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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup>ECRAN Newsletter prepared by ECRAN Secretariat. The objective of this issue is to provide ECRAN stakeholders with the overview of events and topics organised by ECRAN and ECRAN related initiatives in the period April 2015 - September 2015.

4<sup>th</sup>ECRAN Newsletter brings to you the information about activities related to:

- ECRAN Environment component;
- ECRAN Climate Change component;
- ECRAN Horizontal component;

The ECRAN Team

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- Environment Component – Regional capacity building, National workshops, Expert missions;
- Climate Change Component – Regional capacity building; National Missions;
- Horizontal Component – Regional capacity building, Progress Monitoring 2015, Environment and Climate Forum.

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### **ECRAN 3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee meeting, (23 April 2015, Zagreb, Croatia)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee was attended by ECRAN Focal Points nominated by the beneficiary countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey), the European Commission (DG Environment and DG Climate) and ECRAN project team.

During the meeting, Steering Committee members:

- Provided with an overview of the ECRAN Project activities for the interim period;
- Participated in a discussion and endorsement of the 2015/2016 Work Plan for ECRAN activities;
- Provided information on the recent developments and reforms made in environmental and climate policy in the beneficiary countries.
- Received the latest updates on the cooperation with TAIEX within and beyond ECRAN and possibilities of creating closer links with the EU member states administrations.



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**ECRAN National Workshop on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in Croatia (11-12 May 2015, Osijek, Croatia) ECRAN National Workshop on Human Health and Climate Change in Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directives in Croatia (18-19 May 2015, Split, Croatia)**

National Workshop on SEA and EIA in Croatia were held on 11-12 May 2015 in Osijek, and on 18-19 May in Split. The aim of the workshop was to increase understanding of a good SEA and EIA practice among the regional authorities, focusing on health and climate change issues within SEA and EIA.

Training of Trainers (ToT) scheme has been developed within ECRAN EIA Working Group, which consists of altogether three ToT events inviting three trainers from each country. In between the ToT workshops the trainers are supposed to conduct trainings in their countries. The two workshops on SEA and EIA Directives were the first two national events organised in Croatia within the ToT scheme.

Trained trainers from the Ministry of Natural and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Croatia delivered the trainings with the support provided by the ECRAN Team. The target group of the training were representatives of the local self-governments from Osijek and Split counties.

The results of the meeting targeted the following issues:

- Increased understanding of a good SEA and EIA practice;
- Way forward to address the existing challenges in SEA and EIA practice in Croatia;
- Increased training skills of trainers involved in the ToT exercise.

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<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/77>

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**ECRAN Regional Training of Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) (18-20 May 2015, Istanbul, Turkey)**

Regional Training of Marine Strategy Framework Directive was organised in Istanbul in the period 18-20 May 2015 in close coordination with the Black Sea Commission (BSC) providing for a unique opportunity for sharing the BSC vast experience in both MSFD and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) implementing efforts. The objective of the training was to strengthen national capacities for effectively addressing the large number of implementation challenges of the MSFD and the ICZM, analysed in synergy with the process of reaching the WFD objectives.

Based on the contributions of the beneficiary countries, the discussion, and the input provided by the European Commission, Black Sea Commission and the Member States' speakers, follow up for further improvements includes the following measures:

- Further support for the beneficiary countries is required to strengthen their national capacities in implementing the MSFD;
- Shift towards more cross cutting issues in enforcement to avoid duplication and waste of resources;
- Need to establish a comprehensive database that can meet a wide range of requirements for assessment and reporting to EC;
- Organisation of tailored made trainings, focusing on the country specific topics;

- Ensure practical application of various analysis required for the implementation of MSFD;
- Continue to facilitate active participation and interaction, and motivated involvement (national inputs, short presentations on selected topics which can stimulate interest), making use of the existing expertise of the participants to accelerate the absorption of knowledge and practices.



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**ECRAN Regional Training “Natura 2000 – from Theory to Practice”  
(25-28 May 2015, Mikulov, Znojmo, Podují, Czech Republic)**

Regional Training “Natura 2000 – from Theory to Practice” was organised in Czech Republic in the period 25-28 May 2015. The aim of the training was to build on and provide practical examples for the theoretical steps of the process of Natura 2000 establishment and management presented at the regional training in Podgorica, organised in November 2014 under ECRAN Nature Working Group.

The study visit was organised predominantly as a field trip, aiming to provide the participants with practical field examples. For this purpose, the region of South Moravia was selected, having numerous Natura 2000 sites in the region overlapping with national protected areas.

