



CONFERENCE SUMMARY REPORT

“Implementation of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production in Ukraine”

National conference

14 December 2016

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Kyiv, Ukraine



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BACKGROUND

Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) is the continuous application of preventive environmental strategies to processes, products and services to increase efficiency and reduce risks to humans and the environment. RECP addresses the three sustainability dimensions individually and synergistically:

- Production Efficiency – optimization of the productive use of natural resources (materials, energy and water);
- Environmental management – minimization of impacts on environment and nature;
- Human Development – minimization of risks to people and communities and support for their development.

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) cooperate to promote the transition towards sustainable industrial systems in developing and transition countries. This is part of their broader programmes on promoting Green Industry and Green Economy, respectively. Specifically, their joint Programme on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) aims to improve the overall resource efficiency and environmental performance of businesses and other organisations.

National Cleaner Production Centres have been established since 1994 in over 45 countries with support from several donors, in particular the Governments of Switzerland and Austria. NCPs provide services in regard to awareness creation, professional training, in-plant assessments, policy advice and technology transfer. Their activities have clearly proven the economic and environmental benefits of applying Cleaner Production (CP) in businesses and have facilitated the integration of CP in national policy frameworks. The current RECP Programme provides a comprehensive strategic and coherent framework to scale-up and mainstream NCP activities and results, nationally, regionally and globally.

Implementation of RECP in Ukraine started with pilot project in 2007. National Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre in Ukraine (RECPC-UA) was established in Ukraine in 2013 with support of Ministry of Economic development and Trade of Ukraine in the frame of the UNIDO program under the project “Promoting the Adaptation and Adoption of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) through the Establishment and Operation of a Cleaner Production Centre (CPC) in Ukraine”. Since then it successfully operates.

The regional programme "*Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood*" (*EaP GREEN*) assists six countries of the European Union Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership (namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) in progressing faster towards a green economy framework. The four year programme, which began in 2013 and will be extended until September 2017, is financed by the European Commission, with additional co-financing from the Government of Slovenia, the Development Bank of Austria and the implementing Organizations, namely the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The programme's activities are structured around three components:

- Governance and financing tools;
- Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (IEA); and
- Demonstration projects to green selected economic sectors (manufacturing, agriculture, food production and processing, construction).

The overall objective of the regional RECP Demonstration Component is to improve the resource productivity and environmental performance of businesses and other organizations in the target industry sectors in the EaP countries and thereby contribute to sustainable industrial development and generation of employment and incomes through the implementation of RECP concepts, methods, practices and techniques by enterprises and other organizations.

RECPC-UA is an implementing organization of Demonstration component of EaP GREEN programme in Ukraine.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



On December 14, 2016 the *National Conference “Implementation of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production in Ukraine”* was held in Premier Hotel “Rus” (Kyiv, Ukraine). The event was organized in the framework of UNIDO’s project “Promoting the Adaptation and Adoption of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) through the Establishment and Operation of a Cleaner Production Centre (CPC) in Ukraine” and demonstration component “Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP)” under programme “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighborhood of European Union” (EaP GREEN).

The main objectives of the Conference were:

- disseminating achieved results of RECP implementation activities in Ukraine;
- awareness raising and understanding of the RECP opportunities and benefits at the national and regional levels among enterprises, government and civil society;
- discussing the current progress in transfer to green economy and further steps in greening of industry in Ukraine; and
- attracting donor support for technical assistance in the area of environment and green industry for further realization of RECP programmes in Ukraine.



National RECP conference was organized as an event to bring together representatives from Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Swiss Cooperation Office, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre in Ukraine, regional state administrations and Kyiv district administrations, business associations, NGOs, international environmental projects and programs, enterprises from different regions of Ukraine.



Over one hundred participants attended the event. Informational materials, project publications there were presented, as well as speakers’ presentations according to the Agenda (see Annex 1).

The following report will provide the reader with the main messages of the key speakers as well the recommendations based on the discussions.

