

Environment Component

Cross Cutting Activities

Approximation of Environmental

EU accession negotiation capacity building and peer reviews

Strategic Planning and Investments

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Strengthening capacities for accession negotiations on chapter 27

- No activities implemented in the reporting period
- 3rd Regional Training on the EU Accession Negotiations scheduled to be implemented in second quarter of 2016
- Need for input from the beneficiary countries on the need and scope of the training



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Peer Reviews on the level of implementation of the EU environmental legislation

- Builds on top of the regular Progress Monitoring process
- Provides information on the real implementation issues on the ground
- Involves number of stakeholders such as NGOs, municipalities, provinces , regulated community and other relevant bodies
- Next Peer Review schedule and country to be decided by EC



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Strategic Planning and Investments Working Group



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Activity 2.2 Strategic Planning and Investments Working Group

MAIN TASKS

- Task 2.2.1 Organisation of annual Working Group meeting
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Task 2.2.2 Strategic planning

- Strategic planning task is being implemented by three subtasks:
 - Meta-planning and country specific discussions
 - Regional training on the role of planning documents in approximation process and management of the process for chapter 27 using approximation policy documents
 - Combined regional trainings between the Strategic Planning Working Group and sector specific Working Groups - COMPLETED



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Meta-planning and country specific discussions

- National roundtable “Developing meta plan for Chapter 27” took place June 9th 2015, Skopje
- 30 participants represented various departments of the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning as well as other institutions
- Based on received inputs, draft Meta-plan for Chapter 27 has been prepared.



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Combined regional trainings between SPIWG and sector specific WG

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- Two combined regional trainings agreed:
 - With Waste Management Working Group
 - With Water Management Working Group
- Second regional workshop on Strategic Planning in Water Sector was held in Podgorica, Montenegro, 3 – 4 June 2015



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Outputs

Annex No	Date	Key Output
2	02-03 June 2015	Regional workshop with Water Management Working Group on Strategic Planning in Water Sector was held in Podgorica, Montenegro, 3 – 4 June 2015. More information and materials available for download: http://www.ecranetwork.org/Files/Strategic_Planning_Water_Sector_3-4_June_2015_Podgorica_Workshop_Report.pdf
2	09 June 2015	National Roundtable Developing a meta plan for Chapter 27, Skopje, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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Planning next reporting period

- The list of activities planned to be implemented in the next reporting period as per agreed work plan is the :
 - Agreed agendas for national roundtables/ discussions (at least 3 beneficiaries);
 - Delivery of national roundtables/ discussions for 3 countries (October 2015 – March 2016)
- **Essential** – countries to express interest for national activities



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Task 2.2.3 Cost recovery and tariff setting (or economic/financial analysis)

- The subtasks include:
 - Two regional trainings on economic-financial analysis and cost recovery combined with other ECRAN sector specific Working Groups (waste management, water management etc.) - COMPLETED
 - Tailor made/national round table discussions and/or trainings



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National roundtables on cost recovery

- Activities implemented in the reporting period as per agreed work plan are the following:
 - Preparatory activities for the national roundtable in former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (three days workshop - roundtable in Skopje 27 - 29 October 2015)
 - Preparatory activities for the national roundtable in Republic of Serbia (two days workshop – roundtable in Belgrade 17 – 18 November 2015)



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Planning next reporting period

- The list of activities planned to be implemented in the next reporting period as per agreed work plan is the following:
 - Delivery of national roundtables for Macedonia (October 2015) and Serbia (November 2015);
 - Agreed agendas for national roundtables (at least 2 beneficiaries);
 - Delivery of national roundtables for 2 identified countries during revision of the schedule (December 2015 – March 2016).
- **Essential** – countries to express interest for national activities



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Planning next reporting period

- Activities are planned for preparation of 2nd regional training “ECRAN Regional training on IPA II requirements”:
 - Agreement on the final agenda for the second regional training December 2015
 - Delivery of training (November 2015 – March 2016).



