

**EU/MS comments on
Implementation of UNEP's work on Resource Efficiency
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Comments:

- The adoption of the 10YFP at Rio+20 was a major achievement. The EU was always very supportive and still considers the 10YFP an important instrument. So far we have been main funders but are very happy to see that others from beyond the traditional donor community are providing support and would urge other OECD countries to become involved.
- In addition, the EU/MS have been supporting the International Resource Panel (IRP) and the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), including through funding.
- We fully support the objectives of the individual activities but UNEP needs to achieve more coherence and synergies among its different SCP-related actions. Rather than focusing on its activities, UNEP appears to be multiplying them, potentially confusing its supporters.
- The idea of a Green Economy Hub goes in the right direction to bring more coherence in its work and should be implemented as soon as possible. The Hub should have as its main goal coordinating existing actions and should thus be funded through existing funds.
- Even if resolution 2/8 focuses on the 10YFP and, to a limited extent, that of the IRP, more info would be welcome on SCP-related actions by PAGE, GGKP and other UNEP initiatives in the field.
- The EU/MS welcome the work by the IRP on a scientific assessment on the state, trends and outlook of SCP from the perspective of the sustainable management of natural resources and look forward to the report to be presented at UNEA-3.
- The EU/MS note that the Co-Chair of the GEO-6 process is one of the lead authors of the abovementioned IRP report, and that both he and UNEP are aware of the need to facilitate the integration of the two to avoid duplication and ensure that they are mutually reinforcing and complementary.
- The EU/MS would welcome an update by UNEP on the Agenda 2030 indicators related to RE and SCP.
- The Programme Performance Presentation¹ contains some map graphics (notably slides #9 and 13) that purport to show countries that have put in place e.g. green public procurement, yet the EU is not included. These slides should be reconsidered and the titles changed to show that these are countries where UNEP has played a significant role.

¹ <http://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/14816/Deep%20dive%20presentation%20-%20Resource%20Efficiency.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>.

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