



Climate change adaptation action in a regional perspective

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SEE 2020 Strategy

- The basic document upon which RCC structures its activities
- Jobs and prosperity in a European perspective
- Approved by WB Governments in November 2013
- Drafting coordinated by RCC, but the Strategy is owned by the seven economies of the WB



SEE 2020 Strategy

- Five pillars
 - Integrated growth / Inclusive growth / Smart growth / Sustainable growth / Good governance for growth
- Sustainable Growth Pillar
 - Increase adaptive capacities/awareness raising/education on climate change adaptation
 - Twofold increase of share of agricultural land/increase volume of annual forestation
 - Enhance private sector involvement in water infrastructure development
 - Promote Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem Services Nexus Approach
 - Implementation of RIWMFA



Climate Change adaptation in the WB

- Environment and climate change not yet perceived as priority areas
 - SEE 2020 is expected to improve the situation:
 - Links environmental and climate issues to economic growth
 - Integrates environment and climate dimension to other sectoral policies
- Vast support needed in:
 - Strengthening administrative capacities / inter-institutional cooperation at local and national level
 - Strengthening legislative alignment / implementation and enforcement of climate change legislation
 - Massive investments in environmental infrastructure
 - Institutional reforms



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- Soft measures (to complement the above)
 - Awareness raising
 - Monitoring
 - Networking
 - Information exchange



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- RENA has contributed to:
 - Increasing institutional capacities for the ministries responsible for environment related matters
 - Transposition and implementation of the *acqui*
 - Strategic planning / investments / awareness raising on climate issues
- ECRAN builds upon the RENA experience by:
 - Strengthening climate change component / introduces climate change adaptation
 - It contributes directly to the implementation of key SEE 2020 strategic actions in the Sustainable Growth Pillar / climate change adaptation / food and beverage production – tourism development



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- RCC in partnership with REC
 - prepared the South East European Climate Change Framework Action Plan for Adaptation Are functionally aligned with SEE 2020 policy dimensions. Approved. Not implemented
- RCC and the relevant stakeholders
 - to initiate the mapping of the most relevant climate change adaptation activities
- RCC supported establishing and implementing the EU co-funded project “SEE Forum on Climate Change Adaptation”
- The role of the RCC Secretariat recognised in preparation and implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region



RCC's partners in env. related matters

- REC (Regional Environmental Center):
 - governance for sustainability and facilitating the transition towards “green economy”
 - MoU
- Standing Working Group for Regional Rural Development (SWG RRD)
- Initiatives and civil society organisations relevant for the EU SDR implementation
 - Petersberg Phase II/ Athens Declaration Process and the International Commission for the Protection of Danube River (ICPDR)
 - Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean
- The International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)





Thank you

