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Executive Summary

Regional co-operation on environment and climate action has been supported by the European Commission for almost a decade, starting in 2005 with the Regional Environmental Reconstruction Program for South-East Europe (REReP), continuing with the Regional Environmental Network for Accession (RENA) covering 2010 -2013 and followed now by the ECRAN project, which started on 1st of October 2013.

The ECRAN project building on the previous programs will further strengthen the enlargement countries administrative capacity, while at the same time fostering regional co-operation, the exchange of information and good practices on the transposition and implementation of the acquis in the fields of environment and climate action.

The European Commission is supported by the Secretariat of the Environment and Climate Regional Accession Network (ECRAN Secretariat).

The project includes an environment component, a climate action component as well as the NGOs Environment and Climate Forum. Similar to RENA, the activities under each component will be implemented through a system of Working Groups (WGs) as follows:

Environment Working Groups:

Strategic Planning and Investments

Water Management

Environmental Assessments

Air Quality

Waste Management

Nature Protection

IED/ Chemicals

Climate Action Working Groups:

Climate Policy Development and Building Climate Awareness

GHG Inventory Systems and the EU Monitoring Mechanism Regulation

Emissions Trading

Adaptation

Cross-cutting activity for both environment and climate components:

Enforcement and compliance (ECENA)

Progress Monitoring

Legislative compliance checks

Handbook on the Implementation of EU Environmental Acquis

Handbook on the Implementation of EU Climate Acquis

The document provides the overview of activities implemented by the project team under Cross-cutting component in the period October – December 2013 as well as detailed work plan for the activities to be implemented within this component in the period January – December 2014.



The document has been prepared for the purpose of 1st Steering Committee meeting that is held on 20 January 2014 in Brussels, Belgium.



Project start up activities

Mobilisation of the project team, establishment of ECRAN Secretariat, administrative set up

The team of Key Experts has been mobilised on 1 October 2013. The internal project team induction meeting to discuss the planned activities and upcoming Steering and Annual meetings has been organised on 02 October 2014 in Brussels. ECRAN Kick-off meeting with European Commission has been organised on 03 October 2014 and was aimed at discussing the overall work plan, detailed plans for the upcoming SC meeting and Working Group Annual meetings and cooperation with TAIEX. During the Kick-off meeting the existing procedures for the recruitment of the non-key experts and development of job descriptions have been confirmed (Annex 1 Kick off Meeting Minutes).

The ECRAN Secretariat has been established using the existing premises and structures of the RENA Secretariat, i.e. the offices established in Vienna and Belgrade providing for direct and fast international connections to all beneficiary countries. The Secretariat is and will make use of the satellite offices of the ECRAN Consortium in Ankara, Belgrade, Brussels and Sofia to support project activities in order to ensure the steady and responsive progress of the project.

ECRAN Secretariat team is composed of the existing RENA Secretariat team that has proven experience in: environment, administration, financing, communication, IT, logistics, and translation. The Team Leader is supervising the Secretariat's work.

ECRAN Secretariat has updated the existing internal project management system (reporting, monitoring, evaluation) inherited from the RENA and established internal information and documentation system including the templates for external information and documentation system to be used by the project team (Annex 2 ECRAN Internal Manual including Templates).

The project team develop detailed work plans including time schedule with milestones and outputs and estimated resources per task demonstrating the correspondence between proposed methodology and expert inputs. The updated work plans are in detail presented in the sections below.

Based on the work plans prepared by the project team and activities planned, draft breakdown of Incidental Expenditures has been prepared (Annex 3 Draft IE Breakdown). Final version will be prepared upon finalisation and approval of work plans for 2014 and enclosed to the 1st Interim Report due in April 2014.

External project management procedures have been defined mainly through the update of the existing RENA Rules for Assistance Manual including the templates to be used by the beneficiaries and other stakeholders (Annex 4 ECRAN Rules of Assistance Manual).

Confirmation of ECRAN Focal Points (Steering Committee members) and National Coordinators

Following the letters sent by the European Commission to the beneficiary institutions to announce the official start date of the project and to invite them to provide official nominations of Focal Point for the ECRAN project and National Coordinators for the Environment Working Groups as well as Climate National Coordinator, ECRAN Contact List has been prepared (Annex 3).