The first day was organised in the Protected Landscape Area Pálava, three Sites of Community Importance (SCIs) as per the Habitats Directive, and two adjacent Special Protection Areas, as per the Birds Directive were visited.

The second day was organised in National Park Podyjí being both SCI and Special protected Area (SPA) and a transboundary national park with National park Thayatal in Austria.

In addition to “national” type of issues and solutions, participants were provided with the information on the tools for establishment and maintenance of transboundary cooperation and Natura 2000 management. The study visit was organised in close collaboration with the Czech national section of EUROPARC Federation as well as Czech Ornithological Society.

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<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/73>

**ECRAN Multi-beneficiary Regional Workshop of National Emission ceilings (NEC) Directive (26-28 May 2015, Tirana, Albania)**

Multi-beneficiary Regional Workshop of National Emission Ceilings (NEC) Directive was held in the period 26-28 May 2015 in Tirana. Main objective of the workshop was assisting the ECRAN countries in the implementation of air quality related directives by providing capacity building regarding improving emission inventories, developing projections for emissions, and developing and implementing programmes to reduce emissions of the pollutants.

The workshop managed to improve the understanding of the requirements of the NEC Directive and their effective implementation, as well as to provide exchange of information on the topics described above between ECRAN countries and European Member States. The discussion and results of the training revealed that additional support has to be provided to the beneficiaries. As for the preparation of further activities of the Working Group, a detailed questionnaire was sent to the beneficiaries to ask for the current status of air quality modelling, available input data and future needs.

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**ECRAN National Workshop on Practical Application of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in Serbia (01-04 June 2015, Belgrade, Serbia)**

National Workshop on Practical Application of SEA and EIA Directives in Serbia was held from 01-04 June 2015 in Belgrade.

The workshop is part of the Training of Trainers (ToT) scheme developed within ECRAN EIA Working Group and as such it was the first national event organised in Serbia within the ToT scheme.

Trained trainers from the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia delivered the trainings with the support provided by the ECRAN Team. The target group of the training were representatives of the central authorities and local self governments, practitioners and NGOs.

The training in Serbia was focused on supporting the good SEA and EIA practice in the country by increasing the understanding of the regional authorities and environmental experts on the approaches to SEA and EIA practical application, with objectives defined as to:

- Explain main steps of SEA and EIA procedure;
- Apply SEA and EIA theory through exercise;
- Illustrate good SEA and EIA practice on case examples
- Provide proper interpretation of various roles in strategic planning /project preparation and linked decision making processes.

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<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/87>

**ECRAN Regional Workshop on Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (02-04 June 2015, Podgorica, Montenegro)**

Regional Workshop on CITES was organised in Podgorica, from 02-04 June 2015. The EU implements the CITES Convention through the Wildlife Trade Regulations, under which imports from and exports to enlargement countries are regulated and monitored. In that regard, it is important that enlargement countries adequately apply CITES requirements and the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations.

This workshop was organised in close cooperation with the European Commission (EC) DG Environment and the EU Wildlife Trade Enforcement Group, aiming to provide the training on three priority areas:

1. General requirements under CITES and the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations;
2. Scientific requirements under these regulations and tasks of scientific authorities;
3. Controls by enforcement agencies and criminal law.

The workshop resulted with the following conclusions related to challenges for CITES implementation:

- Further strengthen of national legislation to implement CITES Convention and EU CITES Regulations is required in each beneficiary country;
- The cooperation among CITES management, scientific and enforcement authorities on national and regional level has to be improved;
- Further capacity building of the authorities designated to implement CITES is required to be provided through trainings and exchange of experiences;

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**ECRAN Regional Workshop on Strategic Planning in Water Sector  
(03-04 June 2015, Podgorica, Montenegro)**

Joint Workshop of Strategic Planning and Investment Working Group (SPI WG) and Water Management Working Group (WM WG) was organised in Podgorica on 03-04 June 2015. The aim of this joint regional workshop was to facilitate the understanding and exchange of experience, as well as to transfer knowledge on the planning documents in the water sector, in order to accommodate the EU acquis requirements.

A specific topic addressed "Water Sector Financing sources" reflecting the interlinkages between the Program of Measures developed as the key component of the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) in line with the Water Framework Directive (WFD) as one of the main task of the WM WG, and the sustainable water financing, as the main focus of the SPI WG.

The benefits of strengthening the technical capacity of the workshop participants were maximised through the training, exchange of experience and lectures provided by the EU MS experts.

For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/86>

**ECRAN National Roundtable: Developing Meta Plan for Chapter 27  
(09 June 2015, Skopje, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)**

National Roundtable on development of Meta Plan for Chapter 27 was held on 09 June 2015 in Skopje.

