

Activity 2.2 Strategic Planning and Investments Working Group

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Main tasks

- Task 2.2.1 Organisation of annual Working Group meeting
- Task 2.2.2 Strategic planning
- Task 2.2.3 Cost recovery and tariff setting (or economic/financial analysis)
- Task 2.2.4 Capacity building for IPA project fiche preparation



Task 2.2.1 Organisation of annual WG meeting

- Annual meeting took place in Tirana March 18th 2015
- Combined with second regional workshop with Waste Management Working Group on Cost recovery in waste sector
- Presentation and discussion of results and outputs achieved in 2014
- Presentation and discussion of plan of activities for 2015



Outputs and impacts

No.	Date	Key outputs
1.	March 2015	ECRAN Strategic Planning and Investments WG Work Plan 2015
2.	March 18 th 2015	Annual Meeting in Tirana

- Participants informed about plan of activities for 2015.
- Improved systematic approach to planning and sequencing of activities.
- Improved understanding on possibilities and need for cooperation between planning and sectoral specialists.



Task 2.2.2 Strategic planning

- Strategic planning task is being implemented by three subtasks:
 - Meta-planning and country specific discussions
 - Regional training on the role of planning documents in approximation process and management of the process for chapter 27 using approximation policy documents
 - Combined regional trainings between the Strategic Planning Working Group and sector specific Working Groups



Meta-planning and country specific discussions

- Three main activities were performed:
 - Meta planning idea was further promoted during first regional workshop with Waste Management Working Group on coordination of strategic and investment planning in waste sector held in Skopje 25 – 26 November 2014
 - The idea was investigated to relate meta-planning in support of sector approach implementation (as required for IPA II implementation process)
 - Development of indicative agenda for the mission and national discussion



Combined regional trainings between SPIWG and sector specific WG

- Two combined regional trainings agreed:
 - With Waste Management Working Group
 - With Water Management Working Group
- First regional workshop with Waste Management Working Group on coordination of strategic and investment planning in waste sector was held in Skopje 25 – 26 November 2014.



Outputs

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	November 25 – 26, 2014	Regional workshop with Waste Management Working Group on coordination of strategic and investment planning in waste sector (Skopje)
2	January 2015	Draft indicative agenda for the mission regarding national discussion on meta-panning



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Impacts

- Participants of the workshop received additional information about requirements for strategic planning in waste sector and relation of planning to investment process management
- Participants of the workshop had possibility to understand and discuss impacts of infrastructure development on achieving of waste management targets
- Expected that beneficiaries will pay more attention to relation between establishing waste management targets, potential periods to achieve targets and availability of financing for waste management infrastructure
- General level of importance of planning documents is raised. More countries are developing IPA projects to support strategic planning in particular DSIPs for heavy investment directives



Planning next reporting period

- Regional workshop on Strategic planning in water sector. Combined regional training between the Strategic Planning Working Group and Water Management Working Group;
- Identification of topics for discussion during national roundtables regarding meta-planning in water sector (outcomes of combined training with Water Management Working Group);
- Agree on schedule for national roundtables/ discussions
- Agree agendas for national roundtables/ discussions (at least 2 beneficiaries)
- Delivery of national roundtables/ discussions for 2 countries
- **Essential** – countries to express interest for national activities



Task 2.2.3 Cost recovery and tariff setting (or economic/financial analysis)

- The subtasks include:
 - Two regional trainings on economic-financial analysis and cost recovery combined with other ECRAN sector specific Working Groups (waste management, water management etc.)
 - Tailor made/national round table discussions and/or trainings



Combined regional trainings on economic-financial analysis and cost recovery

- Two regional trainings on economic-financial analysis and cost recovery with:
 - Water Management Working Group.
 - Waste Management Working Group.
- First combined regional workshop with Water Management Working Group on Economic Analysis in Accordance with WFD took place on 21-22 October 2014 in Skopje
- Second regional workshop with Waste Management Working Group on Cost recovery in waste sector took place on 18 - 19 March 2015 in Tirana



National roundtables on cost recovery

- Topics for national roundtables have been identified using outputs of combined trainings for Water sector and Waste management sector
- Special CBA training program has been elaborated with following objectives:
 - to familiarise with cost – benefit analysis and its application in the sector of environment
 - increase practical experience in evaluation of Cost-Benefit Analysis of investment projects



Outputs

No.	Date	Key outputs
1	21-22 October 2014	First combined regional workshop with Water Management Working Group on Economic Analysis in Accordance with WFD (Skopje)
2	November 2014	Identified topics for discussion during national roundtables regarding cost recovery in water sector
3	18 - 19 March 2015	Second regional workshop with Waste Management Working Group on Cost recovery in waste sector (Tirana)
4	March 2015	Identified topics for discussion during national roundtables regarding cost recovery in waste sector
5	March 2015	Agenda for training on Cost Benefit Analysis



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Impacts

- Establishing common language and understanding between specialists dealing with special sectoral issues (water and waste management) and specialist dealing with planning and financing,
- Raised awareness about cost recovery issues and approaches in other Member States but also in the region,
- Examples of good practices and possibility to share information in the region (Croatia – regionalisation of water companies, Macedonia – water tariffs reform),
- Networking between specialists of various beneficiaries.



Planning next reporting period

- Agree on schedule for national roundtables
- Coordinate list of beneficiary specific topics (at least for 2 countries)
- Delivery of national roundtables for 2 countries
- **Essential** – countries to express interest for national activities



Task 2.2.4 Capacity building for IPA project fiche preparation

- Further investigation has been done regarding topics to be covered during 2nd regional training
- Identified specific objectives for the workshop include:
 - To receive latest information regarding IPA II requirements and procedures;
 - To exchange views and agree on methods how to approach establishment of sector based approach in IPA II planning;
 - To discuss possibilities and mechanism to support investment projects management through JASPERS;
 - To exchange experiences in identification of technical assistance and investment projects
- 2nd (final) workshop planned for October 2015
- Proposed, that the workshop could be organised in EIB headquarters (because of JASPERS)



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