



PROJECT INFORMATION

Development of legislative and institutional framework for collection and sharing information in Georgia



Chemical Plant

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Background

Whereas the chemical industry is not a large sector in the Georgian economy, the volumes of imported and produced chemicals is big enough to require measures to protect human health and the environment. Despite notable progress has been achieved in Georgia in establishing a system for chemicals management during the last decade, a number of gaps are still to be addressed as a priority. According to the Chemical Profile of Georgia (Study, 2009), the main shortcoming at national level is a deficit of information necessary for human health and environment protection from negative chemicals impact.

Project details

The project aimed at the development of a legislative and operational framework for collecting and sharing information on hazardous chemicals, the creation of a register or inventory and testing its applicability according to the stakeholders' needs. In close cooperation with all interested parties and based on analyses on the needs of governmental bodies, regarding the information on hazardous chemicals and the identification of gaps in the national legislation, the project team considered best international practices for the development of a register and operational framework in Georgia. It also proposed possible actions for strengthening the legislation to ensure the sustainability of information collection and sharing. The project outcomes will benefit to prioritize actions towards a sound management of chemicals, to implement a national chemicals risk assessment, harmonized classification and labelling, and to prevent illegal traffic of hazardous chemicals. On a long-term perspective, the project intends to strengthen the implementation of chemicals management compatible with the EU policy. The project outcomes are extended in a follow-up regional project 2018-2020.

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Target country: Georgia

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Beneficiaries: Ministry for Environment and Natural Resources Protection and Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs, Georgia

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