Croatia has nominated Focal Point and National Coordinators for selected activities. Namely, being the new EU MS, Croatia participates only in the selected activities of ECRAN: Climate Component, Environmental Assessment and Enforcement and Compliance (ECENA).

Despite the efforts, nominations from Bosnia and Herzegovina have not been received due to the political set up in the country and changes in the beneficiary Ministry that occurred during project start-up period.



The project team is in communication with the relevant officials from the Bosnia and Herzegovina state and entity authorities, providing additional information and required additional documents.

Coordination with related initiatives

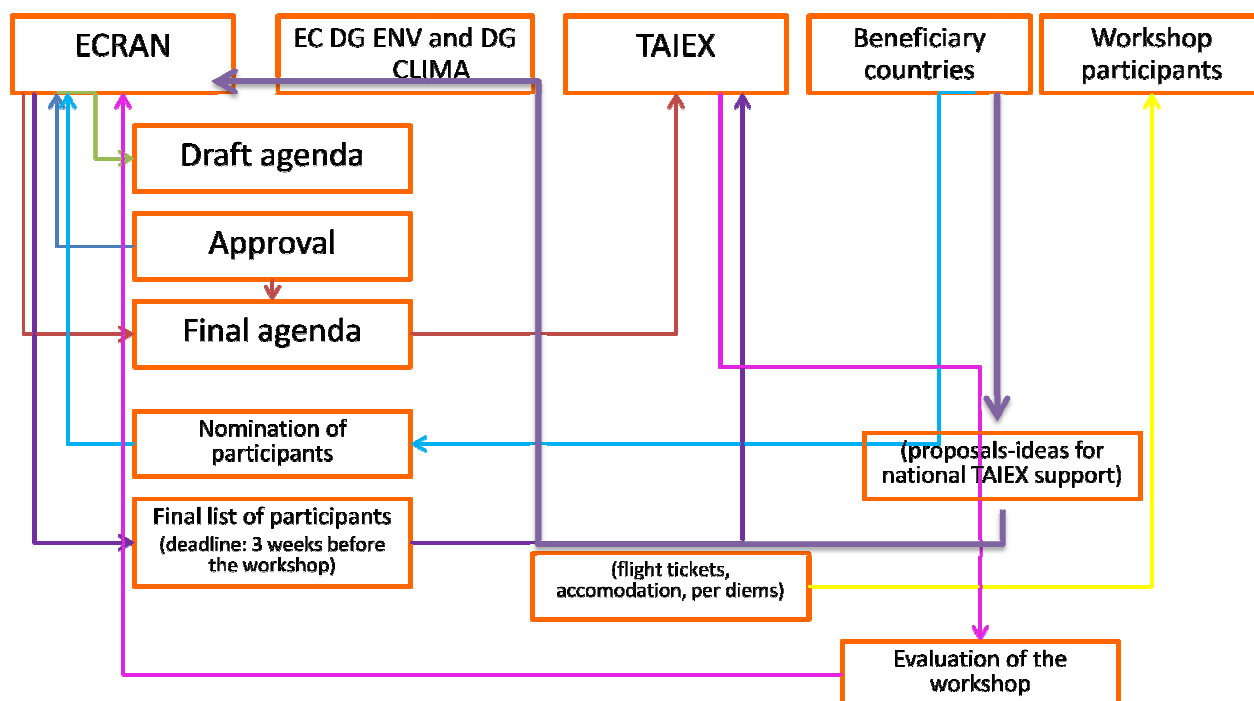
The project team has made initial contacts with the relevant and related networks and organizations, relevant IFIs, bilateral donors and international organisations to discuss their planned activities, possible synergies and overlaps. During 2013 ECRAN team attended the following meetings:

- 2nd Workshop on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation (CCIVA) in West Balkan countries, 8 October 2013, Belgrade, Serbia;
- Twinning project SR 12 IB EN 01 "Creation of a monitoring, reporting and verification system for successful implementation of the EU Emission Trading System", 13 November 2013, Belgrade, Serbia;
- Environmental Enforcement Networks: Concepts, Implementation and Effectiveness, 13 and 14 November 2013, Brussels, Belgium;
- EC and IFI Environment Workshop, 22 November 2013, Brussels, Belgium;
- 11th IMPEL General Assembly, 9-10-11 December 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Definition of working modalities for on-going coordination and cooperation with TAIEX instrument

The modalities for cooperation with TAIEX have been set during the meetings held between TAIEX Unit and ECRAN Secretariat. The cooperation and assistance is provided fully in line with the TAIEX rules and their Guides for participants and public experts. The cooperation along with the procedures and deadlines is also described in details in the ECRAN Rules for Assistance Manual.

