

# THE SWITCH-ASIA NETWORK FACILITY

Promoting Sustainable Consumption  
and Production

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# WHY NETWORK?



In Asia and Europe extensive knowledge already exists on how to implement sustainable consumption and production. Over the last years excellent strategies, technologies, and practices have been demonstrated in Asia to make production and consumption more sustainable. A network of organisations specialised in supporting sustainable consumption and production practices has evolved. However, neither the good practices, nor the networks are particularly widespread to achieve their potential.

## Specific efforts are needed in:

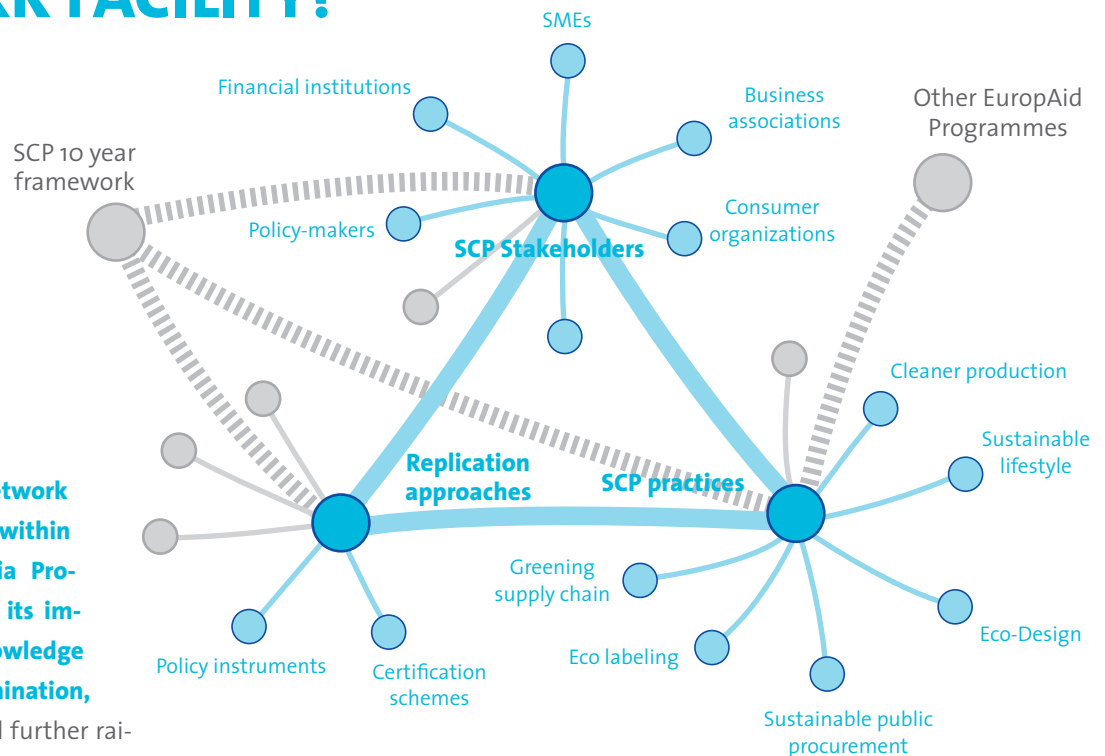
- **Networking SCP projects and stakeholders**
- **Disseminating SCP tools, technologies, and practices**
- **Distilling knowledge on effective replication approaches and promoting their uptake**
- **Reaching out to policy makers and other stakeholders for wide use of SCP strategies**

# WHAT IS THE SWITCH-ASIA NETWORK FACILITY?

**S**WITCH-Asia Network Facility is set up within the SWITCH-Asia Programme to maximise its impact by effective knowledge sharing and dissemination, and networking.

It will further raise the whole profile of sustainable consumption and production at a very practical level. Without proper networking and communication across the programme and the region, project results will remain scattered.

The SWITCH-Asia Network Facility works predominantly with the sustainable consumption and production (SCP) projects funded by the European Union (EU) – and therefore with their partners in both the EU and Asia.