SECTION 1: OPENING REMARKS

The official opening of this conference included speeches from **Mr Igor Shylovych**, Director of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre in Ukraine, **Mr Oleksandr Chernykh**, Director of the Industrial Policy Department of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, **Mr Nicolas Guigas**, Deputy Director of Cooperation, Swiss Cooperation Office in Ukraine, **Ms Tatiana Chernyavskaya**, International Coordinator of Demonstration RECP Project under EaP GREEN Programme, UNIDO, **Ms Liudmyla Musina**, National Focal Point for cooperation with UNIDO, Focal Point of EaP GREEN Programme in Ukraine from Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and **Ms Nataliia Trofimenko**, National Focal Point of EaP GREEN Programme from Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine.



Mr Igor Shylovych, expressed his gratitude to participants of the conference, Project management from UNIDO and Swiss Cooperation Office in Ukraine for support during the RECP Projects implementation. He also thanked the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, as the main subject ministries for Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production implementation in Ukraine and other organizations for participation in the meeting. Mr. Shylovych made a point of the intensification of cooperation between governmental organizations, NGOs, educational institutions and private sector to introduce the Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production methods and practices to Ukrainian sectors of economy.



Mr Oleksandr Chernykh welcomed the participants and noted that on behalf of the the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and confirmed that issues of the resource efficient and cleaner production are imperative for Ukraine because material and energy intensive manufacturing takes a considerable part of the national industrial structure. The government recognise as necessary the development of industry and its' technological component as well as rising of production export to the markets of developed countries.

“The Industrial Complex Development Strategy of Ukraine til 2015 year” is the document which is elaborated in the Ministry aimed to determine the long-term guidelines of development of the national industry. Energy efficiency, resource productivity and its rational consumption, reduction of pollution intensity should be the priorities of the industrial reorganisation.

Mr Chernykh expressed the appreciation to the partner countries, UNIDO and other international organizations for the input to the greening of Ukrainian economy and industry by means of the projects realization.



Mr Gigas in his welcome speech emphasized that RECP is an important project for economy of Ukraine, and especially industrial sector, for many reasons. First of all it allow to industry to save costs and more competitive, considering orientation to the EU markets. If Ukraine becomes capable to produce industrial products with less energy consumed – this fact will promote Ukrainian exports development and industrial products sales to Western Europe

He pointed out that this project provide advice to the companies with aim to be sustainable in the long run. The Swiss Confederation support RECP to developing sustainable Ukraine and bit by bit to scale up its demensoin.



Ms Chernyavskaya expressed her gratitude to the guests of the conference: representatives of ministries and other authoritis, enterprises, experts' community, who help the UNIDO in the implementation of those tasks the RECP project have not only in Ukraine but in other EU Eastern partnership countries. It is about resource efficiency am cleaner production, environmentally responsible business, peoples wellbeing.

UNIDOs technical support and RECP methodology was brought to Ukraine, but it could be hardly

implemented without support of the donors and governments of the countries, which hold up this direction, such as governments of Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia and others.

Also speaker noted that participants and Ukrainian enterprises and work of national project team is the core to forward the green growth and sustainable development.



Ms Musina stated the current progress in the cooperation between Ukraine and UNIDO, ongoing projects and perspectives. She underlined that it is very important that in the Resource efficient and cleaner production UNIDO's projects there are sufficient practices obtained and ideas disseminated among wide range of enterprises in Ukraine. She noted that valuable materials and documents were developed and published by the team of RECP demonstration project in the framework of EaP GREEN programme and recommended to continue such activities towards greening national economy.



Ms Trofimenko was speaking on behalf of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine as Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine on European Integration couldn't attend the event. In her speech interest of the ministry in the implementation of the resource efficient and cleaner production was confirmed. Issues of green growth and green economy are in the main vector of the ministry's work. Today overconsumption of natural resources and energy coupled with the waste generation encourage to transform to another model of production and consumption to save environment for future generations.

Due to the EaP GREEN programme great work was done for understanding of the green economy principles and approaches and there is hope for continuation of the cooperation with EU for strengthening the potential towards realization of global sustainable goals.

SECTION 2: ADAPTATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOURCE EFFICIENT AND CLEANER PRODUCTION IN UKRAINE



The second part of the conference was devoted to the presentation of results of implementation of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production in Ukraine by RECPC-UA in 2016.

In the presentation **Mr Shylovych** informed the participants about the UNIDO Project and progress of its implementation during 2016. The Centre is operating in six regions of Ukraine; it provided services on complex technical assessment to 32 companies and trained more than 61 experts in RECP methodology in 2016.

