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Bosnia and Herzegovina

Impact of ECRAN as regional capacity building platform
vis-à-vis major environment and climate policy
developments in beneficiary countries

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STATE OF PLAY

1.COORDINATION MECHANISM AS A KEY POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED (AFTER THE HEAVY DISCUSSION B&H TOP POLITICAL LEADERS REACH AGREEMENT ON THIS ISSUE. MECHANISM INCLUDE ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN DECISION MAKING) 23 August 2016.

2. SAA ratified, enforced 1 June 2015

3. Accepted is on 20 Sept 2016 EU membership application of BiH submitted on 15 feb 2016

4. Questionnaire is coming, based on which EC will prepare its opinion

5.NEXT STEP IS WORK ON ADOPTION OF APPROXIMATION STRATEGY AT THE STATE LEVEL AS WELL AS ON ENTITIES AND DISTRICT BRČKO B&H LEVEL (PRECONDITION TO BE INCLUDE IN THE IPA II 2018 – 2020 FUNDING PERIOD)

6.RATIFICATION PROCESS OF PARIS AGREEMENT IS IN THE FINAL STAGE (WE CAN EXPECT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO BE RATIFIED (HOPE BEFORE MARAKESH).

7.PREPARED DRAFT OF TNC AND SBUR, INDC for Paris conference prepared

8.SEVERAL PROJECTS ARE IN PLACE , ECRAN only IPA project ongoing, no IPA II funding since 2014

GAPS TO OWERCOME

1. LACK OF CAPACITIES (HUMAN, INSTITUTIONAL, KNOWLWEDGE,)
2. LACK OF FUNDING
3. LACK OF TECHNOLOGIES

Responsibilities of Bosnia and Herzegovina within the EU accession process

Responsibilities from SSP:

- Responsibilities from the Article 70: Responsibility of BiH for adjustment of Legislation with EU acquis and responsibility for efficient legislation implementation
- + separate Articles of SSP related to Environment Sector

Environment:

Responsibilities for following the accession criteria regarding the environment:

- political
- economic
- administrative

Membership

Capability for taking over of the membership responsibilities:

- Achievement of EU goals
- Adoption and efficient implementation of the EU acquis

Results within the environment – trends in approaching the EU

Preparations within environment protection and climate changes are still in initial phase

Administrative capacities within the environment are still weak, especially at state level- one voice speaking is challenge?

There is no **mechanism** for **overall adjustment with the EU Legislation**, nor for the **whole state strategic planning**

Priority-establishment of **adjusted legal framework**, proper **administrative capacities and functionality of the monitoring system**

Horizontal and vertical inter-institutional coordination needs to be improved

Strategic planning and implementation of environmental acquis are necessary

ENVIS BiH project

Strengthening of Environmental Institution in B&H

- Five Project Components
- I EU Accession and EU Approximation
- II Legal, Institutional and Economic Gap Analysis
- DSIP for 4 Directive (Drinking Water, Floods, UWWT, Landfills)
- III Implementation of MEA's,
- IV Environmental Monitoring Network
- V Pipeline of Projects (Pilot projects EIONET)
- All projects activities are made for BiH, Entities and Brcko District level.

Strategic documents - draft

Draft State level strategy for EU environmental acquis approximation

- Not finalized and adopted

Draft Action plans for implementation of the Strategy at levels of entities and BD

Draft action plans for implementation of DSIPs in the Entities and Brčko District

Draft environmental policy adjusted with the seventh EU action program EU

- Not finalized and adopted

Draft structure for establishment of monitoring-information system within BiH

Technical data base about the projects

- Not finalized and adopted

Impact of ECRAN regional cooperation platform on planning the environment and climate approximation

Impact of ECRAN regional activities on national level

- There are lot of positive impact on the activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- **Persons – more than 100 public servants that participate at the workshops express its satisfaction with the experts that are included in the Project, related the knowledge, experiences, readines to answer the questions, discuss on some proposal for the actions.**

Best practices from EU member states, guidance documents and tools contributed towards strengthening the implementation of EU legislation on national level

- Exchange experience among other countries, compare its achievements, position ...

