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SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA IN ENHANCING GOVERNANCE & POLICIES FOR A TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

GEORGIAN SOCIETY OF NATURE EXPLORERS “ORCHIS”

Press Release

Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Ballroom

10th September 2024, 10:00 – 14:30

On 10th September 2024, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA) and Georgian Society of Nature Explorers “Orchis” (GSNE “Orchis”) will organize in Tbilisi City a National Meeting to present the draft Circularity Roadmap for Georgia 2024 to the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Board for Circular Economy of the Government of Georgia (GoG) and other key stakeholders.

The National Meeting is planned in the frames of the “Supporting the Government of Georgia in Enhancing Governance and Policies for a Transition to a Circular Economy” Sub-Project of the UNDP’s Governance Reform Fund (GRF) Project funded by the Government of Sweden. The GSNE “Orchis” represents an implementing agency for the Sub-Project, whereas the MEPA has a coordinating role.

The National Meeting is planned to present and discuss key findings of the draft Circularity Roadmap to finalize the document according to the received feedback. The National Meeting has been preceded by four Plenary Meetings and more than ten consultation meetings which took place during the course of last year to ensure coordination and consultations with the governmental entities having key role for the transition to a circular economy.

“Supporting the Government of Georgia in Enhancing Governance and Policies for a Transition to a Circular Economy” Sub-Project has been implemented in the frames of the UNDP’s Governance Reform Fund (GRF) Project funded by the Government of Sweden. Together with the preparation of the national roadmap to a circular economy for the country, it comprises building capacity of key stakeholders including the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Board, MEPA, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure and other governmental agencies in the areas of circular economy, Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG), green public procurement, and sustainable finance to accelerate the transition to circular economy and achieve sustainable development in the country.

The implementation of the Sub-Project is led by the Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, Chairperson of the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Board of the GoG Acad. Solomon Pavliashvili and International Expert in the Circular Economy, ESG and Sustainable Finance, Team Leader of GSNE “Orchis” Dr. Dariusz Prasek - former Director of Operations in Environmental and Sustainability Department of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, member of the United Nations Advisory Board on Circular Economy, and Independent Expert on Development Financing at IDB Invest. They are supported by the team of GSNE “Orchis” comprising experts having sound knowledge of the Georgian economy, sustainable development and environmental, social and governance issues.

- The concept of circular economy is regenerative by design and aims to gradually decouple growth from the consumption of finite resources. It is often linked to the provision of Sustainable Development Goals and the Green Economy.
- The transition to a circular economy requires a radical, systemic change in the way we produce and consume. Among others, this includes the establishment of a well-functioning, non-distortive policy and regulatory framework.
- To foster the transition to a circular economy, the GoG has initiated development of the national roadmap to a circular economy as a strategic plan that defines a long-term vision for circular economy for the country and establishes the main initiatives required to achieve it. The draft Circularity Roadmap has been made available in July 2024. It is based on the new 2020 European Union Circular Economy Action Plan - a fundamental component of the European Green Deal, Georgia's commitment to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), findings of 2022 Circular Economy Mapping, and consultations with key stakeholders.

The National Meeting will be organized commonly by the MEPA and GSNE "Orchis" in the frames of the "Supporting the Government of Georgia in Enhancing Governance and Policies for a Transition to a Circular Economy" Sub-Project of the UNDP's Governance Reform Fund (GRF) Project funded by the Government of Sweden. The Sub-Project is being implemented by the GSNE "Orchis", and the MEPA has a coordinating role.

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