For a Greener Ukraine: National Consultation to be held in Kiev – 26 September 2013

Under the EU-funded project *EaP-Green* and the guidance of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), a national stakeholder consultation for Green Economy and Sustainable Consumption and Production will be held in Kiev, Ukraine, on 26 September, with a broad participation of national authorities, international organizations and NGOs.

Following the request of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, UNEP is helping the country develop a national and strategic policy framework enabling the transition towards a Green Economy through improving resource efficient Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP).

The upcoming national consultation in Ukraine is a first step in that direction as it will review ongoing initiatives in the country, introduce Green Economy and SCP approaches and experiences, and discuss and agree on further actions for developing the policy setting that is needed: scoping study, economic modeling, stakeholder involvement and policy analysis.

This Green Economy work in Ukraine is conducted within the framework of the EU financed programme – *EaP-Green* – launched earlier this year. The programme’s purpose is to support six Eastern European countries to move towards a Green Economy by decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation and resource depletion.

One of the features of the programme is the cooperation among four leading international organizations to support its implementation – OECD, UNECE, UNEP, and UNIDO. Each will work in its area of expertise to assist the EaP countries to strengthen the analysis, policy instruments and capacities needed to make the transition to a Green Economy. There are many opportunities to do this at low cost as the economic model previously followed in these countries overused energy and natural resources, and generated high levels of pollution. This threatened people’s health and the natural asset base on which sustained economic activity depends. The programme responds to commitments that countries made during the EaP Warsaw Summit in September 2011.

The workshop will be held at the premises of the Scientific and Research Institute of Economics of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, on September 26, 2013

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