The cooperation process is briefly described in the diagram below:



Communication and visibility

During 2013, the ECRAN website has been established and became fully functional at www.ecranetwork.org. The documents and materials prepared are located on the website and available for download. ECRAN visibility materials to be further used and distributed during ECRAN meetings and events have been prepared (roll ups, stationary). The website contains the links to the website of relevant organizations and initiatives.

In January 2014 the section for NGO Environment and Climate Forum has been updated with the on line application form for application of NGOs interested to become member of regional network of selected NGOs representing civil society from their country.

ECRAN brochure, newsletter and communication strategy are in the process of preparation and will be delivered for approval to the EC in March 2013. The documents will be prepared in line with the EU Visibility Guidelines.



COMPONENT 1 CROSS-CUTTING ACTIVITIES

Activity 1.1 Public participation (Environment and Climate Forum) – Draft work plan 2014

Introduction

Environment and Climate Forum (ECF) is incorporated in ECRAN as a part of horizontal component. Access to environmental information, public participation, and access to justice are key elements in the approximation process. Civil society is a key player. Initiatives from inside civil society in the region for strengthened democratic practices have emerged over the past 15 years. The role and work of NGOs is gradually accepted (often due to legal obligations), but there are many discrepancies in this process and NGO proposals and inputs are often only formally recognized, without being seriously taken into account. In order to further develop democratic principles and practices in the Western Balkans, the ECRAN will through its ECF component support capacity development of the NGO sector and their active involvement in the approximation process.

Environment and Climate Regional Accession Network (ECRAN) and its Environment and Climate Forum component will provide wide ranging opportunities for the civil society and its active involvement in the approximation process, assist in capacity development of the NGO sector and provide opportunities for improving of the stakeholders dialogue. While many of the planned activities are (to a various degrees) open to the whole civil society, in order to coordinate the process and enable activities at the international/national level, the ECF will set up international network of selected NGOs representing civil society from their country. The NGOs in ECF will act as national contact points and intensively cooperate with other organizations, governments and stakeholders at the country and regional level. Participation in the ECF provides to the NGOs many opportunities, but it also means certain obligations.

The ECF builds on a very active role of the selected NGOs in the approximation process, promotion of transparency and collaborative environment among the European Commission, NGOs, governments and other stakeholders. The ECF is not an “exclusive” club of selected NGOs, but rather network of organizations leading the public debate at the national level and working as coordinators and information hub, actively involving other NGOs and stakeholders in the approximation process.

The NGOs involved in the ECF will receive opportunity to discuss the enlargement process directly with the European Commission, will be actively involved into sharing best practice and raise concerns about identified and potential problems. They will possess access to planned ECRAN activities related to the EU – West Balkan countries. In addition, the participants will benefit from the tailor made capacity building activities to be developed and implemented with, and for the NGOs in the region.

The selected ECF NGOs will have to show the capacity to act as “hubs” for information sharing at the national level. They will actively promote public debate on the EU policies and accession process, consult and coordinate agenda with other NGOs and actively involve other stakeholders into the process.

Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries are the Non-Governmental Organisations from the beneficiary countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey). In addition, other NGOs, stakeholders and administrative bodies and institutions will need to be actively engaged in so far as their work is relevant for the scope of ECRAN and the ECF component.



Objective

The overall objective of this task is to build and strengthen civil society active in the environment and climate area in ECRAN beneficiary countries through institutional strengthening and information exchange on the EU environmental policy and developments in the enlargement policies. This will also enable DG ENV and DG CLIMA to consult NGOs on developments in the EU environment and climate policies and its implications in their countries.

Task 1.1.1 NGOs selection and engagement

The activity builds on the very active role of selected NGOs in the implementation process, and on transparent and collaborative partnership between the European Commission, NGOs and ECRAN/ECF project team. Selection of experienced and reliable partner NGOs is therefore the key requirement for successful implementation of the activity.

An open call for participation of environmental NGOs has been published by the ECRAN Secretariat in January 2014 through ECRAN website. To reach widest possible audience and stimulate their interest, the team has used directory of the previous Environment Forum project and own database of the NGOs and identified email lists. Email notification on the call opening has been sent together with detailed instructions how to apply.

