

# **Position Paper on Adaptation Needs**

## **ALBANIA**

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### **Outline**

- Gaps
- Needs;
- Future priorities

## On-going and planned initiatives

- **Third National Communication:** final outcome associated with the V & A is adaptation plan applying ICZM, (UNDP Programme on CC);
- **GIZ Regional Project** “Climate Change Adaptation in the Western Balkans” provides assistance to adaptation processes in the Western Balkans, particularly in the fields of flood and drought risk management;
- The project includes a component on supporting National Adaptation Strategies and Plans. In the framework of this component GIZ is supporting the Albanian Ministry of Environment (MoE) in developing a **National Adaptation Plan (NAP)**;
- **World Bank project AL DRMAP** Albania Disaster Risk Management Adaptation Program
- **IPA 2013 on Environment and Climate Change starts on April 2015.**
  - National Strategy on Climate Change
  - INDC
  - MRV system

## Gaps

- Lack of capacities in all areas of government
- Low staff capacities for climate change
- Data is crucial- special challenge regarding Climate Change
- Relatively low climate change knowledge level in line ministries
- Policy and public awareness don't acknowledge relevance on Climate Change
- Limited consistency among different areas of policy making

## Needs

- Building capacity among national and local stakeholders to assess the impacts of climate change and to develop adaptation measures in climate risks sectors;
- Strengthening institutional and legal framework to enable adaptation;
- Improving the way that institutions monitor, forecast, and disseminate information on meteorological and hydro-meteorological conditions;
- Facilitate thinking of a long-term growth model;
- Development and implementation of policy instruments and estimate potentials for new green employment opportunities in the country/region level;
- Flood Risk Management essential for adapting to Climate Change; Flood Directive good guidance but needs to be adopted to local realities;
- Focus on land-use planning is essential;
- Raising awareness of the threat of climate change;
- Improve cooperation and coordination among donors

## Future priorities

- **Building capacity** among national and local stakeholders, including business associations, academia, youth, NGOs, media is a high priority
  - thinking of a **long-term growth model**, which is particularly opportune now, given the beginning of economic recovery
  - learning about **practical models of generating green jobs**, incomes and investments in the region-specific context
- **Mainstreaming** the identified adaptation actions in the Energy , Agriculture , Water and Health Sector **policies**.
- Implementation of identified adaptation actions coming from from different studies, plans etc.
- Ensuring the management and development of **water resources integrates all sectors** energy, agriculture, water supply and sanitation, and cross-border concerns along with environmental and social concerns.
- **Public awareness** important and many stakeholders need to be involved and have to take over responsibilities.

Thank you