



# Air Pollution

UN Coordination on Joint Programmes on Environment and  
Climate Change in Georgia

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# Joint Project – Better Air Quality for Citizen's Health



- EU Call for Expression of Interest – shared with the RC and UNDP, deadline 15 February 2023, total budget EUR 5 mln;
- UNDP Lead Agency, in partnership with WHO, UNECE, UNEP and Environment Agency Austria (Team Europe);
- EU request approving EoI though with reduced activities and budget (EUR 4 mln) – 14 July 2023
- Deadline to submit full proposal – 28 August 2023

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UNDP, WHO and UNECE in a partnership with Umweltbundesamt - Environment Agency Austria (UBA) pulled together their expertise to carry out a 4-year Action: **AQ for Better Citizen's Health**.

Overall objective: **To improve air quality in order to better protect the health of citizens**

Specific objective: **Better capacity to monitor, analyse and regulate air quality.**

The Action/Project will **enhance the national capacity to monitor and analyse air quality** through:

- Upgrading monitoring network (UNDP, UBA);
- Improving modelling and forecasting capacities (UNDP, UBA);
- Establishing and commissioning a national reference laboratory, operations and maintenance of analytical and inter-calibration equipment (UNDP)
- Adopting and applying gender equality and social inclusion framework and a toolkit, including checklist in AQ management and environmental health assessments (WHO, UNECE)

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The Action will **enhance regulatory capacities of the GoG through supporting implementation of the Law on Industrial Emissions** that will include:

- Elaboration and support to the adoption of technical regulations on BAT (UNECE)
- A study on BAT incentives, including concrete proposals and their promotion (UNECE)
- Implementation of a pilot project on BAT on a private sector cost-sharing basis (UNECE)
- Knowledge and capacity building of MEPA and industry representatives on regulation of industrial emissions/BAT (UNECE)



# Success Factors

Role of RCO in facilitating UN agency coordination;

Consideration of UN agency mandates in air quality / membership in UNSDCF RG;

Application of TEAM Europe approach – agreement with UBA;

Detailed technical level discussions, led by UNDP with each UN agency;

Intensive technical discussion and agreement with the Government;

Consensus on the project concept (logframe, budget distribution), work modalities and project governance;



# Challenges

- Short deadline/major preparation period falling on holidays
- Agreement on working modality for JPs
  - UN JP – administrative fees (1% of total budget to MTPF), PM cost shared per each PUNO, governance structure
  - UNDP project, in partnership with UNECE, WHO and UBA – UNDP lead agency, UN Agency-to-Agency agreements with WHO and UNECE, separate contract with UBA, no admin fee
- Eol stage agreement on implementation modality - UNDP project (in partnership with PUNOs) changed few days earlier before 28 Aug deadline to transform to a JP
- Dispute on interpreting UN SDG JP guidelines v. Operational guidelines for EU financing of JPs;
- Increased risk of no success as EU might not accept higher administrative fees for a JP
- Government's expectation to align with EU directives, concerned about increased admin cost;
- Finding EU Member State Agency under TEAM EUROPE initiative



# Questions?

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