**ECRAN – Climate**

**1st Annual Meeting**

9 December 2013, Vienna

The past 3 years, we have together implemented the Climate Component of RENA. We have seen that RENA facilitated the development of new projects and activities focusing on converging with EU Climate *acquis* in all RENA beneficiaries, in close cooperation and coordination with TAIEX and the Instrument of Pre-Accession IPA. For example, RENA significantly contributed to capacity building on the inventory processes in the framework of the EU’s Monitoring Mechanism for greenhouse gases (the MMD/MMR). Capacity building on the EU ETS and other EU climate legislation was provided though targeted workshops. A list of ETS installations in the RENA beneficiaries was prepared. The focus after three years of close co-operation is now not only on the challenges ahead of us, but also on the opportunities and benefits that stepped-up cooperation with the EU on climate change will bring. I am very grateful for your, RENA experts' and the European Commission's (DG CLIMA, DG ENV) commitment and efforts during this period.

The Final RENA Climate Annual meeting took place on 27 February 2013, where we took stock of the progress made, and sketched ideas for priorities and next steps. The meeting agreed on the ECRAN Climate Orientation Paper, which presented the proposal for possible regional cooperation activities to be implemented in the period 2013 – 2016.

On the basis of this it is now possible to present to you the detailed Climate Workplan, which is proposed to be implemented in the framework of the follow-up programme ECRAN, the Environment and Climate Regional Accession Network. This ECRAN Climate Workplan is submitted under separate cover to this invitation and agenda.

To kick start the ECRAN Climate activities it is appropriate to come together to discuss the next steps and the modalities of our cooperation. We should therefore discuss the following :

* EU climate policy: where we stand and what's next – implications to the EU Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates
* From Warsaw onwards: towards a global climate deal in 2015
* Enlargement Strategy and 2013 Progress Reports
* Introduction to ECRAN Climate 2013 - 2016
* Detailed ECRAN Climate workplan for 2014
* Working with the ECRAN Secretariat

The proposed agenda is outlined in an attachment to this letter.

We are looking forward to meeting you in **Vienna** on **9 December 2013.** The ECRAN Secretariat in Belgrade/Vienna will contact you to discuss and agree the logistical arrangements for your participation.

Yours sincerely

Imre Csikós, Team Leader ECRAN Climate.

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Annex 1. Draft Agenda

Annex 2. ECRAN Climate Workplan

**Agenda Outline and List of Confirmed Participants**

**9 December 2013**

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| **Venue: Hotel Am Konzerthouse Vienna, Am Heumarkt 35-37, Vienna, Austria** |
| **Start** | **Finish** | **Topic** | **Speaker** | **Sub topic/Content** |
| **10:00** | **10:30** | **Registration and coffee** |
| 10.30 | 10.45 | Welcome and Introduction | Imre Csikós, ECRAN | * Introduction of participants
* Objectives of the meeting
* Approval of the agenda
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| 10.45 | 11.00 | Co-operation with ECRAN, benefits and opportunities | Dimitrios ZEVGOLIS, European Commission, DG Clima  | * Welcome of participants
* Steps towards convergence with the EU Climate *acquis*
* Enlargement Strategy and recently adopted progress reports 2013 <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/countries/strategy-and-progress-report/index_en.htm>
* Co-operation with ECRAN, benefits and opportunities
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| 11.00 | 12.00 | EU climate policy: where we stand, what's next – what this means for the EU Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates | Yrjo MAKELA , European Commission, DG Clima | * Full implementation of the Climate and Energy Package
* Links with the EU 2020 Strategy
* New legislative proposals
* Adaptation
* Key objectives of the 2030 framework: Why is early agreement on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies important?
* From Warsaw onwards: Towards a global climate deal in 2015
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| 12.00 | 13.00 | ECRAN Climate Workplan | Imre CSIKÓS, ECRAN - Climate | * Lessons learned and considerations for ECRAN Clima workplan
* Introduction to Working Group coordinators
* National Focal points and the set-up of National Climate Platforms
* Working Group 1: Climate policy and modeling
* Working Group 2: MMR
* Working Group 3: ETS
* Working Group 4: Adaptation
* Workplan for 2014
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| 13.00 | 14.00 | ***Lunch***  |
| 14.00 | 15.30 | ECRAN beneficiary commentaries on the ECRAN Climate workplan  | Each ECRAN beneficiary is invited to outline priorities and views on the ECRAN Climate Workplan (10 minutes per presentation)* Presentation of Albania
* Presentation of Croatia
* Presentation of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
* Presentation of Kosovo[[1]](#footnote-1)
* Presentation of Montenegro
* Presentation of Serbia
* Presentation of Turkey
 | * Priorities for climate work under ECRAN
* Discussion at end of all presentations
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| 15.30 | 15.45 | ***Tea*** |
| 15.45 | 16.15 | Working with the ECRAN Secretariat | Ruza RADOVIC | * ECRAN – TAIEX cooperation
* Cooperation ECRAN and National Focal Points
* Logistical issues and procedures
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| 16.15 | 16.45 | First Actions under ECRAN Climate | Davor Vesligaj, Coordinator WG 2 (MMR)József Feiler, Coordinator WG 1 (Climate policies) | * Workshop on regional capacity for developing low emission strategies and modelling (23 January, Zagreb)
* Regional Training on GHG inventory development process with a focus on the energy sector (26 – 28 February, Zagreb and Istria)
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| 16.45 | 17.00 | Wrap-up and conclusions | Imre CSIKÓS | * Conclusions
* Approval of ECRAN Climate Workplan for 2014
* Next Annual meeting
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| 17.00 |  | ***CLOSURE***  |

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1. This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence Under UNSCR 1244/99 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)