



## CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR UKRAINE'S RECOVERY: Support through EU4Green Recovery East

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Time	Item	Speaker
09:00-09:30	Welcoming	
09:30-10:30	Opening speeches	<p>Master of Ceremony: Mr. Christophe Yvetot, Representative to the European Union, UNIDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Andrii Teliupa, Deputy Minister, Ministry Economy of Ukraine</li> <li>Ms. Olga Yukhymchuk, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine</li> <li>Mr. Nikos Papandreou, Member of the European Parliament</li> <li>Mr. Serhiy Tereshko, Deputy Head of Mission, Mission of Ukraine to the EU</li> <li>Mr. Benoit Mesnard, Head of Unit, DG ENEST, European Commission</li> </ul>
10:30-10:50	<p>Presentation of the key conclusions from the report</p> <p>This presentation will highlight key findings from UNIDO's report "<u>Towards the Circular Economy in Ukraine</u>" offering an in-depth analysis of circular opportunities across the construction, food products, electronics and ICT, plastics and packaging, and waste-related value chains.</p>	Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, Industrial Development Expert, UNIDO
10:50-11:10	Coffee break	
11:10-12:00	<p>Panel Discussion: How can industrial circular economy practices contribute to the green recovery and competitiveness of Ukraine?</p> <p>This panel will explore how industrial circular economy practices can support economic recovery and strengthen industrial competitiveness in Ukraine. It will address how resource efficiency, waste reduction, and sustainable production models can create new economic opportunities while enhancing resilience as part of Ukraine's reconstruction efforts. The panel aims to foster dialogue on aligning industrial transformation with sustainability objectives, contributing to long-term stability, innovation, and closer economic cooperation with European partners.</p>	<p>Moderator: Ms. Ladeja Godina Košir, Founder and Executive Director, Circular Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Andrii Teliupa, Deputy Minister, Ministry Economy of Ukraine</li> <li>Ms. Olga Yukhymchuk, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine</li> <li>Mr. Williman Neale, Adviser for Circular Economy, DG ENV, European Commission</li> <li>Ms. Kateryna Savchuk, Director, Regional Development Agency of Khmelnytskyi oblast</li> <li>Ms. Marta Trofimova, Head of Sustainability unit, Kernel</li> <li>Ms. Yuliia Bereshchenko, Sustainable Business Development and IR Director, ASTARTA</li> </ul>
12:00-12:30	Open discussion with the audience	
12:30-12:40	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Stephan Sicars, Senior Coordinator for Ukraine, UNIDO</li> </ul>
12:40-13:30	Reception and standing lunch	



## Objectives

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is pleased to host the partnership meeting "**Circular Economy for Ukraine's Recovery**", held as part of the **EU Green Week 2025 partner events**. The meeting will take place at the United Nations premises in Brussels and will bring together key stakeholders from Ukraine, the European Union (EU), and UNIDO to engage in dialogue, exchange views, and explore opportunities to advance circular economy practices in Ukraine.

The main goal of the partnership event is to create a lasting platform for knowledge exchange and innovation aligned with the European Green Deal and the Circular Economy Action Plan. It will also foster cross-sectoral linkages and opportunities for relevant technology transfers among European and Ukrainian businesses, promote policy coherence, and explore further adoption of Circular Economy business models in Ukraine.

## Findings from studies on circular economy in Ukraine

According to the EU4Environment Action's baseline study "**Circular Economy for Industrial Development in Ukraine**" (2024), food and beverages, electrical and machinery, and metal products are in the top priority for circular economy solutions due to their economic importance and material footprint. Agriculture, forestry, and fishing also require attention because of their material dependency and reliance on fossil fuel, while construction stands out for low CO<sub>2</sub> efficiency and high material use. These findings align with the EU Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP), which targets key sectors like food, textiles, electronics, household appliances, automotive, packaging, and construction. Proposed strategies focus on regenerative materials, extending product lifespans, and maximizing waste recovery through recycling and energy use.

The baseline study has provided a foundation for an exploratory **Strategic Foresight Study "Towards the Circular Economy in Ukraine"** (2024), prepared by UNIDO. This study identifies five priority Key Product Value Chains (KPCVs) essential for advancing circular economy principles. These KPCVs, which were initially aligned with the CEAP and then further refined through stakeholder consultations, outline key pathways for their transformation towards circularity.

## About the EU4Green Recovery East programme

The EU4Green Recovery East programme is a regional programme supporting the EU's Eastern Partnership countries on their path towards a greener, more resilient, and competitive economy. With an EU-contribution of **EUR 21.3 million (2025-2028)**, it builds on the results of a decade of EU support for better water management ([EU4Environment – Water and Data](#)) and green economy adoption ([EU4Environment – Green Economy](#)) and focuses on **five components**: (1) promoting a circular economy, (2) ensuring water is managed as a critical resource, (3) advancing legal approximation with EU environmental legislation, (4) strengthening integration into EU-wide environmental cooperation and data exchange, and (5) fostering cross-border environmental cooperation. The programme is implemented by **five partners**: Expertise France with the French International Office for Water (OIEau), OECD, UNECE, UNIDO, and the Environment Agency Austria (UBA), as the consortium coordinator.

## About UNIDO

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations with a unique mandate to promote, dynamize and accelerate industrial development. As one of its **173 Member States**, Ukraine has requested UNIDO to support its green industrial recovery. UNIDO has a long-standing commitment to the Ukraine's sustainable industrial development, economic growth, social well-being and environmental sustainability. As of 2025, UNIDO is implementing a portfolio of fourteen country-level projects in Ukraine supporting job creation, competitiveness and environmental preservation.

The **UNIDO's green industrial recovery programme for Ukraine (2024-2028)** aims to restore the livelihoods of war-affected people, create new opportunities for business through investment and technology transfer, and strengthen the long-term sustainability and resilience of Ukraine's industry. Its **BMZ-funded project** on Green Industrial Recovery through municipalities-based development is initiating a Circular Economy twinning pilot connect selected municipalities with international peers, equipping them through tailored training, study tours and support to develop circular economy plans that foster green industrial recovery.

As part of the EU4Green Recovery East programme (EU4GRE), UNIDO is supporting the transition to a circular economy across Eastern Partnership countries. Leading the component on circular economy promotion, UNIDO is working with national institutions and SMEs to accelerate the adoption of sustainable business models, improve resource efficiency, and reduce material consumption. Building on initiatives and contribution to the ISO 59000 series of standards on CE, UNIDO is facilitating the rollout of digital tools, demonstration projects, and industrial waste mapping to support greener production systems. It is also leading on capacity-building through the development of online training modules and supporting the establishment of Circular Economy Hubs, connecting them to Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Clubs.