



# Regional Cooperation Council

## AGENDA

### Meeting of the Regional Working Group on the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans

14 May 2024

(Hotel Hilton, Podgorica, Montenegro)

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09.30 – 09.45 Opening remarks

- RCC
- DG NEAR, European Commission

9.45 – 11.15 **Session on the region's climate resilience and adaptation to the unavoidable impacts of climate change**

The aim of this session is to offer a comprehensive review of current international initiatives that can contribute to the development of the Climate Adaptation Roadmap for the Western Balkans.

- **Ellen Baltzar Mossop**, Climate Affairs Adviser, OSCE
- **Sonja Gebert**, Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP
- **Andrea Goertler**, Project Manager and Policy Advisor, GIZ Climate Partnership
- **Violeta Phillipitsch**, TRATOLOW project, EEA
- **Partner organizations: Energy Community, Transport Community, IUCN, SWG RRD**

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break

**11:45– 13:30 Regional Action Plan on the implementation of the Joint Statement on Preventing Plastic Pollution, including Marine Litter**

This session will discuss the way forward to address water body pollution in the Western Balkans, especially from plastic litter, and how the region will contribute to the EU efforts in addressing this issue. Presentations will assist discussions and the aim of the session will be to identify and agree on further steps that will guide the implementation of the joint regional statement.

- **Hristina Carapina Stevanovic**, RCC external expert on the Regional Action Plan
- **Elena Stefanoni**, UNEP
- **Jelena Peruničić**, Regional Coordinator GIZ, Podgorica
- **Stephan Nemetz**, Water Depollution, EU4Green, EEA

**13:30– 14.30 Lunch Break**

**14.30 –15.45 Session on Depollution**

The purpose of this session is to discuss the current situation in respect to air, soil and water pollution.

- **Carolín Sanz Noriega**, Environmental Affairs Officer, Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, UNECE
- **Sabine Schindlbacher**, Air Depollution, EU4Green, EEA
- **Antonio Jovanovski**, Regional Technical Coordinator “Air Quality in the Western Balkans Programme, UNICEF
- **Partner organizations: Energy Community, Transport Community, IUCN, SWG RRD**

**15.45 – 16.30 Any other business  
Main takeaways**