

## DRAFT AGENDA

### 4<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Action in the Western Balkans

26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Tirana

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Venue: Hotel Rogner  
Boulevard Dëshmorët e Kombit, 1001 Tirana

#### 26<sup>th</sup> November

18:00 – 20:00 **Networking dinner** (Hotel Rogner)

#### 27<sup>th</sup> November

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration and welcome drink**

09:00 – 10:00 **Opening and keynote**

Mr. Blendi KLOSI, Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania  
Ms. Majlinda BREGU, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council  
Mr. Luigi SORECA, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Albania (tbc)

Keynote address

Mr. Janez KOPAČ, Director, Energy Community Secretariat  
- 2030 Energy and Climate Targets for the Energy Community Contracting Parties

Moderator: Mr. Blendi KLOSI, Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania

10:00 – 11:00 **Ministerial panel**

*Ministerial panel on addressing regional environmental and climate challenges and coordinating Western Balkan's regional activities in the future: Ministers will lead a moderated discussion on national and regional priorities, policy responses to current and future challenges, importance of regional cooperation and the way forward in light of 2030 targets and the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans.*

*Delegations are invited to identify three priorities and three key challenges for each WB economy that could be dealt with at regional level and where closer regional and transboundary cooperation is needed and desirable.*

Moderator: Ms. Majlinda BREGU, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break and family photo**

11:30 – 12:15 **Western Balkans on its path towards the European Union**

Mr. Jesús LAVIÑA, Head of Sector - Connectivity, Environment, Climate Change and Regional Development, European Commission, DG NEAR

- The European Green Deal and the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans – state of play

Mr. Mihail DIMOVSKI, Team Leader, EU Environment Partnership Programme for Accession (EPPA) in the Western Balkans and Turkey

- EPPA – Towards alignment to the EU New Green Deal - Key Outcomes and Policy Recommendations identified under EU EPPA

Moderator: RCC

#### 12:15 – 13:15 **Western Balkans municipalities and Civil Society Organizations**

*Representatives of selected municipalities from Western Balkans will present best practice examples in addressing environmental and climate challenges while CSOs will provide their views and proposals for cooperation in the Western Balkans (up to 5 minutes).*

Moderator: RCC

#### 13:15 – 14:15 **Lunch break**

#### 14:15 – 15:15 **Partners' perspectives**

*Tour de table of regional and international organisations (up to 5 minutes)*

*Environmental and climate challenges in the Western Balkans and needs for strengthening the regional cooperation in the framework of the SEE 2020 Strategy and future implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans.*

*Partners are invited to inform the participants on their role in supporting WB on its way toward the EU through the activities implemented in the WB economies, main challenges experienced and future plans.*

Moderator: Ms. Klodiana MARIKA, Director, Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania

#### 15:15 – 15:45 **Final remarks**

*Discussion and possible endorsement of the draft Ministerial Declaration*

*Handing over the Co-Chairmanship to the next Co-Chair – Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Closing the meeting

Mr. Christian DANIELSSON, Director General, European Commission, DG NEAR

Mr. Blendi KLOSI, Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania

Moderator: Ms. Majlinda BREGU, Secretary General, RCC

#### XX:XX – XX:XX **Tree planting** (Date/Time/Venue to be defined and communicated in due time)

*During the event, a tree planting activity will be organised by RCC and the Host*

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