It has to be taken into account that the NGOs finally selected might overlap with the list established previously under Environment Forum project since the number of active NGOs in the beneficiary countries is not too large, and the most relevant/experienced ones are already familiar or have been directly involved with the NGO Dialogue, New NGO Forum, Environment Forum or any other on-going EC initiative. This however does not diminish opportunities for other NGOs in the selection process, and all applications will be evaluated against solid and transparent criteria.

Selection criteria were in the December 2013 reviewed and agreed with EC to guarantee an objective evaluation process. The criteria for selection include¹:

- Previous participation of NGOs in the NGO Dialogue, New NGO Forum or Environment Forum (not compulsory);
- Previous experience with the EU accession process;
- Thematic focus;
- Organisational capacity;
- Record of relevant projects / campaigns / activities in the last 5 years;
- Capacity to work proficiently in English;
- Established network for smooth dissemination of information.

The selection process will be closely coordinated with the EC, and will be based on the approved ToR for the call and selection criteria. Once the selection is complete and agreed with the EC, the formal communication will be issued to all NGOs, selected and not selected. The selected NGOs will start to be coordinated by the consultant (i.e., email list, agreement on procedures and decision-making within the group, rules of participation). In order to establish the group and create basis for the smooth cooperation, the consultant plans Kick-out regional meeting of the ECF NGOs. The meeting will also be used to progress and finalise stages in the TNA and SRTP development.

¹ For more information see document *Selection Criteria and Application Form*.



In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.1.1**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	January 13, 2014	Materials and technical requirements for the call in place (i.e., ToR, Evaluation Criteria, On-Line Application Form, Database of emails, cover texts, web page).
2	January 13, 2014	Launching the call for applications
3	January 31, 2014	Deadline for NGO Applications
4	February 21, 2014	End of the Selection process and list of ECF NGOs
5	February 21 – February 28, 2014	Formal announcement to the selected and notification of not selected NGOs.
6	February 28, 2014	Email List of ECF
7	March 2014	Kick-off regional meeting of the ECF NGOs

Task 1.1.2 Design and implementation of NGO capacity building programme

The task aims at continuing the good practice established under RENA where at least one representative of NGO sector was invited to attend all planned regional, national trainings and annual and SC meetings. In addition, depending on the priorities determined with the selected NGOs, project team will develop capacity building programme for NGO representatives exclusively. This twofold type of capacity building programme will allow not only for the interaction and closer involvement of NGOs with national environmental and climate authorities, but will also increase the level of technical expertise of NGOs allowing establishment of more constructive and fact based dialogue with national authorities and promoting NGOs participation in environmental and climate decision-making.

The project team will work closely with ECF NGOs in designing and implementation of the capacity building programmes. The list of up to 10 priority areas and topics relevant for the NGOs in the region and in this stage of the development will be identified. Based on the list, the ECF will prepare Training Needs Assessment (TNA) questionnaire and subsequently will make in depth assessment of the training needs under the ten most prior topics and areas based on which the NGOs Specific Regional Training Plan will be prepared. The planned kick-off meeting (March 2014) will be partly used to progress with the TNA and SRTP development.

The NGOs Specific Regional Training Plan will contain up to two regional trainings per year (in total up to 6 NGO specific regional trainings). There are 2 regional Training planned for June 2014 and December 2014. There is a review process for SRTP planned after each of the Regional Trainings (in order to evaluate experience and fine-tune the plan and methodologies to be used in next stages).

In addition, NGOs will have opportunities to attend trainings and events planned under relevant ECRAN Working Groups. The ECF NGOs will actively follow the ECRAN activities and together with project team identify and suggest NGO experts for the ECRAN Working Groups events. Participation at these events will be open also to the other than ECF NGOs and the candidates will be selected based on their expertise/experience relevant for the event topic and goals.

In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.1.2**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	March 2014	Selection - 10 priority areas
2	March-April 2014	Training Needs Assessment (TNA) questionnaire
3	April-May 2014	The NGOs Specific Regional Training Plan (SRTP)
4	June 2014	1st Regional Training
5	August-September	SRTP Review (based on the 1st Regional Training outcomes)



No.	Date	Key outputs
	2014	
6	December 2014	2nd Regional Training
7	March – December 2014	NGOs involvement to events under relevant ECRAN WGs

Task 1.1.3 Preparatory meetings and wider consultations

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 meeting 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 (e.g., business, academia).

