



Regional Cooperation Council

AGENDA

First Meeting of the Western Balkans Green and Circular Economy Stakeholders Platform

Meeting of the Working Group on Industrial Development (WGID)

16 May 2024

Hilton Podgorica, Montenegro

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Draft Agenda

09.00 – 09.30 **Registration**

9.30 – 09.50 **Opening remarks**

Pranvera Kastrati, Acting Head of Programme Department, RCC

Kristina Kuzeska, WB6 Chamber Investment Forum (WB6CIF)

Sandrine Beauchamp, DG NEAR, European Commission

Sandra Parthie, INT President, European Economic and Social Committee/ECESC

09.50 – 10.45 **First meeting of the Green and Circular Economy Stakeholders Platform**

The aim of this session is to introduce the Stakeholders platform concept and deliberate on its future direction, brainstorm and agree on key priority topics.

RCC representatives

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RWG GAWB, WGID, WB6CIF / Thematic Group on Green Transition and Energy Efficiency representatives

Interventions:

- DG ENV

- **Ana Bernal**, Project & Partnerships Development, International Chamber of Commerce; Presentation of SME360X tool
- OECD, UNDP, GIZ, EU4Green project, Helvetas, IUCN

Ways forward

10:45– 11.45 **Continuation of the session with a focus on implementing the Regional Action Plan to Prevent Plastic Pollution and exploring the interconnections between Circular Economy initiatives and waste management strategies.**

RCC expert, Hristina Stevanovic Carapina, PhD - Outline the primary objectives of the Regional Action Plan concerning private sector engagement;

Gergely (Gary) Hankó, Managing Director, Hungarian Association of Environmental Enterprises - Tackling Riverine Plastic Pollution;

Tour de table of the Regional Working Groups, both on GAWB and Industrial Development and WB6CIF / TG on Green Transition and Energy Efficiency

Short interventions of partner organizations (UNEP, UNDP, IUCN, GIZ)

11.45 – 12.00 **Coffee break**

12.00 – 13.00 **Session on potential industrial development actions for the New CRM AP**

Closed session for WGID

The aim of this session is to introduce some initial suggestions on key priority areas, sectors and actions for regional industrial development in the upcoming Action Plan (CRM2.0) and in line with the New Growth Plan. The session will pave the way for brainstorming and a tentative line of action. The session can explore in particular certain topics like Eco industrial parks in the region, green procurement, sustainability reporting and public methodologies, etc.

Evisi Kopliku, RCC

RCC expert, Christian Timm, Managing Director, Global Policy Incubator

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13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch break**

14:00– 14.50 **Session on gender perspective into a Green Economy**

The aim of this session is to better coordinate actions aiming gender mainstreaming on green and circular economy in the region, enhance gender equality and women empowerment components

on decision making related to a Green Economy, identify and develop tools for gender responsive industrial strategies, action plans and budgeting.

- Evisi Kopliku, RCC
- Milana Rikanovic, UN Women
- Zoran Kapor, GFA SEE, UN Women expert
Presentation of “UN Women Gender and Climate Financing Baseline Study”
- Mirela Arqimandriti, Gender Alliance for Development Centre
- UNDP (tbc.)

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14.50 – 15.00 AOB, **Conclusions**
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