The round table has been designed as the follow up of the Regional training on the Role of Planning Documents in Approximation Process and Management of the Process for Chapter 27, organised in March 2014 in Podgorica under Strategic Planning and Investments WG.

The objective of the round table was further improvement of strategic planning of the approximation process assistance in the process of preparation for EU accession negotiations.

National situation in the area of strategic planning has been presented by the representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, while ECRAN team recommended five steps to be followed up in the meta-planning process:

- Definition of national environmental priorities;
- Formal requirements for planning documents as part of the acquis;
- Planning documents aligned with the selected EU accession negotiation strategy;
- Horizontal planning documents developed to support institutional and sectoral policies;
- Planning of approximation process and relation to NPAA.

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**ECRAN Regional IED/Chemicals 3rd Training Course (01-03 September 2015, Skopje, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)**

Regional capacity building on compliance with chemicals legislation, with emphasis on REACH/CLP linked to IED regarding technical Aspects - 3<sup>rd</sup> Training Course was organised in the period 01-03 September 2015 in Skopje with site visit to MAKPETROL, biodiesel production factory. The training was focused on the technical aspects of REACH Regulation, with the emphasis on the risks for human health and environmental risk assessments, Persistent Bio accumulative and Toxic substances (PBT) and very Persistent and very Bio accumulative substances (vPvB) assessments, toxicological endpoints, basic introductions on toxicology, safety data sheets and basics in REACH inspection.

The EU Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL) has been one of the networks we have been cooperating with in the process of training design and delivery. Experts provided by IMPEL and European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) shared, explained and trained the participants on the utilisation of various new tools and guidance products provided by these organisations. Experiences of the EU MS on the training topics were provided by the experts from Netherlands, Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Germany.

Within the scope of regional cooperation and assistance in transposition and implementation of EU environmental legislation, the specific objective of the training was to provide assistance in strengthening the institutions and building capacity in complying with the EC Chemicals legislation.



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**ECRAN 4<sup>th</sup> Screening Workshop on Water Framework Directive (WFD) Programme of Measures in Drina River Basin (DRB) (15-17 September 2015, Tirana, Albania)**

4<sup>th</sup> Screening Workshop on Water Framework Directive (WFD) Programme of Measures in DRB was held in Tirana in the period 15-17 September 2015. The workshop was designed with the view to acknowledge, encourage and mobilise efforts towards WFD implementation, which is a key to reach the good water status in the River Basins.

Following the results from the 3<sup>rd</sup> screening workshop held in March 2015 regarding methodology for drafting the Drina RBM Plan and its Program of Measures, as well as Significant Water Management Issues (SWMIs), participants were able to link the SWMIs with the vision and management objectives and the program of measures.

Based on the discussions and the agreement reached at the 4<sup>th</sup> screening workshop, the work will continue with next steps of phase 3 of the methodology regarding Programme of Measures (PoM) development, which will be the main focus of the 5<sup>th</sup> Screening Workshop in October 2015.



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**ECRAN Regional study visit on SEA and Water Framework Directive (WFD) (22-24 September, Prague, Czech Republic)**

Regional study visit on Strategic Environmental Assessment and Water Framework Directive has been organised for the members of Environmental Assessment WG (EIA WG) and Water Management WG in Prague in the period 22-24 September 2015.

The objective of the study visit was to present the practical implementation of the SEA and EIA assessments under the WFD applied in the Czech Republic being one of the EU MS, and to provide hands-on experience for the study visit participants.

The Czech Republic was selected as the host country for this particular study visit due to its vast experience with the implementation of SEA and EIA and large number of recently prepared SEA studies for a number of River Basin Management Plans.

Participants were provided with the opportunity to discuss selected topics with the representatives of the Ministry of Environment, T.G. Masaryk Water Research Institute, and Povodi Vltavy State Enterprise.

Results achieved in the study visit include:

- Increased understanding of the linkages between river basin management planning and SEA/EIA application;
- Provided short 'guide' highlighting main aspects on efficient application of SEA/EIA and its linkages to the WFD to be used in ECRAN beneficiary countries;

- Contacts established between the study visit participants and the relevant governmental institutions to be further utilised.



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**ECRAN Workshop on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Training of Trainers (ToT) module (28 September – 01 October 2015, Istanbul, Turkey)**

2<sup>nd</sup> ToT module was organised from 28 September – 01 October 2015 in Istanbul with a site visit to Pendik City Port Marina, a coastal landfill in Istanbul. Marina was selected due to the fact that EIA was applied. Although originally planned only as two-day long training, considering the needs of beneficiary countries, the event was extended to four full training days. In order to increase efficiency of the training, the participants had been asked to prepare the 'homework' before the event, so that a lecture on the SEA/EIA-related topic could be prepared. The site visit was focused on the waste and waste-water management system in marina, which belonged to the aspects where EIA provided significant inputs.

Compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> ToT session in September 2014, the 2<sup>nd</sup> ToT was focused more on training skills rather than SEA/EIA 'theory'. Within the opening session, the participants from the countries where the national trainings had been organised, shared their experience and suggested specific issues to be addressed within the training.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ToT combined following types of sessions:

- Introductory sessions on selected 'typical' SEA/EIA issues (i.e. screening, scoping etc.);
- Presentation on the case examples;
- Group work on case examples;
- Facilitated discussions.

The training resulted in:

- Further developed country-specific training materials;
- Enhanced training and presentation skills of the participants.



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## **ECRAN Support Mission on Emission Scenario Modelling (01-03 April 2015, Belgrade, Serbia)**

Support Mission on Emission Scenario Modelling was held in the period 01-03 April 2015 in Belgrade. Target group of the mission consisted of the representatives of the public administration from the Ministries and other relevant agencies and institutions. Following regional Module 1 training, organised in November 2014, representatives of Serbia expressed additional interest to improve their understanding of Long-range Energy Alternative Planning (LEAP) System platform.

The training was focused on the increase of the understanding of emission scenario modelling of the relevant public officers, with the purpose of enabling them to commission and use the results of emission scenario modelling work. The modelling aided scenario work will benefit Serbia by helping them meet their future EU and UNFCCC reporting requirements, and to form a rational position on national efforts contributing to the EU 2050 roadmap and the 2030 Framework. The modelling scenario may also assist in promoting evidence based planning in energy policy, including the development of an energy strategy, energy efficiency action plan and renewable energy action plan.



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**ECRAN Regional Training on Assessment of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventories in the Forestry and Other Land Use (15-16 April 2015, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)**

Regional Training on Assessment of (GHG) Inventories in the Forestry and Other Land Use was organised on 15-16 April 2015 in Sarajevo. The main objective of this training was to improve and increase technical knowledge and institutional and procedural capacities of the ECRAN countries, in order to prepare submissions of the National Inventory Reports according to the requirements of the Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (MMR).

The training was focused on the identification of gaps in activity data and provision of recommendations for establishment of data flow system for gap filling as well as checking the overall quality of implemented emission factors in GHG emission estimates with focus on key categories in Forestry and Other Land Use.

The results of this training will feed into an assessment report that will include recommendations for short and long-term inventory improvements in relation to applied methodology, activity data and emission factors in the beneficiaries. The training was based on the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/65>

**ECRAN Expert Training on Risk and Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Planning – Energy Sector (16-17 April 2015, Tirana, Albania)**

Expert Training on Risk and Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Planning in the Energy Sector was organised in the period 16-17 April 2015 in Tirana. The training was designed for the public administration staff coming from the energy management sector aiming to enhance the understanding about climate adaptation action in the urban planning and energy sectors among a core of ECRAN beneficiary countries' representatives, supporting the creation of national climate adaptation policies and planning as a basis for action.

The following results were achieved in this training:

- Strengthened awareness and understanding of climate change adaptation needs and options among energy sector experts from Western Balkan countries and Turkey established;
- Improved understanding of risk and vulnerability assessment in the energy sector, including the applicability of the Climate Adapt Tool;
- Increased knowledge regarding climate adaptation action planning in beneficiary countries and the region;
- Raised awareness of the need of speeding up and enhancing climate adaptation action planning in the Western Balkan countries and Turkey.

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**ECRAN Advanced Technical Training Programme on the EU Verification and Accreditation Regulation (20-23 April 2015, Zagreb, Sisak, Drnis, Croatia)**

Advanced Technical Training Programme on the EU Verification and Accreditation Regulation was held on 20-23 April in Zagreb, with site visit to thermal power plant in Sisak, and GIRK Kalun lime factory in Drnis.

The main objective of the training was to provide the selected public administration staff from the Republic of Turkey with an improved technical understanding of the EU Verification and Accreditation regulation.

On-site practical training on the selected ETS installations has been delivered, where lead ETS auditors performed two complete verification tasks in order to pass the practical knowledge to Turkish officials. The training included practical examples on planning and conducting a verification task for installations that have combustion and process emissions.

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**Regional Dialogue of the EU, the Candidate Countries and the Potential Candidate Countries on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) to the 2015 Climate Agreement (28 April 2015, Istanbul, Turkey)**

High level Regional Dialogue of the EU, the Candidate Countries and the Potential Candidate Countries on INDCs was held on 28 April 2015 in Istanbul.