In 2016 the Centre enhanced its information dissemination activity: 37 conferences were conducted; the Centre staff participated in 87 specialized conferences and workshops in Ukraine and abroad with the purpose of dissemination of information on RECP benefits among its partners and other organizations.

The Centre supports the development of gender policy when implementing RECP concept in industry; it contributes to the improvement of working conditions of women in the workplaces. The Centre advocates gender equality and equal employment opportunities for men and women.

The Centre cooperates with a number of Ukrainian and international organizations and companies; it has signed a number of memorandums and agreements on cooperation.

During 2016 the Centre participated in training course and received a certificate of quality management ISO 9000: 2015.



For presenting results archived at the companies, participating in the UNIDO Project in Kyiv region in 2016, was introduced Mr. Olexiy Tchaykovskiy, RECP Coordinator in Kyiv region and representatives from the companies' management or technical experts.

Six companies finished the year with significant results on RECP implementation, the companies reduced energy consumption, materials and water resources use with the technical options developed by

RECP experts. At the same time goods manufactured or services provided by the companies retained at the previous level, said director of representative company in Kyiv region. The RECP Centre received positive responses from the companies' management and technical staff.

Since 2013, over 100 Ukrainian enterprises got involved in RECP projects. The RECPC worked out technical options and innovations that allow these companies and enterprises saving raw materials – over 20,000 tons, water – 600,000 m³, electricity – 127,000 MWh. Greenhouse gas emissions reduction is over 30,000 tons of CO₂-eq. The RECP implemented options produced the most significant results in metallurgical, construction, metal processing, chemical, food processing and agricultural industries.



In Section 2 the representative of the State Export-Import Bank of Ukraine (JSC Ukreximbank), **Mr Maksym Maruschak** voiced the necessity of financial support for the project implementation on resource efficiency and energy efficiency in Ukraine. The projects with ecology component are the most important for the future sustainable development of Ukrainian economy, said Mr Maruschak. The JSC Ukreximbank expresses its gratitude for the RECP Centre and the efforts of technical experts, who will be the leaders in the green economy development.



SECTION 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF DEMONSTRATION RECP PROJECT IN UKRAINE UNDER THE EaP GREEN PROGRAMME

In this section participants discussed the issues of “green economy” and ways of solving the problems that the enterprises are facing on their way towards greening their production. It was dedicated to revision of EaP GREEN programme and its RECP demonstration component.

UNIDO international coordinator **Tatiana Chernyavskaya** told about EaP GREEN programme as the regional initiative of resource efficient and cleaner production demonstration in the countries of Eastern Europe.

National coordinator of the project **Mariia Tsybka** summed up the results of RECP project in a framework of EaP GREEN programme:



- 18 experts were trained and confirmed their qualification with UNIDO certificates to create human capacity for RECP services providing;
- more than 15 RECP awareness raising events were held in different regions of Ukraine;
- 8 publications and 9 articles in periodicals were prepared to disseminate and demonstrate RECP approaches, principles and benefits;
- 13 demonstration companies from construction materials sector implemented RECP and received tangible economic and environmental benefits;
- 35 SMEs were involved in RECP Clubs in two regions of Ukraine (Chernihiv and Kharkiv) for training and experience exchange in RECP options and technologies.

National communication and advocacy RECP expert **Kateryna Romanova** presented to the audience the second edition of the Primer for better business “Techniques and practices of resource efficient production”, developed for better understanding and popularization of RECP among the wide range of stakeholders. The primer contains adopted terminology, which explains targets, problems, phases of implementation and benefits of RECP, examples of successful practices at the national enterprises and the widespread solutions of main problems, related to resource efficiency.



It was updated after conducting the series of 6 thematic forums on topical issues of sustainable consumption and production: energy efficiency, waste management, water use savings, reduction and wastewater treatment, emission reduction and efficient use of materials. Reviews and suggestions of specialists of environmental and economic sector regarding the basic barriers and urgent actions on a way to the improvement of ecological situation in Ukraine were collected during the forums. Primer contains more than 30 examples of good practices of Ukrainian enterprises.

