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WORKSHOP REPORT

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY IN WASTE MANAGEMENT

END-OF-LIVE VEHICLES AND PACKAGING REGULATIONS

GEORGIA

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1. Objective and scope of the mission

In follow-up to previous support and co-operation, MEPA Waste Management Department had requested urgent exchange and capacity-building on implementation issues related to **Extended Producer Responsibility** on the currently prepared **regulations on packaging and End-of-Life-Vehicles**.

From side of the international expert team, one specific focus was the requirement for nation-wide coverage of EPR systems, following the successful Austrian practice adapted to the actual situation in Georgia.

Since Georgia is now a EU candidate country, also the relevant EC Decisions on reporting for specific waste streams were introduced.

Three days of discussions and capacity-building mainly with the team of the Waste Management Department at MEPA, and including experts of the EU-funded Technical Assistance project assisting with calculations for the End of Life Vehicles Regulation.

2. Experts

EU4WD Project Experts

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function / Position</i>	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>Departure</i>
Maria Krasteva	Thematic Lead Expert Waste Management	7/3 Vienna 10/3 Tbilisi	14/3
Mihail Asenov	Senior Waste Management Expert	10/3	14/3

National Institutions and Experts - Georgia

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Function / Position</i>
MEPA	Alverd Chankseliani	Head of the Waste and Chemicals Department
MEPA	Kristine Vardanashvili	Head of the Waste Management Division
MEPA	Lasha Kajaia	Head of the EPR Division
REC Caucasus	Irakli Legashvili	Waste Management Expert (Tuesday)

Other persons joining the missions (external experts, local Programme staff)

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Function / Position</i>
EU4Env W&D	Tamar Loladze	International expert Caucasus Countries
TA-Waste Project	Doug Hickman	Team Leader (Tuesday)

3. Time Table

Time	Activity	Comments
Thursday 7/3/2024		
19:20	Arrival Maria Krasteva	Austrian Airlines to VIE from SOF
Friday 8/3/2024		
	Preparatory meetings	with Austrian experts on waste management and data issues relevant for Georgia and Ukraine
Sunday 10/3/2024		
21:05	Arrival Maria Krasteva	Georgian Airways from VIE
16:45	Arrival Mihail Asenov	From SOF with TK via IST
Monday 11/3/2024		
10:00	Morning session	Discussion on the recommendations on the packaging regulation - division of household and commercial packaging system, nationwide and area area-wide system in Georgia, specific targets per commercial and household packaging, uniform tariff and collection categories, level playing field for packaging EPR
14:00	Afternoon session	
Tuesday 12/3/2024		
10:00	Morning session	End of Live Vehicles Regulation - Discussion on the recommendations made after review of the draft EoLV regulation
14:00	Afternoon session	End of Live Vehicles – Financial & economic aspects; Discussion on the tools for calculation made by the EU-funded Technical-Assistance project
Wednesday 13/3/2024		
10:00	Morning session	Review of all targets for waste streams within the scope of EPR - methodology for calculation
14:00	Afternoon session	Wrap up, open issues and next steps
Thursday 14/3/2024		
13:00	Departure Maria Krasteva	Georgian Airways to VIE
17:40	Departure Mihail Asenov	to SOF with TK via IST

4. Main results of the mission

4.1. Packaging and Packaging Waste

The main features of the Austrian system and derived recommendations for the Georgian packaging regulation were presented by the international experts. Central element for the joint work on flipcharts was a comparative table of the main features of the Austrian system and recommendations for Georgia (see annex), as well as a table with real figures from Belgium and Austria for calculating national targets based on data from commercial and household packaging.

The discussion with MEPA staff focused on: division of household and commercial packaging system, nationwide and area area-wide system in Georgia, specific targets per commercial and household packaging, uniform tariff and collection categories, level

playing field for packaging EPR. On all issues understanding of MEPA staff could be increased.

One important issue for Georgia is to consider options for differentiating the approach for the capital region Tbilisi and other regions of the country, taking into account the planned investment into a Mechanical-Biological Treatment installation for the capital city. Following experience from advanced EU Member States, such investment needs careful planning and may risk to disturb the development of separate collection of household packaging in line with the ambitious minimum recycling targets set by EU which will be gradually adopted by EU candidate country Georgia.

4.2. End-of-Life Vehicles

Regarding the End of Live Vehicles Regulation, discussion on the recommendations made after review of the draft EoLV regulation, including with the representatives of the EU-funded Technical Assistance project on their tool for calculation of “advanced recycling fee” for End of Life Vehicles.

The international experts proposed an alternative more comprehensive tool which was welcomed by MEPA and discussed in detail. Final result of this discussion was a joint calculation of the “close-to-real level advanced recycling fee” taking into account the specific situation of EoLV in Georgia.

5. Next steps / to do's




STEP/TASK	RESPONSIBILITY	DEADLINE	FOLLOW UP
Answering further questions from MEPA on the issues discussed in January and March missions	Maria Krasteva, Mihail Asenov	As they arise	
Following up with MEPA and EU (EC and European investment finance providers) on the conditions for separating different material flows from collected packaging and mixed municipal waste for Mechanical-Biological treatment	Maria Krasteva	Accompanying the investment process	

6. Annexes




6.1. Material, Documents

Regarding general presentations on Packaging and EoLV, see January mission.

Working documents on:

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6.2. List of Participants

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6.3. Pictures

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