In March 2015, the EU became the first major economy to submit its INDC to the UNFCCC. All INDCs submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat by 1 October 2015 have been included in the synthesis report prepared by the UNFCCC Secretariat and released in October 2015. The report reflected the aggregate emissions impact of available INDCs ahead of Conference of Parties - COP21.

The aim of the Regional meeting was to provide a platform for the exchange of views on the preparation and submission of INDC between the EU and the EU candidate countries and potential candidates' senior public officials.

The meeting resulted in:

- Familiarising participants with the recent developments regarding the intended nationally determined contributions to the UNFCCC and the expectations for the 2015 Global Climate Agreement;
- Enhancing dialogue on prospects for climate cooperation with the EU – implementation of the INDCs in the coming decades and decarbonisation policy across sectors



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**ECRAN Advanced Technical Training Programme on the EU Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (19-20 May 2015, Belgrade, Serbia)**

Advanced Technical Training Programme on the EU Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (MRR) was held in the period 19-20 May 2015 in Belgrade. The training targeted the operators of industrial installations, public administration and potential verifiers on the basis of guidance and templates that have been developed by the EC.

The purpose of the training was to facilitate the participants to gain practical experiences with developing a Monitoring Plan and writing emissions reports, by conducting practical exercise as well as identifying and answering plant-specific questions.

The training provided in-depth insights in the Monitoring and reporting regulation, and understanding of lessons learned. Furthermore it provided practical examples on developing a Monitoring Plan and writing emissions reports to and optimally prepare for their tasks to develop the Monitoring Plan and emission reports for their own installations. Nevertheless, participants were also provided with explanations for better understanding of the requirements of the Annual Emission reports and how to complete such a report.

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## **ECRAN Modelling Training Module 2 (26-28 May 2015, Istanbul,Turkey)**

Modelling Training Module 2 was organised on 26-28 May 2015 in Istanbul, following the Module 1 Training held in November 2014 in Skopje. The aim of the training was to further build analytical capacity of participants, with the focus on the definition of scenario types, definition and reporting on policies and measures, projections of drivers of future emissions, costs of technologies under the LEAP platform.

Participants presented the results of the homework provided during Module 1 Training, while additional homework was provided during Module 2 to be presented during the upcoming training Module 3. The modelling aided scenario work will benefit countries by helping them meet their future EU and UNFCCC reporting requirements, and to form a rational position on national efforts contributing to the EU 2050 roadmap and the 2030 Framework.

The training aimed to:

- contribute to building technical capacities to carry out modelling of emission scenarios;
- enhance a better understanding of modelling work which will ensure that future modelling is relevant to policymakers and that policymakers understand the limits of the work and are able to better interpret the results;
- provide a proper introduction on LEAP and also to provide the initial steps in filling the LEAP structure with country relevant data and building up a basic model;
- strengthen regional network of experts.

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<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/80>

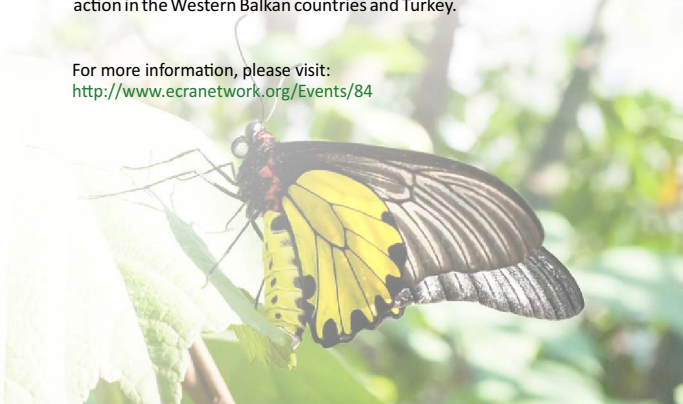
## **ECRAN Workshop on National Climate Adaptation Policies and Legislation – Step B: Identification of Adaptation Options (03-04 June 2015, Zagreb, Croatia)**

Workshop on National Climate Adaptation Policies and Legislation – Step B regarding Identification of Adaption Options was held on 03-04 June 2015 in Zagreb.

The preceding Step A Workshop focused on the basic steps of Adaptation Planning using the available tools and guidance, and in particular focusing on the Climate Adapt Tool, as currently being maintained by the European Environmental Agency in Copenhagen.

Main objective of the workshop was to enhance the understanding about climate adaptation actions among a core of beneficiary countries' representatives, creating climate adaptation policies and planning as a basis for action and thus promote climate adaptation action in the Western Balkan countries and Turkey.

