

FLASH REPORT

KYRGYZSTAN NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



Background

On 14 November 2019, the SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility supported by the European Union Delegation to Kyrgyzstan organised the first Multi-stakeholder Consultation on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). The event brought together 30 stakeholders, including policy makers, Universities, international organisations, practitioners and civil society to discuss challenges and identify national priorities on SCP focused on the national green economy policy and the United Nations Global Sustainable Agenda 2030.

The meeting was opened by Avtandil Alybayev, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economy and Eduard Auer, Head of the EU Delegation to Kyrgyzstan.

The SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility experts explained then the importance of SCP and applied approach as well as presented the outcomes of Kyrgyzstan's national SCP assessment before initiating an interactive discussion between the different stakeholders on current challenges, needs and opportunities.

Representatives from the Government shared their insights on the current policies related to SCP and Green/Circular Economy in Kyrgyzstan. Presentations focused on the Concept of Green Economy which was approved by Zhogorgy Kenesh, and which defines Kyrgyzstan as the "Green Economy Country". The Green Economy Programme (2019-2023) was also presented together with its seven "green" priorities: clean transport, organic products, green cities, green industry, green energy, sustainable tourism, waste management.

Asad Naqvi, Head of Secretariat, UN Page subsequently explained how UN Page is supporting Kyrgyzstan in the preparation of the Green Economy Programme, the establishment of an inter-ministerial group, and the preparation of training programmes on green economy modelling and training on environmental and social risks for banks. Meder Seitkasymov, CAREC Representative in

Kyrgyzstan showcased the NEXUS project funded by the EU and announced that final results will be discussed next week in Turkmenistan.

Key Observations

In his opening remarks, Avtandil Alybayev, Deputy-Minister of the Ministry of Economy acknowledged that the Sustainable Consumption and Production Programme was already launched for Central Asian region and it is a great opportunity to expand the participation of all stakeholders for more active promotion of the green economy in the country and joint activities in this direction with stakeholders from the private and civil sectors. Eduard Auer, Head of the EU Delegation to Kyrgyzstan also recognised that today's meeting will serve as a driver to define needs and priority areas of SCP and provide to national stakeholders the opportunity to set a strategic direction in the next years.

Recommendations and Next Steps

Among other outcomes, the following could be highlighted:

- The need to further work on SCP and the shift towards a more Circular Economy, in particular in the agri-food sector;
- The need to invest and boost innovation in clean and low carbon transportation;
- With regards to the building sector, legislation needs to be better implemented and an independent system for assessing energy efficiency should be established.

Follow-up Activities

Follow-up activities might include, but are not limited to:

- The Ministry of Economy will prepare a detailed demand to be addressed to the EU Delegation to provide technical assistance on the preparation of green building standards, procedures and certification, that will set the energy efficiency requirements for new buildings;
- Opportunities for transitioning to green and low carbon transports will be explored;
- Activities aimed to support SMEs and promote the circular economy approach in the agri-food sector will also be spearheaded.

Please find a few [photos](#) and the [press release](#) issued at the event, as well as the [Brochure](#), including the Agenda, some background information and an overview of speakers.