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Facilitation of Sustainable Consumption and Production in Central Asia Contribution of SWITCH-Asia Policy

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Our Programme in a nutshell

Launched in **2007**, covering 30+ countries across **Asia**, the **Middle-East** and the **Pacific** (M-E & Pacific as of 2023)

Mission: support the transition of the region to a **low-carbon, resource efficient and circular economy**, whilst promoting more **sustainable supply chains and products** between the region and Europe.

Economic sectors: key (export-led) value chains in the region >> agri-food, textiles and leather, plastics, constructions, tourism.

EU policy alignment: support the implementation of the external dimension of the **EU Green Deal** (Circular Economy Action Plan, Farm to Fork Strategy, EU Strategy for Textiles, EU Plastics Strategy, Corporate Sustainable Due Diligence Directive, EU Sustainable Products Initiative, CBAM (if extended to other economic sectors) and the **Global Gateway** (supporting the integration and resilience of value chains between Europe and the region).

How do we work



At project level: **Through the Grant Scheme**, SWITCH-Asia supports collaborative projects of organizations from the EU and the region in demonstrating SCP and circular practices in SMEs and among consumers (at date: ca. 140 projects).

Strong priority: ensure linkages with IFIs to provide access to finance to SMEs to integrate SCP solutions tested through EU grants.

At policy level: **The outcomes of projects feed into policy dialogue** to influence national and regional policies and regulatory frameworks for the promotion of a greener and more circular economy in the region.

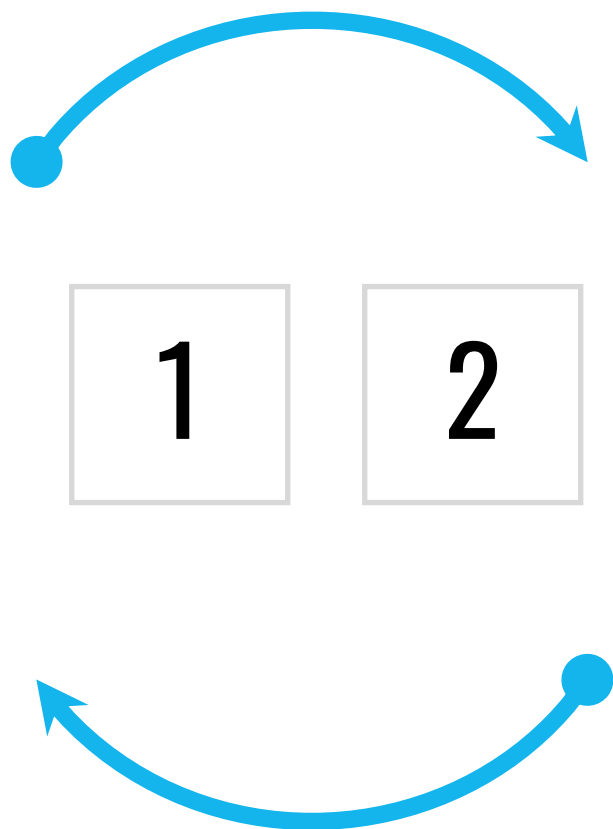
Coordination mechanism with focal points in **EU Delegations** and in **each government** in the region. Strong collaboration with international and regional environmental platforms and organisations (e.g. CAREC, ASEAN, ASEAN CSR Network, UN, etc.).

SWITCH-Asia - Phase III

Simplification and Coherence

GRANTS SCHEME

Through its Grant Scheme, the Programme will continue supporting collaborative projects between European and Asian organisations aiming at **testing and uptake of SCP practices in MSMEs and by consumers (including institutional ones)**.



POLICY SUPPORT COMPONENT

The outcomes of projects – grants and technical advisory - will feed into policy dialogue to design & improve national / regional policies and regulatory frameworks and to include SCP concerns into Nationally Determined Contributions.



