

***ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE REGIONAL
ACCESSION NETWORK
(ECRAN)
Introduction
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Project summary

Duration	36 months
Implementation period	01 October 2013 – 31 September 2016
Value	4,999,720 EUR
No of Key Experts	4 (1290 man-days)
Non-key experts	4409 man-days
Beneficiary countries	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo*, Serbia and Turkey



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From RENA towards ECRAN

- Follow up of the Regional Environmental Network for Accession (RENA), building on the results achieved in the field of environment and climate change;
- Endorsement by the beneficiaries: Join Statement endorsed during the 3rd ministerial Meeting (September 2012, Brussels, belgium).

Overall objective (same as in RENA):

“ to strengthen the regional cooperation between EU candidate countries and potential candidates and assist them on their way towards transposition and implementation of the EU environment and climate *acquis* and policies “



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Results to be achieved

Improved institutional set-up and technical working arrangements established;

Enhanced public participation in environmental and climate planning and decisionmaking process;

Improved quality of transposition and implementation of the EU environmental and climate acquis;

Improved skills in relation to enforcement of the legislation;

Improved strategic planning and investments;

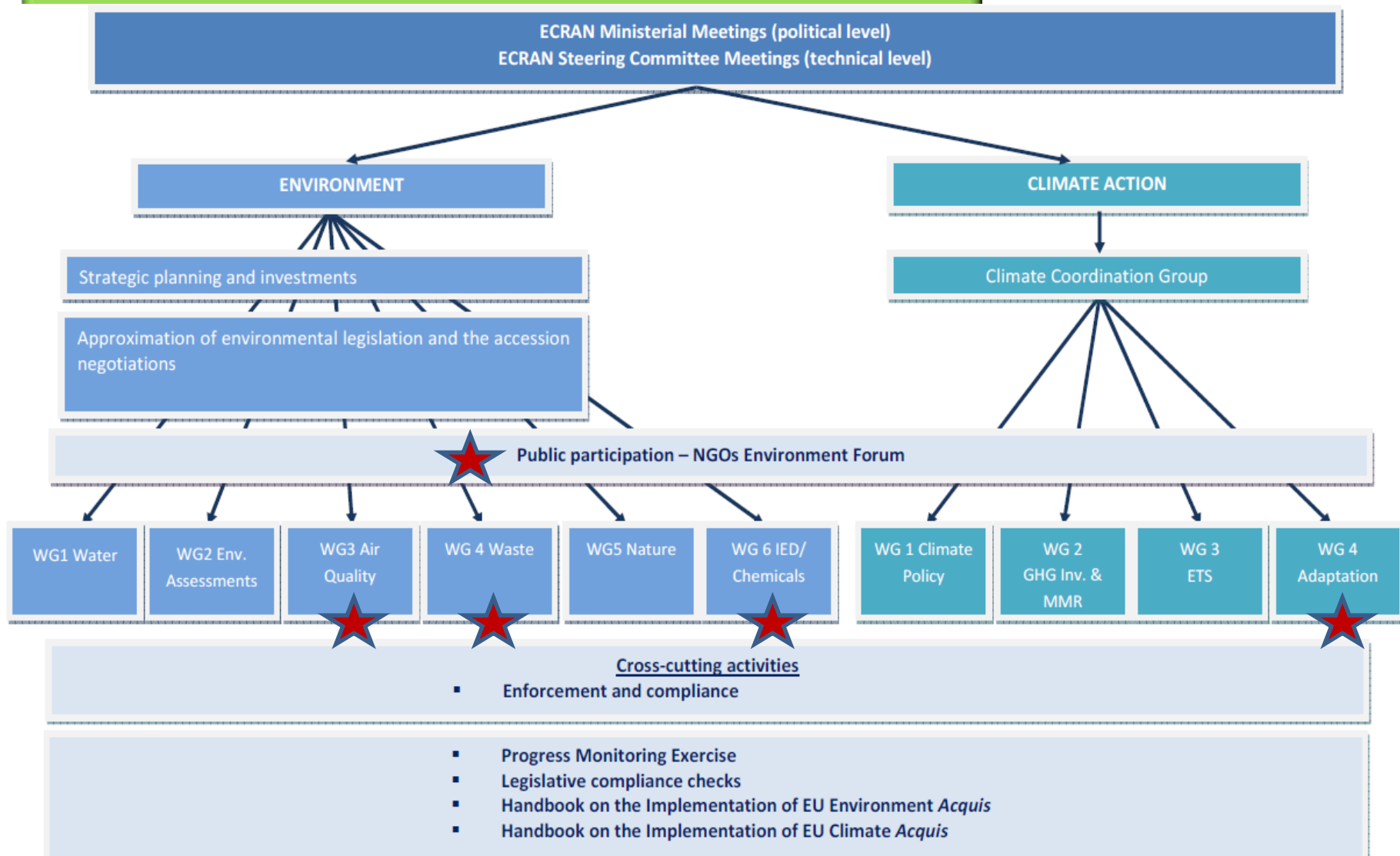
Experience-sharing and networking activities established;