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**EU – Serbia high level Conference on Climate Change (11 June 2015, Belgrade, Serbia)**

EU – Serbia high level Conference on Climate Change was organised on 11 June 2015 in Belgrade, aiming to provide a platform for the exchange of views on the preparation and submission of INDC between the EU and the officials from Serbian government and other relevant institutions.

Serbia is in the process of negotiation with the EU, and the country's climate action in relation to the one of the EU has been recently completed. The efforts required from Serbia to converge with the EU will provide the Serbian administration and the society with better tools for harnessing the opportunities and addressing the challenges of sustainable economic development, job creation and climate change.

Serbia announced the submission of its INDC towards the 2015 Climate Agreement at the High Level Conference, taking the lead in the Western Balkans region in terms of timing. This will not only facilitate Serbia's convergence with EU acquis but will also support the further development of sound climate and energy policies providing for enhanced security of energy supply, green jobs and regulatory certainty for investments, improved air quality and health benefits for all citizens and ultimately transition to a low-carbon economy.

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**ECRAN National Mission: INDC preparation for Albania (13 July 2015, Tirana, Albania)**

National Mission for INDC preparation for Albania was held on 13 July 2015 in Tirana. In total three missions have been implemented:

- 31 May - 01 June 2015: Data assessment and analysis;
- 12 - 14 July 2015: Stocktaking and start of compilation of the INDC document;
- 14 August 2015: Public hearing.

The INDC proposal prepared by the ECRAN team was approved by the Albanian Government on 16 September 2015. The work included the following milestones:

- Data and analysis - assembling existing information on sectoral and aggregate emission pathways or sectoral development trends which were recently produced and can aid the development of options for INDC;
- Compilation of the document - potential scenarios, filling data gap, adding estimates for missing sectors – importance of sectors is defined by the role of various sectors in the emission inventory now and in the future;
- Design of INDC;
- Stakeholder engagement and preparation of draft submission.

For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/92>

**ECRAN National Mission: INDC Preparation for Montenegro (15 July 2015, Podgorica, Montenegro)**

National Mission for INDC preparation for Montenegro was held on 15 July 2015 in Podgorica. As for the INDC preparation for Albania, three missions have been implemented:

- 31 May - 01 June 2015: Data assessment and analysis;
- 12 - 14 July 2015: Stocktaking and start of compilation of the INDC document;
- 14 August 2015: Public hearing.

The INDC proposal prepared by the ECRAN team was approved by the Montenegrin Government on 17 September 2015. Following the Government approval, Montenegro has submitted their final INDC document to the UNFCCC Secretariat prior to the Paris COP.

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**ECRAN Modelling Training Module 3 (21-24 September 2015, Zagreb, Croatia)**

Modelling Training Module 3: Practical training on quantitative models and scenario development to be used to assess climate and energy policy options and to set emission target was held in the period 21-24 September 2014 in Zagreb.

The objective of the training program was to increase technical capacities in the countries to allow them to build technical capacities to carry out modelling of emission scenarios, with the purpose of enabling them to carry out emission scenario modelling work.

The module was designed building on the results and outputs achieved during first two modules. Homeworks from the previous workshop were prepared by the beneficiaries and presented, enhancing discussion and communication among the participants.

In terms of technical requirements, the focus of the training was on one specific modelling platform, the Long-range Energy Alternatives Planning System (LEAP), developed by the Stockholm Environmental Institute, as on previous modelling trainings.

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## **ECRAN Implementation of Guidelines for Inspection of SEVESO Establishments (20-21 April 2015, Belgrade, Serbia)**

National training on implementation of Guidelines for Inspection of SEVESO Establishments was held on 20-21 April 2015 in Belgrade. The training was delivered to the representatives of the Competent Authorities following their request issued to the ECRAN Secretariat. As per the latest legal gap analysis performed in 2014 by national TA project, it has been concluded that Seveso III transposition into Serbian legislation has to undergo a significant revision.

The main objective of the national training was to strengthening capacities of the Serbian Inspectorate for further improvement of the quality of Seveso inspections in line with the provisions of Seveso III Directive in the following areas:

- Preparation and Organisation of the Inspections;
- Inspections and site visits;
- Inspection Report and Monitoring of Actions.

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<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/67>

## **ECRAN Multi-Country Capacity Building Workshop on Compliance with Environmental Legislation (21-23 April 2015, Kolasin, Pljevlja, Montenegro)**

Multi-Country Capacity Building Workshop on Compliance with Environmental Legislation was organised on 21-23 April in Kolasin, including a site visit to Thermal-Electric Power Plant in Pljevlja.