Current Grants

Period of implementation: until 2026



Circular Economy Dimensions



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GRANTS PROGRAMME



GRANT PROJECTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

43 ONGOING IN 2022

14 Agri-food

8 Textile and Leather

3 Sustainable Housing and Building

5 Plastics

2 Waste Management

10 Tourism

1 Multi-industry



THEMATIC

- TOURISM
- TEXTILE AND LEATHER
- AGRI-FOOD



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Policy Analysis & Advisory

11 SOUTH ASIA

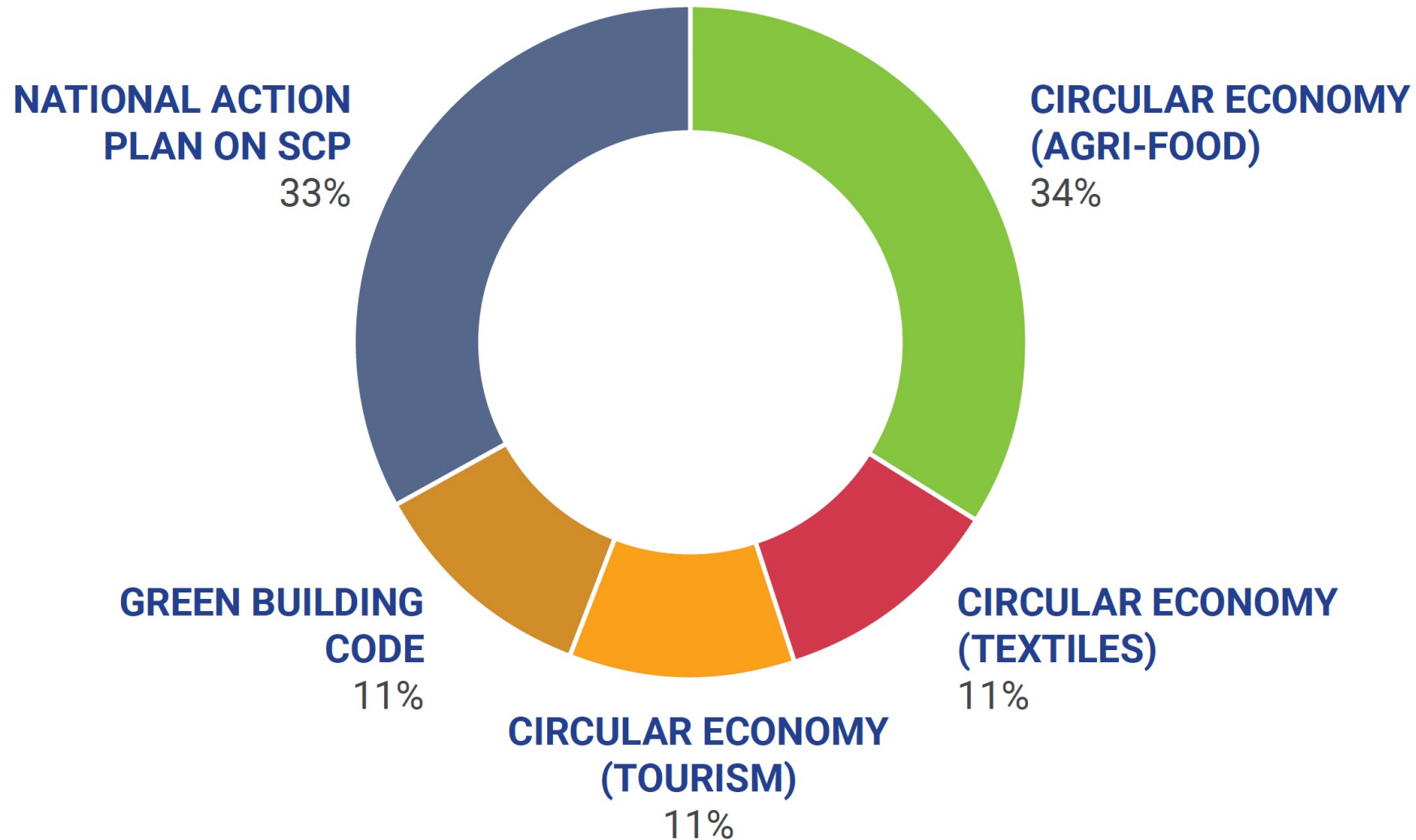
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GRANTS