Enhanced cross-border cooperation in relation to environmental and climate policies, legislation and investments.



ECRAN Structure

Environment and Climate
Regional Accession Network **ECRAN**



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Planned activities (horizontal)

■ EF Public Participation:

- ✓ Creation of regional Environment Forum with selected NGOs (minimum 1 and maximum 3 NGOs per country);
- ✓ Organisation of annual meetings with the EC;
- ✓ Design and delivery of tailor made training programme.



Enhanced public participation in environmental and climate planning and decisionmaking process

■ Enforcement and Compliance (ECENA):

- ✓ Capacity building for inspectors and permit writers on selected topics and selected pilot sites (IPPC, IED, IRAM/easy tools, REACH and CLP, TFS, Environmental Crime, etc);
- ✓ External country assessments on the implementation and enforcement of the selected EU acquis in the country,
- ✓ Coordination and cooperation with other relevant networks (IMPEL, INECE, Interpol, etc.).



Improved skills in relation to enforcement of the legislation



Practical arrangements

ECRAN

- Ministerial Meetings;
- Steering Committee Meetings;
- WG Annual Meetings;
- EF Public Participation activities;
- Coordination with other relevant networks;
- Other non-capacity building activities;
- Drafting agendas, work plans, ToRs;
- Selection of TAIEX experts;
- Quality control and review;
- Invitations and lists of participants;
- Workshop Reports.

TAIEX

- Provision of experts for capacity building activities;
- Logistical arrangements for capacity building activities;
- Evaluation of delivered capacity building activities;
- Additional national support as required by beneficiary countries.

Important: continuous participation and timely nominations



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ECRAN visibility and info sharing

■ Website (www.ecranetwork.org)



About us

ECRAN (Environment and Climate Regional Accession Network), financed by EU and managed by the European Commission, assists the beneficiaries in exchange of information and experience related to preparation for accession. ECRAN is strengthening regional cooperation between the EU candidate countries and potential candidates in the fields of environment and climate action and assists their progress in the transposition and implementation of the EU environmental and climate acquis. ECRAN builds on experience gained and results achieved by the RENA (Regional Environmental Network for Accession) in particular those related to environmental and climate investments, transposition and implementation of environmental and climate law, compliance and enforcement, local and regional initiatives, climate action, water management, waste management, air quality, industrial emissions, nature protection, EIA/SEA, NGO support and public participation.

ECRAN includes an environment component, a climate action component as well as the NGOs Environment Forum. The activities under each component are implemented through a system of Working Groups (WGs) as follows:

Environment Working Groups:
1. Strategic Planning and Investments

NEW: Call for NGO participation open. APPLY NOW!

Events

JAN 23 2014
Workshop on Regional Capacity for Developing Low Emission Strategies and Modeling (LUNCH WORKSHOP, Zagreb)

JAN 29 2014
1st Annual Meeting Strategic Planning and Waste Working Groups, Skopje

JAN 30 2014
1st Annual Meeting IED/Chemicals Working Group, Skopje



NGOs Environment and Climate Forum (ECF)

The European Commission attaches a lot of importance to the public consultation process and the involvement of the NGOs community in the decision-making process. The NGOs Dialogue established in 1999 with the Commission's support has enabled over the last years the creation of a network of selected NGOs from the enlargement countries and established regular dialogue with the European Commission. It also enabled NGOs in the enlargement countries to become an active and constructive partner for national and European administrations.

Building on the previous achievements (NGOs Forum between 2004 - 2008 and the NGOs Environment Forum between 2009 - 2012) the **NGOs Environment and Climate Forum** will be incorporated under the Environment and Climate Regional Accession Network (ECRAN), as a horizontal element, covering environment and climate components.