Preparatory meetings subsequently provide inputs into the agenda for the annual meeting in Brussels (to be regularly conducted between ECF and the European Commission).

Since the first Annual Meeting is planned for April/May 2014, no preparatory meetings are planned for 2014. The necessary preparatory activities for first Annual Meeting will be conducted in close collaboration of the newly selected EFC NGOs and the NGO inputs will be finalised during Kick off regional meeting planned in March 2014 under task 1.1.1. The first round of the in-country preparatory meetings will be scheduled in line with timing of the second Annual Meeting, tentatively scheduled for 2015.

Task 1.1.4 Organisation of annual meetings

Annual Meetings build on the outcomes of other activities and represent the key opportunity for the civil society to get engaged into the dialogue with the high representatives of the European Commission. The agenda for the annual meetings will be prepared in a bottom-up manner, with key input from the NGOs, as well as in consultation with the EC. The consortium will, in close collaboration with NGOs, facilitate the preparation of the agenda by proposing a framework for the meetings and making suggestions for discussion topics (reflecting especially outcomes of the preparatory in-country meetings).

The first Annual Meeting is planned for April/May 2014.

The organisation of first Annual Meeting will include at least the following involvement and actions from the NGOs:

- Active contribution to the agenda development;
- Cooperation in preparation of the meetings materials (e.g., presentations, points for the discussion with DG ENV Commissioner, case studies to be presented, or other NGO inputs to the discussions);
- Participation in preparation of discussions, e.g., debrief the project team and other NGOs on the preparatory meetings;
- Allocation of time and sending a representative of the NGOs for the annual meetings (approx. 2 to 3 days meetings are planned, travel and stay will be fully reimbursed by the project);
- Actively participate in the meeting management (representatives of the NGOs may be asked to chair, or facilitate panels, or discussion sessions);
- Disseminate information from the annual meetings to the broad NGO community and other relevant stakeholders.



In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.1.4**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	March 2014	Draft Agenda and Points for the 1 st Annual Meeting
2	April/May 2014	1 st Annual Meeting (Brussels)



Activity 1.2 Enforcement and Compliance – ECENA – Draft work plan 2014

Introduction

Within the RENA programme, the objective of ECENA was to improve the ability of RENA member countries to implement and enforce the EU environmental and climate acquis by increasing the effectiveness of inspecting bodies and promoting compliance with environmental requirements.

The activities for the period 2010-2013 were based on a Multi Annual work plan, covering the following areas:

- Training and exchange,
- Institutional and methodological development,
- Cross border enforcement.

The activities planned under ECRAN in this area will build on the results achieved under RENA. Since the work of inspectors and permit writers has to be more coordinated and connected to other activities within the environmental protection area, it has been decided that ECENA under ECRAN should be of cross cutting nature. This is particularly important as the work of ECENA is dealing with both implementation and enforcement of the EU acquis. Cooperation with policy makers and law drafters has to be strengthened in order to enable developing better implementable legislation.

This work plan covers the full period of ECRAN (i.e. October 2013 – October 2016). Under this work plan, the following specific tasks will be implemented:

- 1.2.1 Capacity building on compliance with environmental legislation
- 1.2.2 External country assessments
- 1.2.3 Methodological development - application of IRAM/easy Tools
- 1.2.4 Compliance with REACH/CLP Regulations;
- 1.2.5 Trans frontier Shipment of Waste (TFS);
- 1.2.6 Inspection and enforcement in other policy areas;
- 1.2.7 Inspector's participation in networking activities.

Task 1.2.1 Capacity building on compliance with environmental legislation

The main objective of this task is to design and implement the practical capacity building for inspectors and permit writers in relation to the implementing obligations of the community environmental and climate legislation (particularly the new ones).

The trainings are to be designed as a cross cutting activity, in such a manner that the training programme will allow participation of policy makers and legal drafters from other relevant WGs members such as Waste, Air, Water, etc.

