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#### German Environment Agency

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety

# **PROJECT INFORMATION**

Introduction of an internationally recognised eco-label in Uzbekistan - Study visit to Germany



The "Blaue Engel" (Blue Angel) eco-label Source: RAL

## Background

Internationally recognised eco-labels serve to protect people and the environment. They provide consumers, public administration and the business economy with reliable product information. Targeted demand for environmentally friendly products promotes eco-innovative products, thus reducing environmental impacts. In order to contribute to a sustainable, environmentally friendly economy in Uzbekistan, the State Committee for Environmental Protection and Nature Conservation would like to introduce a national eco-label for Uzbekistan.

## **Project details**

During a two-day study visit to Germany, the decision-makers from the Uzbek State Committee and other relevant bodies learned about the German "Blaue Engel" (Blue Angel) eco-label. Employees of the Federal Environment Ministry, the German Environment Agency and RAL (the German system for ensuring uniform and clearly specified technical delivery conditions and for establishing quality marks), which is the awarding authority for the "Blaue Engel" (Blue Angel), presented the German model to the visitors along with detailed information on the award criteria. The information provided allowed the Uzbek visitors to draw conclusions regarding the introduction of an internationally recognised eco-label in their own country.

On the example of textile products, the German experts illustrated the specific criteria according to which products in this group are assessed in Germany in order to be allowed to use the "Blaue Engel" (Blue Angel) quality mark. The reports on this, as well as the procedures and questions pertaining to financing, were of particular interest to the visitors from Uzbekistan.

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