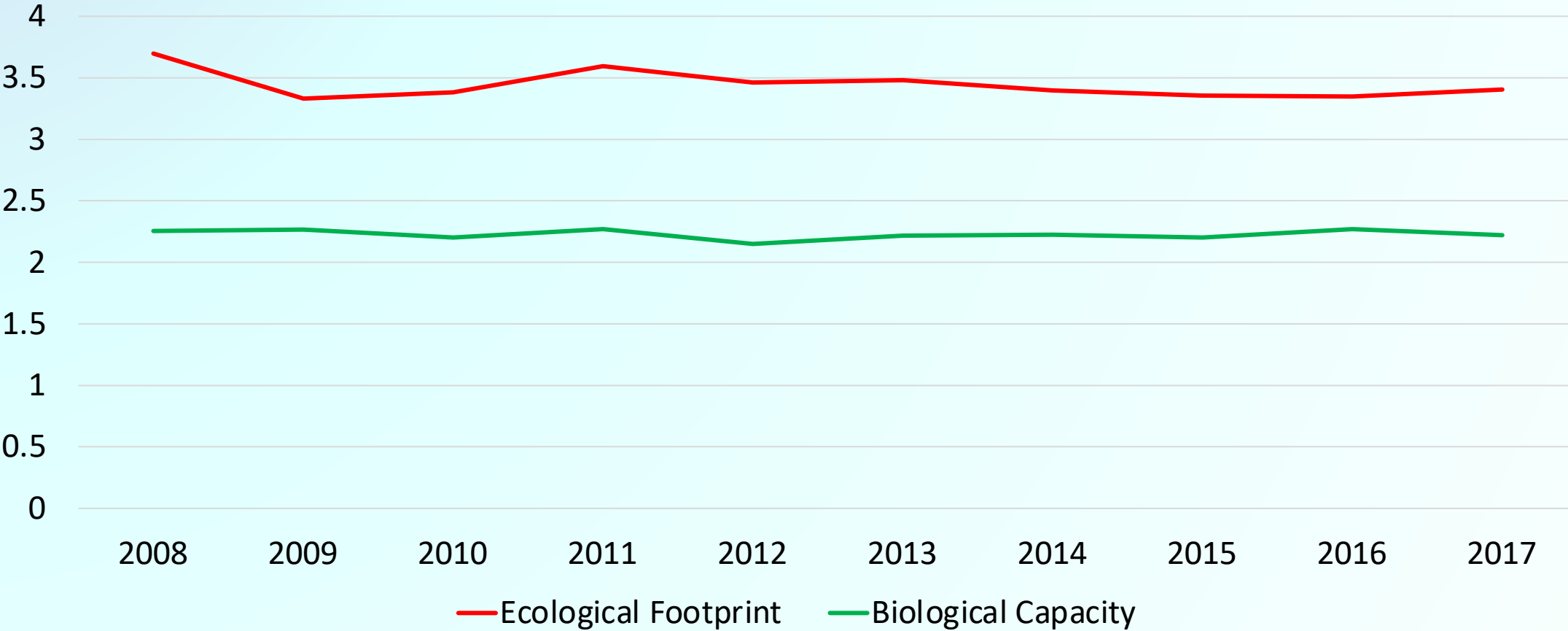


Circular Economy and Transition Economies



- Circular Economy as a **recovery** strategy
- Combining **labor-intensive and innovative** activities
- Supporting **MSMEs**
- Addressing both **production and consumption**
- **Integration** into regional and global value chains

Ecological footprint and biological capacity per capita, region, past 10 years



Some Recommendations

- **HS code** needs to be updated
- **Re-regulating trade** in waste/scrap, second-hand goods, remanufactured goods
- Eliminating environmentally harmful **subsidies** and disincentivizing consumption of virgin raw materials
- Revising the **Trade Facilitation Agreement**
- **Awareness** raising and advocacy
- **Exchange** of experiences
- **Research** & cooperation
- Integrating Circular Economy into **strategies**
- **Supply chains** as drivers of Circular Economy
- Transition to circularity needs to be **inclusive**

Food for Thought & Way Forward



- Circular Economy as a **misunderstood** and disregarded concept
- Circular Economy as a driver of **development**
- Circular Economy needs to be applied **universally**
- **Standards** and RoO as key drivers of the uptake?
- Transparency in **the supply chains**
- More or less **trade** in the circular economy?
- **Fragmentation** of efforts on all levels
- **Who** should drive the circularity?



Thank you!

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