Next to main issues that are to be handled (eg. IED), a selection of specific other Directives and/or Regulations should be made by the beneficiary countries for planning of the various courses. Hence, the implementation of the task will include the following main steps:

Preparation of training needs assessment and elaboration of training programme

The training (programme) is preceded by a training needs assessment that will be finalised in February/March 2014. TNA Questionnaire has been prepared in December 2013 and distributed among the beneficiary countries in order to identify specific Directives and/or Regulations that have to be covered by



the regional trainings, including the cross-cutting elements. The priority topics and issues will be discussed during the first Annual Meeting of the Working Group in Skopje on 31 January 2014.

The prioritised training needs will be elaborated in a training programme that will include up to eight regional trainings allowing that each beneficiary country will have the opportunity to host at least one regional training. Three regional trainings will be delivered in April/May 2014, September 2014 and November 2014. The topics and locations will be confirmed during the first Annual Meeting of the Working Group in Skopje on 31 January 2014.

Preparation of training manual

Based on the prepared and approved training programme, the project team will develop the training methodology that will contain of general part covering the main training topics to be used for all trainings planned under this activity and topic specific parts that will be changed depending on the topic selected for specific training.

In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.2.1**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	December 2013-January 2014	Training Needs Questionnaire and Training Needs Assessment. Proposals for pilot industries for common inspection. TNA report
2	January - February 2014	Training Methodology, Training Programme and Training Materials
3	Training Workshop 1, April 1-4, 2014	Training IED, selected directives, common inspection with cross-cutting IED/ambient water quality legislation (1) Training Report.(Turkey- Textile Industry?)
4	Training Workshop 2, September 2014	Training IED, selected directives, common inspection with cross-cutting IED/ambient water quality legislation (2). Training Report
5	Training Workshop 3, November 2014	Training IED, selected directives, common inspection with cross-cutting IED/ambient water quality legislation (3). Training Report

Task 1.2.2 External country assessments

The project team will prepare assessment reports on the level of the implementation and enforcement of the community legislation in RENA countries. The scope of the exercise and the list of *acquis* to be assessed should be determined in cooperation with the beneficiaries and European Commission. Specific attention is to be paid also on the functioning of the environmental inspection cycle. This task will be closely coordinated with the activities related to compliance checks (ECRAN Component 1, Activity 1.4) and screening reviews (ECRAN Component 2, Activity 2.1). This activity will be carried out "on request" i.e. if there is a request from the Commission side or from the beneficiaries to check the level of implementation and enforcement for a particular piece or pieces of EU legislation, hence there is no definitive planning on the number of assessments that will be delivered in 2014.

In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.2.2**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	Ad hoc	Up to eight Assessment Reports delivered and approved during lifetime of the project



Task 1.2.3 Methodological development - application of IRAM/easy Tools

Within IMPEL various tools have been developed for inspection purposes. Pursuant to the Recommendation providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections (RMCEI), the Industrial Emission Directive (IED) and the Directive on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances (SEVESO) all inspections should be planned in advance. The competent authority must draw up inspection plans and programs for installations and establishments, including the frequency of site visits. These frequencies should be based on a systematic risk appraisal. This project focussed on the systematic risk appraisal.

Under the name 'easy Tools' a project team, led by Germany, collected information on the risk assessments that are used across Europe. Based on this information a new rule based methodology was developed and tested, called Integrated Risk Assessment Method (IRAM).

Besides the methodology the project also developed a new web based tool (IRAM tool) that can be accessed by the IMPEL website (www.impel.eu). To disseminate this useful methodology, up to 2 regional trainings will be organised for all ECRAN beneficiary countries at a general level.

Two regional trainings are planned under this task, with planned delivery of the first one in October 2014. The exact dates and location will be determined during the first Annual Meeting of ECENA WG.

The tasks allows for design and delivery of national trainings on a more specific level aimed to strengthening of capacities for implementation of this new web based tool.

In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.2.3**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	October 2014	Regional Training Workshop 1, methodology, materials and report

Task 1.2.4 Compliance with REACH/CLP Regulations

The task includes delivery of up to 2 regional trainings, allowing the follow up on specific topics through delivery of national training courses at a more specific level for selected subjects. The Task will be implemented in 2015.

Task 1.2.5 Trans frontier Shipment of Waste (TFS)

To continue the work on what has been accomplished within RENA together with IMPEL, it is proposed to organise up to 2 regional trainings combined with a site visit to consolidate and increase the know-how and improve the required institutional structures. Cooperation with IMPEL is again envisaged.

