

ENVIRONMENT COMPONENT: EU ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS, PEER REVIEWS

Activity 2.1

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Achievements and lessons learnt of implemented activities

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Activity 2.1 Strengthening capacities for accession negotiations on chapter 27 – overall objective

The overall objective :

to provide additional support to the beneficiaries in their efforts to further progress in the EU Integration process, through designated capacity building and peer review assessments.



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Activity 2.1 Strengthening capacities for accession negotiations on chapter 27 – implemented activities 2013 - 2016

- Follow up of the capacity building activities already implemented under RENA on EU Accession Negotiation Process – delivery of Regional Training on EU Accession Negotiations on Chapter 27, Brussels, Belgium (10 –11 April 2014).
- Training prepared and delivered in close coordination with the representatives of DG Environment and DG Enlargement, as well as experts from EU MS.
- Topics covered: theory and practice of negotiations, EU negotiation process and system, format of EU negotiations, roles, norms and procedures, institutional framework and actors, strategies and tactics in EU negotiations.



Activity 2.1 Strengthening capacities for accession negotiations on chapter 27 – implemented activities 2013 - 2016

- 1st ECRAN Peer Review, Serbia, September - October 2014, covering Water, Nature management, Air Quality, Chemicals, Industrial Pollution and Control Sectors.
- Executed by Peers from Romania, Bulgaria and Austria public administrations
- Stakeholders in the Peer Review included : Competent Authorities , local self-governments, province of Vojvodina, industry, NGOs, municipal and provincial public enterprises and national parks and protected areas, Chamber of Commerce



Activity 2.1 Strengthening capacities for accession negotiations on chapter 27 – impact and results

- Increase of coordination, communication and exchange of information between all line ministries and institutions responsible for transposition and implementation of EU environmental and climate aquis;
- Preparation of capacity building activities in line with the guidelines provided in the RENA Manual on EU Accession Negotiation, thus promoting the awareness on all aspects of EU negotiation process;
- First hand experience on the peculiarities of the EU accession negotiation process through experience of EC and EU MS representatives;
- Peer Review exercise performed for Serbia, prior to the screening meeting in 2014, has enabled the country officials to better prepare for screening meetings and provide the EC with the most relevant data and information in order to close the screening phase of negotiations.



Thank you for your attention.



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