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High Level Conference  
on Climate Change

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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A&V	Accreditation and Verification
ATS	National Accreditation body of Serbia
CHP	Combined Heat Power
EC	European Commission
ETS	Emission Trading System
EU	European Union
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
HFO	Heavy Fuel Oil
IPA	Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance
IPPC	Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control
MAEP	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection



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## I. Background and agenda

Climate change is increasingly gaining prominence in the run up to the Paris Climate Summit of December 2015. The 2015 Agreement is to open a new chapter in the history of international climate action as it will bring all 196 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) members to a common platform to act avoiding dangerous climate change.

Ongoing international climate negotiations are shaping the form of this Agreement which is to set the framework for our action in the coming decades. This resulting agreement will not be something isolated, but will put all sectors of our economies on a long term decarbonisation pathway to limit the global temperature increase to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, consistent with the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. This major goal requires major action.

The EU 2030 Framework on Climate and Energy Policies added a needed milestone to the EU 2050 decarbonisation roadmap. This milestone sends out the needed signal for the direction of policy development and also provides the 'intended nationally determined contribution (INDC)' from the side of the EU to the 2015 Agreement which is matching to the challenge ahead of us. Ensuring robust climate action will also open up a horizon of opportunities: fighting climate change e.g. by investing in low-carbon energy is not only an investment in our children's future; it will also create new jobs and economic growth.

Serbia is negotiating its accession to the EU. The meetings of screening the country's climate action in relation to the one of the EU have 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. The EU supports Serbia in many ways in this process, including through the use of the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA).

Serbia indicated its plan to announce the submission of its INDC towards the 2015 Climate Agreement at this High Level Conference of 11 June, 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.



## II. Key messages of the conference

Prof. Dr. Snezana Bogosavljevic Boskovic, Minister of Agriculture and Environmental Protection opened the conference. In her speech she underlined that the climate change problem is one of the biggest problems of modern civilization and its solution requires urgent and efficient action.

She referred to the fact that Serbia is already facing consequences of climate change and mentioned that since 2000 the total damage attributed to climate related extremes is over 5 billion euros, of which more than 70% is associated with drought and high temperatures. She made a detailed account of the recent floods and the damage caused by it.

She announced that Serbia, as a future member of the EU and with the help of the EU foresees the possibility of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 9.8% by 2030 compared to the 1990 baseline. This emission reduction option is developed as the intended nationally determined contribution of Serbia.

Vice President of the European Commission responsible for Energy Union Maroš Šefčovič focused on three topics in his keynote speech. He introduced the international climate process in the run up to Paris, spoke about the EU's ambition which is translated into the INDC as well as other submitted INDCs. As a second element of his speech he underlined the multiple benefits of climate action. Lastly he underlined the importance of the EU accession of Serbia, a key country in the region. He provided an example of his own country, Slovakia, which benefited greatly from the EU membership, encouraging Serbia to commit resources to the process of accession as these are the investments which are worth making.

Ms Christine Moro, Ambassador of the Republic of France to Serbia congratulated Serbia the announcement of its INDC. She informed about the on-going preparations for the Conference of Parties in Paris pointing out to the real challenge – having an universal agreement which will limit warming to 2 C. Sensitive issues have to be resolved, especially regarding the commitments of developing countries – the agreement has to be legally binding. Challenges include the level of ambition, operationalising the annual USD 100 billion of support pledged to developing countries by 2020, and the innovation of the process – additional commitments by the non-state actors.

Ms Stana Bozovic, State Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection talked about the INDC, adopted at the Government session earlier in the day, its relation to the climate strategy and action plan, activities regarding the transposition of climate acquis, the upcoming work on the national adaptation plan, establishment of the National Committee for Climate Change and cooperation with the European Commission.

Ms Jelena Simovic, Assistant Minister at the Ministry of Mining and Energy highlighted developments in the energy sector which are promoting low carbon development. The Energy Strategy, still in parliamentary procedure, will serve as the framework for these actions. It contains targets until 2025 but also has an outlook/projection until 2030. The Energy Community targets are observed in the planning, energy efficiency is considered as a new energy resource. She gave an account of the plans



to develop the TransBalkan corridor - strengthening the regional and pan-European energy direction, connecting Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Several examples of renewable energy projects were listed. She also mentioned the proposal in the draft strategy to establish the Institute for Energy to provide a continuous analytic background for policies.

Stakeholders from the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Faculty for Meteorology, University of Belgrade and from non-governmental organization BOS provided comments on the importance of addressing climate change, emphasizing that more focus is needed on adaptation and praising the INDC as a step forward but questioning its ambition levels.

Dimitrios Zevgolis from DG Climate Action of the European Commission provided a detailed overview of the international climate negotiations and expectations for the Paris COP. This was followed by a panel discussion led by Imre Csikós, ECRAN Climate Coordinator. Participants talked about the general setting of emission reduction in Serbia, the importance of adaptation as a challenge for Serbia, energy related measures planned and the analysis of the scenario which the INDC describes as well as the co-benefits (health, jobs) of climate action.