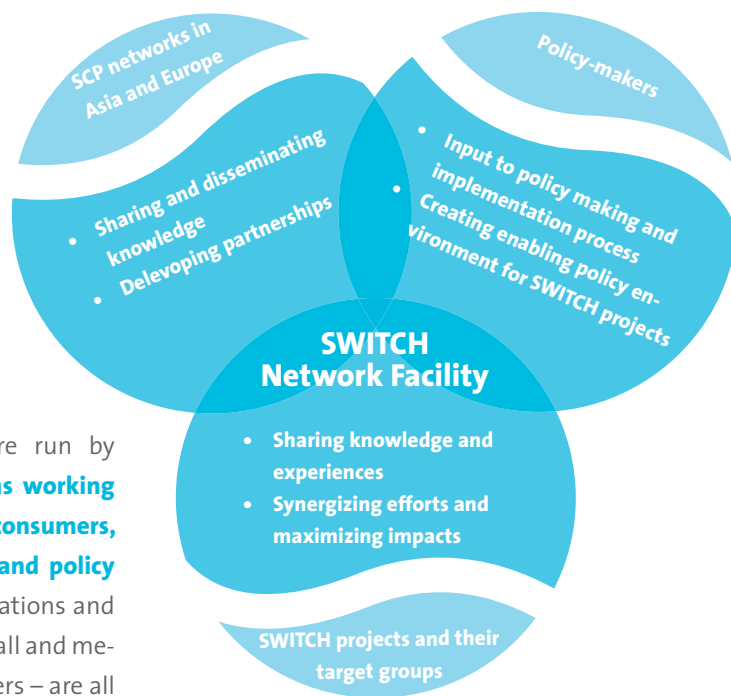
It seeks synergies amongst SWITCH-Asia projects, creates linkages with regional SCP activities and other networks, and helps bring results to the attention of Asian policy-makers. It is one component of the SWITCH-Asia programme funded by the EU and implemented by the Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP).

# WHO CAN TAKE PART IN THE NETWORK?

The SWITCH-Asia projects<sup>1</sup> are run by partnerships of **organisations working with, for example, business, consumers, research, information, regulations, and policy development**. These partner organisations and their intended beneficiaries – the small and medium-sized enterprises, and consumers – are all welcomed by the SWITCH-Asia Network Facility.

The facility also reaches out to other networks operating in similar fields in both Asia and Europe and works with them to support SWITCH-Asia projects. It networks the projects with policy makers and supporting organizations to help create an environment that will help them maximize their impact.

The diagram to the right shows the three main groups at the centre of the networking.



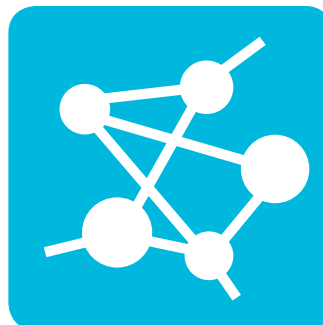
# WHAT CAN THE NETWORK FACILITY PROVIDE TO YOU?



**INFORMATION** on the SWITCH-Asia programme and its projects, and on complementary sustainable consumption and production (SCP) activities.



**KNOWLEDGE** on SCP and the strategies and tools used for implementation, particularly in an Asian context.



**NETWORKING EVENTS** to share experiences and learn from others active in the field at a practical level, as well as to develop new connections with other experts and networks.

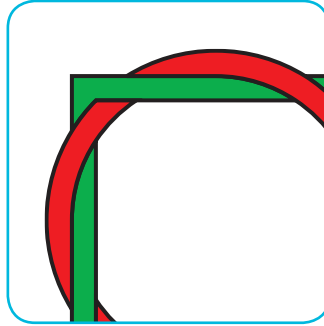


**ADVICE AND SUPPORT** to SWITCH-Asia projects on how best to maximise their results and communicate their achievements.



**PROMOTION** of SWITCH-Asia advisory packages at policy forums, and of partnership development opportunities.

# WHO IS BEHIND THE SWITCH-ASIA NETWORK FACILITY?



**T**he Network Facility is funded by direct award under the programme, and **is implemented by the UNEP/Wuppertal Institute Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP) and Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy.**

CSCP was established in 2005 as a joint initiative between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, as a not-for-profit “think” and “do” tank.

The Centre comprises international experts from diverse backgrounds including economics, policy-making, engineering, environment, and social sciences. It has accumulated significant experience in policy development, scientific

research, business management, and advocacy in various social and cultural contexts.

The Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy was established in 1991 and since then has been exploring and developing models, strategies and instruments to support sustainable development at local, national and international level.

# WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS?

- Asia Pacific Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production  
[www.aprscp.org](http://www.aprscp.org)
- Asian-European Youth Network for Sustainable Development [www.aeynsd.org](http://www.aeynsd.org)
- Consumer International  
[www.consumersinternational.org](http://www.consumersinternational.org)
- CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development  
[www.sustainabledevelopment.in](http://www.sustainabledevelopment.in)
- European Environment Agency and European Topic Centre on SCP  
<http://scp.eionet.europa.eu>
- Trade fair exhibition BioFach  
[www.biofach.de](http://www.biofach.de)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) [www.unep.org](http://www.unep.org)
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) [www.unescap.org](http://www.unescap.org)
- UNEP/UNESCAP Regional Help Desk for Sustainable Consumption and Production  
[www.scphelp.org](http://www.scphelp.org)
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development and regional networks in Asia and Europe [www.wbcsd.org](http://www.wbcsd.org)

# CONTACT US!



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