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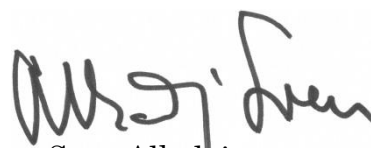
FOREWORD

Many transition economies in Europe and Central Asia are endowed with rich natural resources and biodiversity. At the same time, global climate change and associated extreme weather events are already affecting these countries, with serious economic and social consequences.

These countries are now seeking new ways to accelerate the use of green technologies as a measure for adapting to the effects of the changing climate. For them to be successful in this effort, they need to put the right conditions in place to support the take-up and diffusion of green technologies. This will require tailor-made innovation policies that integrate and reflect each country's environmental concerns. Countries will need to strengthen the capacity of their policymakers for designing and executing these integrated policies in order to ensure suitable infrastructure, better access to external knowledge, and an enabling business environment..

This Guide reflects the findings of assessments on innovation policy—with special reference to green technologies—that were conducted by the UNECE for Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan in 2012 and 2013. It can be used as a textbook for group training or for self-learning.

At the UNECE, we are strongly committed to building the innovation capacity of our member States, as an important tool for reaching policy objectives in areas such as economic development and climate change adaptation. This guide is another important element in our “toolbox” for assisting national policy makers - one with a specific focus on supporting the adoption and implementation of green technologies. We look forward to working with countries on its application, and to seeing the results.



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