Based on the experience gained under the same exercise implemented under RENA, the attention should be paid to elements such as:

- The notification procedures;
- Possibilities for upstream enforcement;
- The step-by-step-guidance for waste shipment inspections (IMPEL Manual);
- Managing illegal shipment of wastes (IMPEL Manual);
- Inspection plan and protocol;
- Required skills of inspectors;
- Sampling plan.

The regional trainings delivered on the same subject under RENA has used the regional road and harbour as selected sites. During identification of follow up activities, it has been suggested by one of the beneficiary



(Croatia) to organise an inspection for cross border rail transport (one of the borders of Croatia with neighbouring countries). Another proposal is to focus on inspection of shipment of waste in ports (maritime area).

In addition to the activities organised within the beneficiary countries, a 1-day workshop and study visit might be organised in one of the EU member states for a limited number of participants. The organisation of study visit will be closely coordinated with IMPEL Cluster 2 TFS.

First regional training will be delivered in June 2014 in Croatia (to be confirmed during WG Annual meeting), while second regional training and study tour are planned for years 2015 and 2016, respectively.

In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.2.5**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	17-18 June 2014	Regional Training Workshop 1 (Croatia?), methodology, materials and report

Task 1.2.6 Inspection and enforcement in other policy areas

The project team will aim to create links with other sector specific Working Groups defined under Component 2 Environment in order to enhance the capacities of inspections in sector specific areas. A clear connection can be made to the Nature WG, building on the activities delivered under ECENA in this area in the previous period. In the area of nature protection, the target institutions and beneficiaries are the Ministries responsible for legislation in the environmental acquis with a special focus on the enforcement aspects in nature protection (e.g., Habitats (92/43/EEC, in particular related to Annex V of the Directive) and Wild birds (2009/147/EC) Directives and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the EU timber Regulation (EU) No 995/2010. It should be noted that Nature inspection in some cases is not handled with the Ministry of Environment. In the latter case other Ministries representatives might be involved. Further cooperation with relevant networks is also encouraged, including close cooperation with GREENFORCE experts.

Apart from nature, the project team will investigate the possibility for creation of links and joint capacity building activities with other sector specific Working Groups such as water, waste and/or air. The series of up to 4 regional trainings is envisaged under this task with the first training being delivered in October 2014.

In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.2.6**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	September – October 2014	Regional Training Workshop 1 (Croatia?), methodology, materials and report

Task 1.2.7 Inspectors participation in networking activities and ECENA Coordinators Annual meetings

The networks that are of primary interest for enforcement in the beneficiary countries are those networks that actively work on the enforcement of the EU environment and climate *acquis*.

IMPEL and GREENFORCE (see earlier remark) are the main networks that should be considered and recommended. Membership of IMPEL is now open for all beneficiary countries within the RENA programme. With IMPEL membership a more broad participation of inspectors in the various clusters of IMPEL can be supported.

A new activity is proposed which considers the participation in the European Forum of Judges for Environment (EUFJE). This association is open to all EU and European Free Trade Association judges. The



objective of the Forum is to promote the enforcement of national, European and international environmental law by contributing to a better knowledge by judges of environmental law, by exchanging judicial decisions and by sharing experience in the area of training in environmental law. Along the same lines, the newly established European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE) can be mentioned as a network that helps practitioners to connect; to share experiences and data on environmental crime and to look at crucial issues linked to the environment.

Considering enforcement in the European Union also EUROPOL has to be mentioned as an important organisation. In this respect especially the informal network to fight organized environmental crime which is facilitated by EUROPOL should be noted, i.e. ENVICRIMENET.

Other networks which are of secondary relevance are INTERPOL and INECE because of their international perspective.

The practice established under RENA will continue under ECRAN when it comes to this task. ECRAN will finance participation of up to one representative from the beneficiary country to the relevant meetings of related networks. The request for financing will be addressed to ECRAN Secretariat who will arrange the logistics upon approval of EC.

Organisation of up to three Annual meetings of nominated ECENA WG Coordinators is included in this task. ECRAN Secretariat will be responsible for preparation of agendas, discussion papers and background materials for Annual meetings. The Annual meetings will be used to discuss the implemented and planned activities, evaluate the progress made and provide inputs for necessary changes and adjustments to the work plan for this specific Working Group.

In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.2.7**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	31 January 2014	ECENA WG Annual meetings materials
2	December 2013– September 2016	Ad hoc requests from the beneficiaries participating to the relevant meetings of the related networks.