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Impacts (2)

- Improved cooperation between planning and water sector specialists
- Assessed situation and better understanding of cost recovery needs in Macedonia and Serbia during preparation for roundtables
- Improved understanding of approaches for negotiations in water sector in particular for heavy investment directives



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Water Management Working Group



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Overview of main activities

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

- the 4th Screening Workshop 15 – 17 Sep 2015, Tirana, Albania
- Study Visit and Workshop with EA WG (WG 3), 22 – 24 Sep, Prague, Czech Republic

Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD

- Workshop with SPI WG (WG 1), 03 - 04 June 2015

Task 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD – objectives, synergies and approaches

- 2nd Regional Training Workshop, 20 - 22 May 2015, Istanbul, Turkey



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Results within the reporting period (1)

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

4th Screening Workshop, 15 – 17 September 2015 – main focus PoM development

Specific results

- 1) Further development of the methodology for concluding the Program of Measures, with a new phase
- 2) Performed specific assessments, based on screening templates completed by the experts in the WM WG,
- 3) Enhanced understanding on the need to establish a comprehensive database that can meet a wide range of requirements for assessment and reporting.



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Results within the reporting period (2)

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

Study visit and Workshop on key links between the WFD and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAD) and Strategic Environmental Directives (SEAD), with the Environmental Assessments Working Group (WG 3), 22 – 24 September 2015, Prague, Czech Republic.

Specific results

Improved awareness on (i) the links between the WFD and, the EIAD and the SEAD,

Clarification of the legal relationship between the WFD, especially the RBMP and the PoM, and the assessment under the EIAD/ SEAD

Better understanding on the similarities and overlaps (extent, nature) - WFD, EIAD/ SEAD

Lessons learned from three Czech case studies, each of them with potential to underline different sets of interlinkages, synergies, overlaps and actions between the WFD and EIAD/SEAD.



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Results within the reporting period (3)

Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD

Regional Workshop on “Strategic Planning in Water Sector” with Strategic Planning and Investments Working Group (WG 1), (3-4 June 2015, Podgorica, Montenegro) - to facilitate the transfer of knowledge on the need to prepare strategic planning documents in the water sector, in line with the EU directives requirements

Specific results

Improved understanding of the requirements for national planning documents as part of the Acquis

Clarity on the requirements of EU water directives relevant for the discussion of sustainable financing in the water sector

Enhanced knowledge on techniques and tools for prioritization of water investments based on a set of criteria reflecting not only environmental benefits, but also the cost effectiveness of measures.



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Results within the reporting period (4)

Task 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD – objectives, synergies and approaches

2nd Regional Training Workshop, 20 - 22 May 2015, Istanbul, Turkey

Specific results

- 1) Clarification of the practical approach and the methodology for MSFD implementation, specifically in relation to the requirements of the Initial Assessment and the determination of GES
- 2) Discussed the results of questionnaires related to the coordination requirements between river basin management and marine environment protection, for all ECRAN beneficiary countries (including the landlocked countries)
- 3) Improved knowledge and awareness on the need to consider overlaps and interlinkages between the WFD and MSFD, in relation to the development of the Program of Measures, performing the Initial Assessment and Economic Analysis
- 4) Lessons learned on the implementation shared by Black Sea Commission and Romania on MSFD implementation
- 5) Provided support through background documents for specific steps along MSFD implementation.



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Challenges of the next period

Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMP

- Supporting methodology for next steps of PoM preparation
- Countries inputs - screening templates and case studies prepared by Candidate countries
- Organization and delivery of 3 Screening workshops at pilot Drina RB in 2016

Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD

Subtask - Approaching for selecting the most cost-effective combination of measures in Drina JPM

- Supporting methodologies and concepts for exemptions, derogations, affordability and prioritization of investments
- Screening templates and Case studies prepared by beneficiary countries
- Organization and delivery of 2 workshops in 2016, of which one will cover economic analysis for both WFD and MSFD

Task 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD – objectives, synergies and approaches

- Training on approaches for establishing of GES and development of PoM in line with MSFD
- To accomplish the necessary understanding of the role of landlocked countries for addressing land-based pressures, which are also affecting the marine environment
- Organization and delivery of 2 workshops in 2016, both considering interlinkages WFD/MSFD.