ECRAN builds on the previous tradition and supports actively access to environmental and climate information, public participation and involvement of the civil society and non-governmental organizations in the enlargement process. Civil society is for ECRAN important partner in creating enabling environment for the implementation of the environmental and climate acquis and civil society initiatives are numerous to strengthen democratic practices in the region.

ECRAN and the NGOs Environment and Climate Forum (ECF) component will provide wide ranging opportunities for civil society and their active involvement in the approximation process, assist in the capacity development of the NGOs sector and provide opportunities for improving the stakeholder dialogue.

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While many of the planned activities are (to various degrees) open to civil society, in order to coordinate the process and enable activities at the international/regional/national level, the ECF will set up a regional network of selected NGOs representing civil society from their country. The NGOs in ECF will act as national contact points and cooperate with other organizations, governments and stakeholders at the country and regional level. Participation in the ECF provides the NGOs with many opportunities, but it also entails certain obligations.

If your NGO is interested to become member of the regional network you may apply **ONLINE** or send application by **January 31, 2014 (5 PM, CET)**.

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR): NGOs ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE FORUM

Useful Links information on ECF

NGOs Environment Forum (2009 - 2012)

NGOs Forum (2004 - 2008)

RENA



Climate

ECRAN, being the follow-up programme to Regional Environmental Network for Accession (RENA) will build on the results achieved in the period 2010 - 2013 and will further focus on sharing EU experiences to facilitate the development of national climate policies converging with EU acquis. This would include EU experience on modelling and scenarios work, development of national climate strategies, cost-benefit analyses, as well as on setting up of GHG targets, while taking into account the experiences and application of EU Climate and Energy Package (in particular the requirements of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme), the need to feed into the 2015 international climate agreement as well as into the expected EU 2030 climate and energy framework. Particular emphasis will be placed on harmonising approaches to data collection and processing, including building on existing processes such as national communications. The project team will continue with the organisation of national high level events, but on specific topics to be selected, including sharing experiences on the economics of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The activities in the Climate area under ECRAN are being implemented through the following Working Groups:

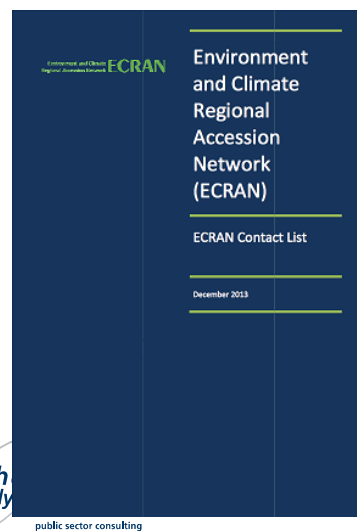
1. Climate Policy Development and Building Climate Awareness
2. GHG Inventory Systems and the EU Monitoring Mechanism Regulation
3. Environment Protection

Last Files

Climate 1st annual meeting agenda

ECRAN Climate 1st annual meeting presentations

Useful Links



ECENA Activities/Tasks to be implemented

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- 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.



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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

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	September – October 2014	Regional Training Workshop 1 (Croatia), methodology, materials and report
2	February – April 2015	Regional Training Workshop 2, methodology, materials and report
3	September – October 2015	Regional Training Workshop 3, methodology, materials and report
4	January – February 2016	Regional Training Workshop 4, methodology, materials and report



Task 1.2.6 Inspection and enforcement in other policy areas
Training carried out until October 2014 and planned training

No.	Date	Key output
1	21 -23 October 2014	1 st regional training on nature inspection, Croatia, Kopacki Rit National Park
2	September, 2015	Preparatory activities: 2 nd regional training nature inspection, FYR of Macedonia, Pelister National Park



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1st regional training on nature inspection, Croatia, Kopacki Rit National Park

Aim of the meeting :

Wider Objective: increasing the effectiveness of inspection bodies and promoting compliance with environmental requirements

Specific Objective: Increased capacity in the field of planning of Nature Inspection with attention for cross border cooperation and cross-cutting issues.

Expected Results of the meeting

The following results are expected for this activity

- Improved knowledge base and understanding of the required legal and institutional requirements with compliance, and enforcement aspects in cross border nature protection areas at key staff of the inspection bodies;
- Strengthened regional network of SEE professionals and experts in nature protection areas with its compliance and enforcement aspects.
- Improved knowledge of a number of related and cross-cutting issues



Thank you for your attention



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