Activity 1.3 Progress Monitoring of the transposition and implementation of the environmental and climate acquis – Draft work plan 2014

Activity 1.3 is devoted to progress monitoring of the transposition and implementation of the EU environment and climate acquis for Years 16, 17 and 18 in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

The PM activity is done annually. The 2014 progress monitoring (Year 17) will cover progress in approximating the environment and climate acquis during the period 31 March 2013 – 31 April 2014.

The PM exercise for 2014 will be coordinated with ECRAN Clima component Leader as for the ToCs and IQs for climate acquis.

In summary: **Required outputs under Task 1.3**

No.	Date	Key outputs
1.	January, 2014	Scope of the PM exercise defined by EC
2.	February - March 2014	Update of the Tables of Concordance (ToCs) and Implementation Questionnaires (IQs) for new legislation subject to PM. Submitting ToCs and IQs to EC for approval.
3	February - March 2014	Distribution of to beneficiaries ToCs and IQs, organisation of start up meetings if necessary.
4	February-May 2014	Assisting the beneficiaries on PM methodology, commenting the draft ToCs and IQs and preparation of the first draft PM reports
5	June 2014	Draft PM reports submitted to EC and beneficiary countries
6	June – September, 2014	Finalization of the PM reports
7	September, 2014	Submitting the final PM reports to EC and beneficiary countries.

Activity 1.4 Legislative compliance checks – Draft work plan 2014

The independent review of the compliance of national draft laws with selected EU Directives has been regarded as an activity of great importance with concrete and useful results in terms of approximation to the EU acquis.

The beneficiary countries and/or EC may request compliance checks of a draft law or regulation.

Up to 8 compliance check reports are foreseen to be developed in 2014, if requested by the beneficiary countries or the European Commission.

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	January 2014 – December, 2014	Up to 8 compliance checks developed (if requested by the beneficiaries or EC)



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Activity 1.5 Handbook on the implementation of EU Environmental Acquis – Draft work plan 2014

Activity 1.6 Handbook on the implementation of EU Climate Acquis – Draft work plan 2014

The main aim of the planned Handbooks is to provide a planning framework and step-by-step guidance on the approaches and specific activities required to ensure the effective and legally compliant implementation of EU environmental and climate legislation. It targets candidate countries, potential candidates as well as existing Member States.

The activity will be initiated upon receiving instruction by EC on format of the Handbooks, scope of the exercise, number of rounds for provision of comments and deadlines for each of the implementation phases. Once these crucial elements are agreed, the project team will proceed with the development of the handbook.

The development of the Handbook is planned for 2015.

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	March - April 2014	Decision on the format and scope of the Handbook received by EC
2	September 2014	Preparation of the draft format of the Handbook as per EC decision.



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	2014											
Activity 1.1 Public Participation Environment and Climate Forum	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Task 1.1.1 NGOs selection and engagement	NGO applicati on call launch	Evaluatio n and selection	Kick-off regional meeting of the ECF NGOs									
Task 1.1.2 Design and implementation of NGO capacity building programme			TNA	TNA/Trai ning plan	Training plan	1st Reg. training	SRTP Review	SRTP Review				2 nd Reg. training
Task 1.1.3 Preparatory meetings and wider consultations												
Task 1.1.4 Organisation of annual meetings			Points for the Annual Meeting	Annual Meeting	Annual Meeting							
Activity 1.2 Enforcement and Compliance – ECENA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Task 1.2.1 Capacity building on compliance with environmental legislation	TNA	Training Program me		1 st Reg training	1 st Reg training				2 nd Reg training		3 rd Reg training	
Task 1.2.2 External country assessments	At request											
Task 1.2.3 Methodological development - application of IRAM/easy Tools										1 st Reg training		
Task 1.2.4 Compliance with REACH/CLP Regulations												
Task 1.2.5 Trans frontier Shipment						17-18						



of Waste (TFS)						June 1 st Reg. training						
Task 1.2.6 Inspection and enforcement in other policy areas									1 st Reg. training			
Task 1.2.7 Inspectors participation in networking activities and ECENA Coordinators Annual meetings	1 st Annual Meeting	At request										
Activity 1.3 Progress Monitoring of the transposition and implementation of the environmental and climate acquis	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Receipt of the requests and implementation of legislative	At request											



checking												
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