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Air Quality Working Group



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Activities

2.5.1 Organisation of the Annual Working Group meeting
 2.5.2 Preparation of Training Needs Assessment, elaboration of regional training programme and training delivery



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Task 2.5.1 Organisation of the Annual Working Group meeting

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- The annual working group meeting took place on 20 October 2015 in Ankara
- The main topics of the 2nd annual working group meeting were:
 - Reflection on the previous workshops on the AAQD and the NECD.
 - Discussion on the impacts achieved through these workshops (a questionnaire was sent out beforehand)
 - Discussion of the forthcoming trainings or missions on air quality related issues such as Stage II VOC Petrol Directive and Sulphur Content in Liquid Fuels Directive (in coordination with the ECRAN climate component)
 - Discussion on the structure and the content of the training manual
 - Adoption of the work plan based on the discussion



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Task 2.5.2 Preparation of Training Needs Assessment, elaboration of regional training programme and training delivery

Training carried out until October 2015

No.	Date	Key output
1	29 September to 1 October 2014	Regional Workshop on Air Quality Directive from 29 September to 1 October 2014 in Podgorica. Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding of the requirements of the Ambient Air Quality Directive and the 4th Daughter Directive and their effective implementation • Fostered exchange of information on assessment and management methods between ECRAN countries and European Member States See: http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/29



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Task 2.5.2 Preparation of Training Needs Assessment, elaboration of regional training programme and training delivery

- 1st training workshop was held from 29 September – 1 October 2014 in Podgorica
- It was attended by 23 participants from 7 ECRAN beneficiary countries
- 5 speakers from European Member States and one representative of the European Commission took part
- Positive evaluation from the participants
- ECRAN countries presented current status of assessment and management of air quality as well as the status of the implementation of the respective legislation
- Discussion session covering two topics:
 - air quality modelling
 - Design and optimisation of monitoring network
- Goal: to share information and to find suitable solutions for air quality assessment with limited resources



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Task 2.5.2 Preparation of Training Needs Assessment, elaboration of regional training programme and training delivery

Training carried out until October 2015

No.	Date	Key output
2	26 to 28 May 2015	Multi-beneficiary Regional Workshop on NEC Directive from 26 to 28 May 2015 in Tirana. Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding of the requirements of NEC Directive and their effective implementation • Fostered exchange of information on assessment and management methods between ECRAN countries and European Member States See: http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/74



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Task 2.5.2 Preparation of Training Needs Assessment, elaboration of regional training programme and training delivery

- Preparation of the 2nd training workshop
- Was held in Tirana from 26 to 28 May 2015
- 6 speakers from EU MS
- 25 participants from 7 ECRAN beneficiary countries
- Questionnaire to get participants view on the training
- Agenda developed based on training needs from ECRAN countries



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Task 2.5.2 Preparation of Training Needs Assessment, elaboration of regional training programme and training delivery

Training carried out until October 2015

No.	Date	Key output
3	20 to 21 October 2015	ECRAN-TAIEX Workshop on air quality modelling from 20 to 21 October 2015 in Ankara. Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding of the requirements of air quality modelling on different spatial scales • Fostered exchange of information on air quality modelling between ECRAN countries and European Member States See: http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/111



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Task 2.5.2 Preparation of Training Needs Assessment, elaboration of regional training programme and training delivery

- Preparation of the 3rd training workshop
- Was held in Ankara from 20 to 21 October 2015
- 4 speakers from EU MS and Switzerland
- 29 participants from 7 ECRAN beneficiary countries
- Agenda developed based on training needs from ECRAN countries