How ECRAN contributed in development of strategic documents for the accession process in both environment and climate sectors.

Preparation process of PMRs was of great importance for more that 100 public servants, helped us in preparation of Envls project and Birds and Habitats project,

Improved horizontal and vertical coordination, good preparation for questionnaire, only env sector had PME exercise, demontstrated mechanism of coordination is possible to be implemented with huge efforts

- Experts are very detailed in explanation, so we find that is important to revise strategic documents

How to strengthen the impact of ECRAN regional project on national level

We had several national WSs (ETS, MMR, Energy balance)

- Common work (on the job training)
- Exchange of views
- Permanent communications

International cooperation to combat CC – general overview

- B&H became a party to the UNFCCC on 6 December 2000
- ratified the Kyoto Protocol on 16 April 2007
- considered a non-Annex I Party, i.e. developing or transitional countries.
- apart from regular bilateral and multilateral development cooperation mechanisms, specific mechanisms have been introduced or are currently under development
- 7 NAMAs currently under development in BiH (segments of energy efficiency, biomass, geothermal energy, transport, residential sector, public lightning)

Climate Change Adaptation and Low-Emission Development Strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Developed in October 2013
- Outlines the adaptation and emission reduction goals through a synergic approach
- The adaptation goal of the strategy is to: Increase Bosnia and Herzegovina's resilience to climate variability and climate change, and in doing so, secure development gains.
- The emission reduction goal of the strategy is to: Achieve a peak in Bosnia and Herzegovina's greenhouse gas emissions around 2025 at a level that is below the EU27 average per capita emissions.

Current government initiatives within this segment

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina Action Plan for Flood Protection and River management (2014-2017)**
- Vrbas project (UNDP)
 - mapping of river Vrbas risks
 - climate model development
 - National Adaptation Plan development
- Protection of Drina flooding (World Bank)
- IPA funding for flood risk management (in the pipeline – in line with the B&H AP)
- Regional Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, Assistance for flood prevention

Activities of BiH ECRAN WGs under Climate Change

- **Climate Action Working Groups:**
 - Climate Policy Development and Building Climate Awareness
 - GHG Inventory Systems and the EU Monitoring Mechanism Regulation
 - Emissions Trading
 - Adaptation

Activities of ECRAN WGs

Climate Change

- Capacity building, information exchange and assistance in relation to the implementation by the project beneficiaries of EU requirements on Climate Change and particularly the following aspects:
- EU/national/regional policies on Climate Change (i.e. the 2020 Climate and Energy package, the expected 2030 climate and energy framework and the Roadmap for moving to a low-carbon economy in 2050) and GHG monitoring and reporting requirements;
- Creation of inventories, implementation of EU Monitoring Mechanism legislation and including institutional arrangements and resources needed, preparation of reports on emission inventories and emission projections;
- Implementation of emissions trading schemes
- Adaptation to climate change;

Results achieved:

- Workshops/training needs/exchange programmes in the field of climate change identified and organized, representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina participated actively
- Development of sound emission inventories for installations likely to be included in the EU ETS, performed is national workshop on ETS in april 2016 in Sarajevo, september for ETS operators
- Best practice documents and hands-on assistance in all sectors falling under the scope of EU climate *acquis*.

COUNTRY NEEDS

1. PARIS AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY (FEASIBLE)
2. CLOSE COOLABORATION WITH EU AND REGIONAL COUNTRIES
3. MORE SINERGY AND COOPERATION WITHIN THE SECTORS
(AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, TRANSPORT, INDUSTRY, TURISM, FINANCIAL,
EDUCATION,...)
4. PUBLIC AWARENES AND TRANSPARENCY
5. TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY

COUNTRY NEEDS

6. INCREASE RENEWABLE RESOURCES IN ENERGY PRODUCTION

7. CLEAR CONECTION BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGES AND SDG'S

8. WORK ON ADAPTATION MEASURES DEFINED BY CCA&LED SRATEGY

9. INCREASE A REGIONAL COOPERATION

10. CREATE LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION PLANS (LCAP)

11. OTHER

Thank you for attention