Other new publications also were presented, in particular “Resource efficiency pocket guide for the construction materials sector. Saving money and increasing productivity

in Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource efficiency guide for construction materials sector” and Business cases “Implementation of Resource efficient and cleaner production at the enterprises of Ukraine 2015-2016”, as well as promotion video about RECP implementation in Ukraine (<https://youtu.be/Fc1QaVkc2vc>).



The special event was included to the agenda in this section of the conference - awarding UNIDO certificates to experts, who passed the training and successfully conducted RECP assessment in 2016, and demonstration companies from construction materials sector for the participation in RECP demonstration project of EaP GREEN programme. These companies, in particular, were “Building Industry Plant”, “Plant of Reinforced-Concrete Construction #1”, "Jaguar", Mechanical Plant “SONET”, “Rakhny brick plant”. The representatives of the companies shared their experiences and impressions from accomplished work.



SECTION 4: ROUND TABLE “RECP CLUBS AS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR DEMONSTRATION OF RECP BENEFITS AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES”

The principal idea of a RECP Club is to bring together up to a dozen small businesses from the same region and take them jointly through an intensive training and coaching programme over a period of about 4 months, leading to a customized RECP action plan for all member companies on completion of the Club. RECP Clubs implementation in Ukraine in 2015-2016 was supported and hosted by Regional State Administrations of Chernihiv and Kharkiv regions.

In the framework of the conference, a round table “RECP Clubs as an effective tool for demonstration of RECP benefits and development of industrial enterprises” was held. It contained an active discussion of the results of pilot stage and work of the RECP Clubs in Chernihiv and Kharkiv regions and also the discussion on the prospects of RECP Clubs’ development and dissemination support from side of enterprises and state bodies.

RECP Club Facilitator **Ivan Omelchuk** shared with the audience model and experience of organization, training program and practical tasks as well as results obtained during the two stages of RECP Clubs implementation.

Representatives of the participating companies presented their progress in environmental performance and getting the economic benefits.

Approach of RECP Clubs was recognized as effective one as it gives possibility “to do more with less” by training and supporting more companies with involving one or few RECP experts for it.

Replication of RECP Clubs in different regions and its development on the base of business associations or public organizations were proposed and discussed. And as it needs qualified persons to organize and conduct the RECP meetings the training of facilitators in different regions is planned.

There was presented the adapted for Ukraine “Manual for RECP Club Facilitator” that has been developed for instruction of persons interested in following the RECP principles by greening SMEs.



CONCLUSIONS

The RECP concept meets all the present requirements of the government, industry and society. The practical significance of the Project is reflected by its results. The Project provides the evident benefits during the implementation period, as well as its relevance, sustainability, efficiency and regional perspective. Thus, there is a necessity for support, intensification and further development of the abovementioned Project in Ukraine because of the reasons listed below:

- the range of companies that are interested in RECP is growing along with the public attention;
- the RECP Project team accumulates the experience and other resources that can be used for value-adding services not only in Ukraine;
- the RECP has a positive effect in greening the industry.

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AGENDA

Venue: conference hall “A” of Premier Hotel “Rus” (4 Hospitalna Str., Kyiv, Ukraine).

Duration: 10:00 – 16:30.



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“Implementation of Resource and Cleaner Production in Ukraine”

INTRODUCTION

Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) is the preventive environmental approach aimed to increasing efficiency of industrial production and reducing risks to humans and the environment. The Kyiv City Innovative Sectoral Organization of Employers “Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre” (further referred as the RECP Centre) was established in 2013 within the framework of UNIDO’s project “Promoting the Adaptation and Adoption of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) through the Establishment and Operation of a Cleaner Production Centre (CPC) in Ukraine” with the support of donors – the Governments of Austria and Switzerland. The project supports the adaptation and adoption of RECP methods, practices, technologies and policies, providing national industries with the necessary tools to facilitate access to national and regional markets with environmentally sound products and improve the ability of national enterprises to successfully negotiate their position in the global market.

The "Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood" (EaP GREEN) programme assists six countries of the European Union Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership¹ including Ukraine in progressing faster towards a green economy framework. Decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation should result in higher productivity and competitiveness, better natural capital management, enhanced environmental quality of life, and more resilient economies. EaP GREEN programme is financed by the European Union with additional co-financing from the Government of Slovenia, the Development Bank of Austria and the implementing Organizations, namely the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The Demonstration RECP project under EaP GREEN programme accelerates and expands the application of RECP at national and regional levels. The RECP project has been implemented in Ukraine in 2014-2016 and focused on the construction materials’ sector.