CENTRAL ASIA - FOCUS AREAS



SCP ACTIVITIES SNAPSHOT (2021-2022)

TEXTILES & GARMENT

Uzbekistan: SCP **Tools** and Circular Economy **Approach** in Textile and Garment Sector

BUILDINGS & CONSTRUCTION

Kyrgyzstan: Green Building **Guidelines** through the Life Cycle and Value Chain

PLASTICS

Kazakhstan: Plastics Management and **EPR tools** to minimize the volume of generated plastics waste

Engagement process in the context of UNEA 5.2 and Global Agreement on Plastics

WASTE MANAGEMENT & CIRCULARITY

Kazakhstan: Infrastructure for proper biodegradable waste management, **analysis** of policy landscape

AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

Kyrgyzstan: SCP **Tools** and Circular Economy **Approach** in Agri-food; Stakeholders Workshops

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Kyrgyzstan: Enabling factors for transition of tourism towards circular economy

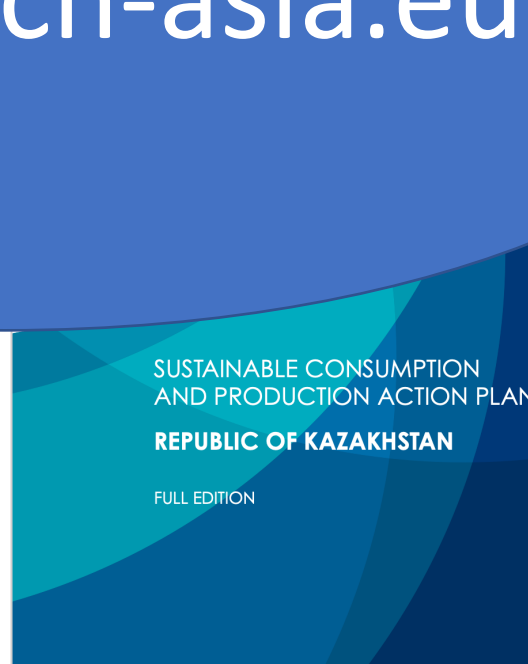
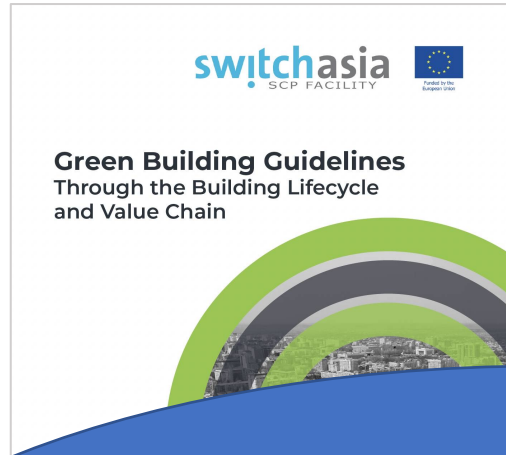
SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION

Tajikistan: Action Plan on Responsible Consumption and Sustainable Lifestyle with focus on agri-food

SCP NATIONAL ACTION PLANS

Assessment of SCP NAPs, implementation and monitoring status for country briefings

Kazakhstan and **Uzbekistan:** Development of **SCP Action Plans**



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Support and opportunities for engagement



Regional approach

Multi-country intervention
Capacity development for regional organisations and networks towards SCP and circular economy



Attention to climate change

Bridging material consumption and climate issues



Information and experience exchange

Updates on key policies/legislation/programmes of interest for stakeholder in the region
Updates on key SCP trends in the Asia of interest to EC



Investments for SCP

Facilitating opportunities for investments for SCP actions, particularly for SMEs



Grants

SWITCH-Asia grant programme calls for proposals
Information and capacity development for SWITCH-Asia grants

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