Objective of the workshop was increasing the effectiveness of inspection bodies and promoting compliance with environmental requirements by providing capacity building through better understanding of implementation issues and identification of targeted solutions (training of inspectors and permit writers in cooperation with law drafters and policy makers).

The training covered Inspection Management, implementation of IPPC/IED, Waste Framework Directive and IED, common inspection and SEVESO. Following the request expressed during the second Annual meeting of ECENA Coordinators, the training also included a presentation by the Energy Community representative on their activities in the field of environment, as well as, specifics on the Energy Community Treaty with reference to the implementation of rules on industrial emissions from large combustion plans.

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<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/68>

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**ECRAN Environment and Climate Forum (ECF): Climate Change and Policy (23-24 April 2015, Zagreb, Croatia)**

Environment and Climate Forum workshop on Climate Change and Policy was held in the period 23-24 April 2015 in Zagreb. The training was designed and delivered in close collaboration with the ECRAN Climate Policy Working Group.

Target group of the training were ECF NGO representatives from all beneficiary countries. Apart from the EU MS experts, lectures have been provided by the representatives of the EU MS NGOs: European Climate Foundation (the Netherlands), Lavinia's Eco Solution (the Netherlands), Friends of the Earth (Croatia), and CEE Bankwatch Network (Czech Republic and Europe wide).

The training was used to strengthen the knowledge base of ECF NGOs on the general background and data behind the climate change agenda, state-of-the-art of the EU policies, programmes and plans, and discussion on lobby and campaigning for better national policies addressing the topic.

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<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/70>



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**ECRAN Multi Country Workshop on Compliance with the legislation on Trans Frontier Shipment (TFS) of Waste (20-21 May 2015, Tirana, Durres, Albania)**

Multi Country Workshop on Compliance with the legislation on Trans Frontier Shipment of Waste was held on 20-21 May 2015 in Tirana, with site visit to the Durres Harbour and Port Authority with its environmental laboratory.

Aim of the workshop was to increase capacity in the beneficiary countries in the field implementation of elements of the Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR), increase insight in related compliance and enforcement mechanisms and knowledge about performing inspections and in a way of increasing the effectiveness of inspection bodies and promoting compliance with environmental requirements.

The workshop was organised in coordination with IMPEL, as it was the case with the first TFS workshop that took place in July 2014 in Croatia.

The following results were achieved:

- Improved knowledge based on WSR and legal and institutional requirements with compliance, and enforcement aspects at key staff of the Environment Ministries and institutions on the subject;
- Strengthened regional network of SEE professionals and experts on (TFS) with its compliance and enforcement aspects.

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**ECRAN Environment and Climate Forum (ECF) Regional Planning and Capacity Building Meeting (02-05 June 2015, Brussels, Belgium)**

Environment and Climate Forum Regional Planning and Capacity Building Meeting was held on 02-05 June 2015 in Brussels. The Meeting provided platform to discuss outcomes of ECF activities and to evaluate involvement of the civil society in the approximation process, with the focus on environment and climate area.

The meeting also served as a platform for dialogue of the civil society with the representative of the European Commission. In addition, space was allocated for work plan update, common work on the ECF outcomes and discussions on the future of the EU – NGO dialogue. The meeting was organised back-to-back with 2015 Green Week (GW), providing ECF NGOs opportunity to visit and participate at the GW sessions and use the time and opportunity for capacities development and networking.

The results achieved were the following:

- Increased knowledge base, capacities and networking of the ECF NGOs through active participation at the Green Week 2015;
- Development of the outline for upcoming training modules;
- Inputs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting agenda;
- Outline and roadmap for 2015 NGO Position Document on the country Progress Reports;
- Draft version of Points for the Commissioner Document;
- Endorsed Work Plan for 2015/2016.

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**ECRAN Multi-Country Capacity Building Workshop on Compliance with Environmental Legislation (08-10 September 2015, Tirana, Albania)**

Multi-Country Capacity Building Workshop on Compliance with Environmental Legislation was held on 08-10 September 2015 in Tirana, with a site visit to Bankers Petroleum Ltd in Fier, a Canadian-based oil and gas exploration and production company in Albania.

Purpose of the workshop was increasing the effectiveness of inspection bodies and promoting compliance with environmental requirements through capacity building in the aim of better understanding of implementation issues and identification of targeted solutions.

From May 2014 to April 2015, four trainings have been held in four countries, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, and Montenegro. The workshop in Albania was the fifth module in the series of the multi-country workshops to be held in each of the eight beneficiary countries, and it covered five major subjects:

- Inspection Management;
- Implementation IPPC/IED;
- Cross cutting issues IED;
- SEVESO;
- Common inspection/site visit.