## ANNEX I – Agenda

11 June, 2015

Venue: Palace of Serbia, SIV 1 building, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, Belgrade

### Part 1: High-level segment

- 09.00 – 9.30 Registration and welcome coffee
- WELCOME AND KEY NOTES**
- 9.30 – 10.00 **Snezana Bogosavljević Bošković**, Minister of Agriculture and Environmental Protection
- *Serbia's climate policy*
  - *Serbian preparations for the new 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, in particular the 'Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC)'*
- 10.00 – 10.30 **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-President for Energy Union, European Commission
- *EU 2030 Climate and Energy Policies Framework*
  - *EU expectations for the 2015 Climate Agreement*
- 10.30 – 11.00 **Aleksandar Antić**, Minister of Energy and Mining
- *Synergies between climate and energy policies, win-win*
  - *Path to decarbonisation*
- 11.00 – 11.15 **Christine Moro**, Ambassador of France to the Republic of Serbia
- *Road to Paris COP 21*
- 11.15 – 11.35 **END OF HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT**
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- Coffee Break**
- 11.15 – 11.35 Joint press event VP and Minister of Agriculture and Environment Bogosavljević Bošković
- 11.35 – 11.50 **Climate Action in Serbia**





**Stana Božović**, State Secretary for Environmental Protection, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection

Serbian climate policies and strategies

- IPA projects
- INDC development in Serbia
- Climate policy – long-term prospects in Serbia
- Adaptation – increasing frequency of extreme events
- Expectations for the 2015 International Agreement
- Prospects for Serbia – EU climate co-operation

11:50 – 12:05

**Serbian energy policy**

Jelena Simović, Assistant Minister, International Cooperation and EU Integration, Ministry of Energy and Mining

Serbian energy policies and strategies

- Activities under the Energy Community
- Long-term prospects for low-carbon energy in Serbia
- Climate change impacts to Serbia's power supply system
- Prospects for Serbia – EU energy co-operation

12:05 – 12:30

**Stakeholders' commentaries** (3 minutes each) on Serbia's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution, the 2015 Agreement, and EU-Serbia climate cooperation

- Tamara Djuric, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Protection, Autonomous Province of Vojvodina
- Vladimir Djurdjević, Faculty for Meteorology, University of Belgrade
- Mirko Popović, BOS

12.30 – 14.00

**Lunch for the participants**

**Part 2 - Towards the new 2015 Climate Agreement**

14.00 – 14.45

**International climate negotiation – state of play and expectation for Paris COP 21**

Dimitrios Zevgolis, Directorate General for Climate Action



14.45 – 15.45 **Panel Discussion**

**Panelists:**

- Dimitrios Zevgolis, International and Inter-Institutional Relations, Directorate General for Climate Action, European Commission
- Steliana Nedera, UNDP
- Danijela Božanić, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection
- Milena Djakonović, Division for Environment and Climate Change in Energy, Ministry of Mining and Energy
- Mirko Popović, BOS
- Zvezdan Kalmar, CEKOR

Facilitated by Imre Csikós, ECRAN

*The aim of the panel is to elaborate on next steps by Serbia and the EU internationally, as well as how to further strengthen cooperation between Serbia and the EU on climate action.*

- Next steps internationally
- Next steps to increase cooperation between the EU and Serbia on climate action
- Inter-institutional cooperation and challenges
- Needs for institutional strengthening and awareness raising
- Questions and answers

15.45-16.00 Wrap up and conclusions

16.00 Closure of meeting



## ANNEX II – Participants

First Name	Family Name	Institution Name	Country
Snežana	Bogosavljević - Bošković	Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia
Stana	Božović	State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia
Andrej	Bojic	Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia
Zeljko	Pantelic	Assistant Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia
Ivica	Radović	Special Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia
Jelena	Simović	Assistant Minister, Ministry of Mining and Energy	Serbia
Maroš	Šefčovič	Vice President for Energy Union, European Commission	Belgium
Peter	Van Kemseke	Cabinet of VP Šefčovič, European Commission	Belgium
Michael	Davenport	Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation in Serbia	Serbia
Oskar	Benedikt	Deputy Head, EU Delegation in Serbia	Serbia
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Angel	Dimitrov	Ambassador, Embassy of Bulgaria	Serbia
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Helena	Mravikova	Embassy of Slovakia	Serbia
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Dimitrios	Zevgolis	DG Climate Action, European Commission	Belgium
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Nicolas	Debaisieux	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection , ETS Project	Serbia
Danijela	Božanić	Head of Section for Climate Change, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia
Aleksandar	Djoković	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia
Ana	Repac	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia
Ana	Cepzanović	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia
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Dragoslava	Stojiljković	University of Belgrade	Serbia
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Zvezdan	Kalmar	NGO CEKOR	Serbia
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### ANNEX III – Presentations (under separate cover)

Presentations can be downloaded from:

<http://www.ecranetwork.org/Files/EU - Serbia High Level Conference on Climate Change 11 June 2015.zip>



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