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Activity	Achievements/Challenges
2.5.1 Organisation of the Annual Working Group meeting	On schedule / developing suitable indicators for evaluation; receiving suitable feedback from the beneficiaries
2.5.2 Preparation of Training Needs Assessment, elaboration of regional training programme and training delivery	3 training workshop were held; positive feedback from beneficiaries / different status of implementation of air quality related legislation in ECRAN countries; active participation in workshops (language problem?); workshop locations hampering communication



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IMPACTS achieved through the outputs	
ECENA Outputs	Impacts
1 st Regional Training workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fruitful discussion between beneficiaries on how to assess air quality in cost efficient way - Sharing of information on air quality assessment and management between (partly new) EU MS and ECRAN countries
2 nd Regional Training workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helpful presentations from 4 new MS countries on how to implement NEC Directive (emission inventories, projections, programmes)
3 rd Regional Training workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview on possibilities and limitations of air quality modelling on different spatial scales for a variety of applications. - Sharing of information among beneficiaries on the status of air quality modelling by providing short presentations



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ECRAN – Waste Management Working Group (Activity 2.6)



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4th Interim Period 01 April 2015-30 September 2015

- During the reporting period activities were focused on the preparation of two regional workshops trainings;
- Remediation of the landfills in the context of the regional waste management and
- Joint Waste and ECENA WG Multi country Workshop on Trans Frontier Shipment of Waste, Waste Management and Landfilling of Waste



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TASK 2.6.2: NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS/STRATEGIES REVIEW IN LINE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE WASTE FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (2008/98/EC) AND WASTE MANAGEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING

-As was agreed during the Annual meeting, Development of review reports on waste management strategies and action plans will be done on demand expressed by the beneficiary countries, and/or EC. During the reporting period were not requests from beneficiary countries, and/or EC for implementation of this activates.



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Task 2.6.5 Regional training on remediation of the landfills in the context of the regional waste management

- During reporting period Regional Workshop on Remediation of Landfills in the Context of Regional Waste Management was organized in Podgorica, Montenegro on 30 September and 1 October 2015.
- The objective of this workshop is to provide the participants with experience of Member States in implementation of Landfill of Waste Directive (Council Directive 1999/31/EC); with focus on requirements of the Directive related to closure of landfills and dump sites.



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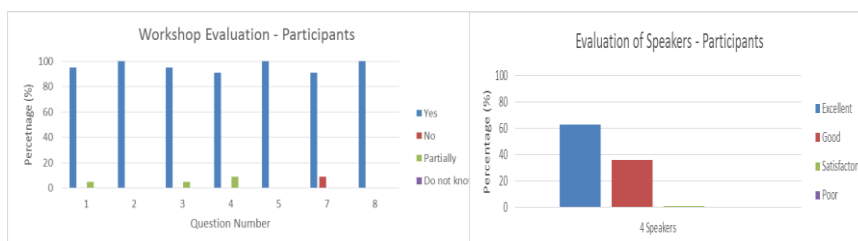


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Task 2.6.5 Regional training on remediation of the landfills in the context of the regional waste management

Results and Evaluation

- In the training program participated 22 participants.



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Task 2.6.5 Regional training on remediation of the landfills in the context of the regional waste management

Impact

- Improved understanding of the better assess the situation regarding the landfills closure, risk assessment related to that, and adequate techniques for remediation.
- Improved skills on implementation of Landfill of Waste Directive (Council Directive 1999/31/EC), through lectures and site visit.



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ACTIVITES/TASKS TO BE IMPLEMENTED

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2.6.1 Organisation of Annual Working Group meeting

2.6.2 National Waste Management Plans/Strategies review in line with the requirements of the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC) and IPA 2 Regulation

2.6.2 Joint workshop with ECENA WG organized in Montenegro on 3-5 November 2015. on capacity building in implementation of Regulation (EC 1013/2006) on Shipment of Waste, Basel Convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal and OECD decision concerning the control of transboundary movement of waste destined for recovery operations

2.6.4 Study visit to Belgium on efficient waste management systems and tools



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Task 2.6.4 Study visit to Belgium on efficient waste management systems and tools

- This activity is postponed to the first half of 2016.



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