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**ECRAN Regional Workshop on Compliance with REACH / CLP Regulations (16-17 September 2015, Zagreb, Croatia)**

Regional Workshop on Compliance with REACH/CLP Regulations was held on 16-17 September 2015 in Zagreb, with a site visit to Petrokemija D.D., in Kutina, a petrochemical SEVESO plant.

Within the scope of regional cooperation and assistance in transposition and implementation of EU environmental legislation, the aim of the workshop was to provide assistance in strengthening the institutions and building capacity in complying with the EC Chemicals legislation. Emphasis was put on the enforcement aspects of the REACH and CLP Regulations, interlinked amongst other with the Industrial Emissions Directive as these were covering major chapters in chemicals legislation and industrial pollution control.

The site visit to the fertilizer plant illustrated not only what a factory producing chemicals has to do before and after Croatia's EU membership considering registration and evaluation of chemicals, but also what the cross links and requirements are for waste materials, by-products and chemicals, risk management under REACH/CLP and SEVESO and the importance of Safety Data Sheets.

Workshop resulted with:

- Improved functioning of the environmental authorities and related authorities envisaged to be responsible for implementation and enforcement of the REACH/CLP regulations ;
- Provision of streamlined working methods and implementation of best practice in the region moving towards EU standards.

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<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Events/100>

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## **ECRAN Environmental Climate Forum Preparatory Meetings (14 April – 22 May 2015)**

Preparatory meetings are the opportunity to promote wider consultation at the national level and maintain a high level of attention on the environmental approximation issues throughout the project duration. The purpose of the preparatory meetings is to allow for a wide consultation/information sharing with as many relevant NGOs as possible and in each of the beneficiary countries. Yet, the intention is to involve not only the representatives of the civil society, but also the representatives of relevant national authorities and other stakeholders.

In the period of April-May 2015 ECRAN/ECF organised (in close collaboration with local NGOs and other stakeholders) round of in-country preparatory meetings in all beneficiary countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo\*, Serbia and Turkey on the following dates:

- Belgrade, Serbia – 14 April 2015;
- Pristina, Kosovo\* - 21 April 2015;
- Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina – 05 May 2015;
- Tirana, Albania – 07 May 2015;
- Ankara, Turkey – 08 May 2015;
- Podgorica, Montenegro – 13 May 2015;
- Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – 22 May 2015.

There were 3 main objectives of these meetings:

- To create space for discussion between authorities, decision makers and civil society representatives;
- To discuss progress in the negotiations, identify key challenges and explore possibilities for the national dialogue on the state, perspective and future on the enlargement process;
- To map main issues and NGO concerns and to provide inputs into agenda for the annual meeting in Brussels (between ECF NGOs and the European Commission).

Preparatory meetings listed above were organised in close collaboration with ECRAN Focal Points who ensured participation of public administration representatives at the preparatory meetings.

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



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## PROGRESS MONITORING 2015 – Reporting Year No.18

The purpose of the Progress Monitoring (PM) in preparation for accession is to provide an updated, comprehensive overview of the current situation in the beneficiary countries concerning the status of transposition and implementation of the environment and climate acquis as well as to identify the progress achieved on yearly basis in each of the beneficiary countries.

The capacity of the beneficiaries' institutions in performing the self-assessment within PM has been increased over the years through close guidance and support from the project team and active participation in the PM process. Extensive efforts have been made to facilitate that the outputs of PM work are utilised in the setting of the countries' approximation strategies, planning resources and defining priorities within the approximation process.

The activities in the reporting period were focused on the following:

- Liaising with the beneficiaries on the start-up meetings and trainings for selected countries.
- Coordinating the progress monitoring activity on beneficiary level and assisting the beneficiaries on progress monitoring methodology
- Preparation and delivery of draft Progress Monitoring Reports based on the ToCs and IQs provided by the beneficiaries
- Preparation and delivery of final Progress Monitoring Reports for all beneficiary countries.

## Expert Missions

During the reporting period April 2015 – September 2015, several expert missions have been performed in the beneficiary countries targeting different environmental areas, in line with the identified needs. Expert missions were organised as follows:

- Natura 2000 Network Assessment (26-30 April 2015, Belgrade, Serbia);
- Natura 2000 Network Assessment (15-19 June 2015, Ankara, Turkey);
- Natura 2000 Network Assessment (31 August – 03 September 2015, Tirana, Albania);
- Assessment of Readiness for Natura 2000 Establishment (14 -18 September 2015, Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);
- Natura 2000 Network Assessment (28-30 September 2015, Pristina, Kosovo).



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