

Major environment and climate policy developments in the ECRAN beneficiary countries



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Main achievements: Chapter 27 - *Opening benchmark*

- ▶ Opening benchmark for Chapter 27 (National Approximation Strategy and Action Plan),
- ▶ A mature version of the document should be sent to the European Commission in June 2015, in order to be adopted by the Government by the end of 2015.



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Major legislative and policy developments – Air quality

- ▶ European legislation in the field of the air quality has been largely transposed into the national legal framework.
- ▶ The Law on Air Protection (OG of MNE 25/2010) is the key transposition instrument.
- ▶ 2011 AQ Monitoring Network established in accordance with EU legislation/Reporting to EEA in accordance with requirements
- ▶ 2012 National Strategy for Air Quality Management
- ▶ 2014 Real time reporting on Air Quality, AQ Plan for Municipality of Nikšić
- ▶ IPA funds insured for improvement of the AQ Network (EU contribution: 935,000 EUR)



Major legislative and policy developments – Water management

- The Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Water Law is an important step for Montenegro in the process of transposition of EU legislation in the area of water quality, primarily the Water Framework Directive.
- IPA funds insured for strengthening the capacities for implementation of the Water Framework Directive (EU contribution: 1.9 milion EUR)
- Through Investment Framework for the Western Balkans (WBIF), a grant of 2 million euros has been approved for the implementation of the project "Improvement of joint activities on flood management in the Danube River Basin".



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Major legislative and policy developments – Waste management

- New Law on Waste – ongoing
- Preparation of the final version of the National Waste Management plan and strategic environmental impact assessment (SEA) of this document are in progress.
- Based on the National Waste Management Plan, the exact number and type of infrastructure facilities for waste treatment in Montenegro will be defined.
- These documents should be adopted by the Government of Montenegro by the end of the 2nd quarter 2015



Major legislative and policy developments – Nature protection

- With the aim of full transposition of the Habitat and Bird Directive, new Law on Nature Protection is under preparation – by the end of 2015;
- Updating of the National Biodiversity Strategy with Action Plan 2010 - 2015 is on going;
- Amendments on the Law on Forests and amendments on the Law on Wild Animals and Hunting adopted by the Government of Montenegro in December 2014;
- Establishment of Natura 2000 ecological network.



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Major legislative and policy developments – Chemicals & Industrial pollution

- National Strategy for Chemicals for period 2015-2018 adopted by the Government of Montenegro;
- The passing of the Law on Chemicals (Official Gazette of Montenegro 18/12),
- Law on Chemicals and all relevant by-laws on place;
- Law on Biocidal Products,
- Law on Integrated Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution adopted by the Government of Montenegro in December 2014
- World Bank project „Industrial waste management and cleaning „ – sanitation of 4 ecological „hot-spots“ in Montenegro .



Major legislative and policy developments – Climate Action

- Montenegro is at very early stage of transposition of the EU legislation in this field
- Montenegro is actively involved in all significant multilateral agreements which tackle this field (Vienna Convention; The Montreal Protocol; UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol, European Energy Community)
- Reporting to the UNFCCC Secretariat (First and Second national report) is taking place with the support of the local UNDP office through GEF funds
- Drafting of the National Strategy for Climate Change by 2030 is ongoing.
- The Government of Montenegro should adopt the document by the end of the 3rd quarter 2015.



Impact of ECRAN regional cooperation platform on environment and climate approximation

- Few impacts:
 1. **Negotiations process oriented** - informing about experience of new Member States regarding negotiations process and demands for the country
 2. **Planning oriented** – what kind of planning documents to prepare in order to get ready for negotiations
 3. **Approximation oriented** – deepening knowledge in different sub-sectors of the Chapter 27 for transposition, implementation and enforcement of the EU acquis



Thank you for your attention



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