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¹Namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

AGENDA

(Moderator – Mr. Igor Shylovykh)

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9:30-10:00 Registration of participants

Item 1 **Opening remarks**

10:00-10:25 **Mr. Igor Shylovykh**, Director of RECP Centre (Ukraine)

Mr. Mykola Kuzio, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine on European Integration

Mr. Oleksandr Chernykh, Director of the Industrial Policy Department of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine

Mr. Jean-Francois Moret, Sector Manager of Energy, Environment, Green Economy, Civil Protection, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine

Mr. Nicolas Guigas, Deputy Director of Cooperation, Swiss Cooperation Office in Ukraine

Mr. Florian Kohlfürst, Attaché of the Austrian Embassy in Kiev

Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, International Coordinator of Demonstration RECP Project under EaP GREEN Programme, UNIDO

10:25-10:30 **Ms. Liudmyla Musina**, National Focal Point for cooperation with UNIDO, Focal Point of EaP GREEN Programme in Ukraine from Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine

10:30-10:35 **Ms. Nataliia Trofimenko**, National Focal Point of EaP GREEN Programme from Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Item 2 **Adaptation and adoption of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production in Ukraine**

10:35-10:45 *Providing RECP services in Ukraine.* **Mr. Igor Shylovykh**, Director of RECP Centre (Ukraine)

10:45-11:45 *Implementation of RECP at the enterprises of Kyiv region.* Representatives of enterprises, experts, **Mr. Olexiy Tchaykovsky**, Regional Coordinator.

11:45-12:00 **Coffee-break, Interview of participants for media**

12:00-12:20 *Financial support of RECP options implementation.*

Mr. Maksym Marushchak, Deputy Head of Corporate Business Department, PJSC “Ukreximbank”

Mr. Maksym Zarudnii, Head of Corporate Business Sales Department in the Kyiv Regional Directorate of JSB “Ukrigasbank”

Item 3	Implementation of demonstration RECP project in Ukraine under EaP GREEN programme
12:20-12:35	<i>EaP GREEN Programme as a regional initiative for RECP Demonstration in the Eastern European Countries.</i> Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya , International Coordinator, UNIDO
12:35-12:45	<i>Issue of resource efficiency and environmental performance raising at small and medium enterprises.</i> Mr. Viacheslav Bykovets , Director of Union of Entrepreneurs of Small, Middle-Sized and Privatized Enterprises
12:45-13:00	<i>Results of demonstration RECP project under EaP GREEN programme in Ukraine.</i> Ms. Mariia Tsybka , National Coordinator
13:00-13:15	<i>Awarding of RECP experts and enterprises, participated in demonstration project.</i> Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya , International Coordinator, UNIDO; Ms. Mariia Tsybka , National Coordinator
13:15-13:25	Feedback from demonstrational companies
13:25-13:40	<i>Presentation of Primer “Techniques and Practices of Resource Efficient Production”.</i> Ms. Kateryna Romanova , National Communication and Advocacy Expert
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14:40-14:55	<i>RECP Clubs as an effective practice of greening the SMEs.</i> Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya , International Coordinator, UNIDO
14:55-15:10	<i>Results of RECP Clubs implementation in Chernihiv and Kharkiv regions of Ukraine,</i> Mr. Ivan Omelchuk , National RECP Clubs Facilitator
15:10-15:15	<i>Experience of RECP Clubs in Chernihiv region,</i> Ms. Svitlana Poltoratska , Deputy Director of Department of Economic Development of the Chernihiv Regional State Administration
15:15-15:30	<i>Possibilities of “RECP Club” Association’s establishment on the basis of non-governmental organizations,</i> Mr. Mykhailo Drobot , NGO "Association of European development of Ukraine" (Chernihiv)
15:30-15:45	Feedback from companies that participated in RECP Clubs
15:45-16:00	Coffee-break
16:00-16:30	Discussion on further steps and drafting of recommendations for suggesting to national authorities and Delegation of EU to Ukraine on support of RECP implementation