

Regional Workshop on Strategic Planning in Water Sector

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Introduction to the Strategic Planning and Investments WG activities



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Main goals

- Improvement of strategic planning
- Improvement of investment planning and management (in particular, cost recovery)
- Facilitating IPA2 implementation



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Main tasks

1. Annual WG meetings
2. Strategic planning
3. Cost recovery and tariff setting
4. Capacity building for IPA



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Task 1. Annual WG meetings

- Three annual Working Group meetings

Outputs:

- First annual meeting January 29, 2014 in Skopje
- Second annual meeting March 18th, 2015 Tirana
- Third annual meeting early 2016



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Task 2. Strategic planning (1)

1. Country specific discussions and meta-plans (national roadmaps) for development of necessary planning documents for EU accession process
2. Regional training on the role of planning documents in approximation process for chapter 27
3. Two combined regional trainings between the Strategic Planning and Investments Working Group and sector specific Working Groups to assess the situation and agree on strategic planning documents to be developed in the selected sectors



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Task 2. Strategic planning (2)

Outputs:

- Three regional trainings:
 - First in Podgorica March 2014 on strategic planning
 - Second on strategic and investment planning in waste sector November 25 – 26, 2014
 - Third on strategic planning in water sector June 3- 4, 2015
- Meta-plans for each beneficiary country
 - First roundtable in Skopje June 8 - 11



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Task 3. Cost recovery and tariff setting (1)

- Two regional trainings on economic-financial analysis and cost recovery combined with other ECRAN sector specific Working Groups (waste management, water management or other)
- Tailor made/national round table discussions and/or trainings on the structure of costs, financial flows, cost recovery, polluter pays and other principles (up to one round table/training per country, demand driven)



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Task 3. Cost recovery and tariff setting (2)

Outputs:

- Two regional training on economic-financial analysis and cost recovery:
 - First in Skopje with Water Management WG October 2014
 - Second in Tirana with Waste Management WG March 2015
- National round tables/trainings (delivered as requested, up to one round table per country)
 - List of topics of interest and workshop agenda for cost benefit analysis included into the Work Plan for 2015



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Task 4. Capacity building for IPA (1)

- Two regional trainings on IPA II Regulation and its Implementing Rules



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Task 4. Capacity building for IPA (2)

Outputs:

- Two regional trainings on IPA II Regulation and its Implementing Rules
 - First seminar – June 2014
 - Second – October – November 2015:
 - Planned in Luxembourg, EIB (and JASPERS) headquarters
 - To receive latest information regarding IPA II requirements and procedures
 - To exchange views and agree on methods how to approach establishment of sector based approach in IPA II planning;
 - To discuss possibilities and mechanism to support investment projects management through JASPERS;
 - To exchange experiences in identification of technical assistance and investment projects.



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Synergies with Water Management WG 1

- RENA, Nov 2010, Skopje:
 - Most countries have experienced period, when, from one side, country faced a lot of environmental problems, from another side – donors hardly had any projects for financing
 - Identification and development of investment projects can be taken as special effort
 - Results would be achieved but costs of this process in terms of time required and resources spent would be rather high
 - In such case investment planning process will need to overcome all gaps environmental policy might have



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Synergies with Water Management

WG 2

Environment and Climate
Regional Accession Network **ECRAN**

- Integration of efforts
- From short list investment planning to policy planning and long list development
- Policy planning based on approximation tasks
- Directive Specific Implementation Plans:
 - Guide: Stepwise approach in developing investment and financing plans
- Next step – overall sector planning based on meta-plan



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Synergies with Water Management

WG 3

Environment and Climate
Regional Accession Network **ECRAN**

- Investment and financing planning based on sectoral policy planning documents
- Providing feedback - supporting sectoral policy documents with cost assessment and financing planning
- Ensuring that sector policy plans are implementable
- Ensuring, that investments made into sector are sustainable
- All this achievable only if good cooperation is established with the sector (or among WGs in ECRAN case)



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