

AGENDA

9th Meeting of the Regional Working Group on Environment

02nd July 2019

Venue: *Hotel Tirana International*
Address: *Scanderbeg Square 8, Tirana, Albania*

Tuesday, 02nd July

08:45 – 09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:00 – 09:20 **Opening and objectives of the meeting**

Ms. Ornela ÇUÇI, Deputy Minister of Tourism and Environment of Albania

Mr. Gazmend TURDIU, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council

09:20 – 10:00 **Regional Dimension Coordinators and partners - contribution to the implementation of SEE 2020 Strategy and activities on environmental protection in the WB region-PART 1**

Mr. Anastasios KROMMYDAS, Senior Programme Officer, Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

- Report on the implementation of Nexus project and planned future activities

Ms. Ana VUKOJE, Climate Change Specialist, UN Environment

- Report on the implementation of ClimaProof project and planned future activities

Ms. Shpresa HARASANI, Chair of the Biodiversity Task Force (BD TF), Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania

- Biodiversity Task Force – Activities and regional priorities

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee break**

10:30 – 12:00 **Regional Dimension Coordinators and partners - contribution to the implementation of SEE 2020 Strategy and activities on environmental protection in the WB region-PART 2**

Mr. Mihail DIMOVSKI, Team Leader, EU Environment Partnership Programme for Accession (EPPA)

- Implementation of EU Environment Partnership Programme for Accession (EPPA) - current and planned activities

Ms. Irina LAZZERINI, Sustainable Energy Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

- Integrated Energy and Climate Plans – progress so far and the outcomes of the informal Ministerial in Hainburg

Mr. Chris DIJKENS, member of the SPIDER WEB Team

- Implementation of the SPIDER WEB projects and planned future activities

Ms. Violeta PHILIPPITSCH, Key Account Manager for Western Balkan, Environment Agency Austria (UBA)

- Activities of the Environment Agency Austria in the WB region

Ms. Verena SOMMER, Sector Fund Manager Open Regional Fund for South East Europe – Implementation of Biodiversity Agreements (ORF BDU)

- Activities of GIZ in the WB region

Ms. Ana VUKOJE, Climate Change Specialist, UN Environment

- A Platform to Beat Pollution in South East Europe

Moderator: **Mr. Radovan NIKČEVIĆ**, Expert on Connectivity, Regional Cooperation Council

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch break**

13:30 – 15:00 **Interventions by the Western Balkans economies** (following alphabetical order)

Ms. Ornela ÇUÇI, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania

Mr. Igor JEVTIĆ, Senior Expert Associate, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Muhamet MALSIU, Director of Environmental and Water Department, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Kosovo*

Ms. Sandra LAZIĆ, Head of Department for Projects, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia

Ms. Lendita DIKA, State Counsellor for Industrial Pollution and Risk Management, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, the Republic of North Macedonia

- Representatives of WB economies are expected to:
 - present progress in the alignment process;
 - share views on the implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy;
 - reflect on the regional projects and initiatives presented during the previous sessions;
 - identify and discuss needs for support and regional coordination.

Moderator: **Ms. Klodiana MARIKA**, Director, Department of Development Programmes on Environment, Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania

15:00 – 15:30 **The way forward**

Tour de table / discussions

- Organization of the next Ministerial Meeting (tentatively November 2019);
- Needs for strengthening capacities of the RWG Env participants;
- The next Co-Chair of the RWG Env (for 2020)

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15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 16:15 **Conclusions and closing of the meeting**

Regional Cooperation Council and the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania

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