

**SOUTHEAST EUROPE (SEE) 2030 STRATEGY
A REGIONAL ATTEMPT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGs IN SEE
ROLE OF PRIVATE and FINANCIAL SECTOR in SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING and GREEN TRANSFORMATION**

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**UNION OF HELLENIC
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Strengthening SEE Synergies



- The UHCC and its members: 59 Hellenic Chambers (of Commerce – industry – Craft – Professional)
- All independent and self- financed organizations operating as Public Law Legal Entities, under the supervision of the Ministry of Development.
- Competences:
 1. To perform its consulting role vis-a-vis the authorities in the most effective way;
 2. To provide integrated information services to its member-Chambers;
 3. To efficiently represent Chambers at home and abroad;
 4. To assert the management of development projects from the State.
- Membership: Eurochambres, Association of Balkan Chambers

European Commission: Sustainable Finance Strategy

- Financing economic activities that further the transition to sustainable objectives. Improving the financial sector's resilience to sustainable risks. Examining the desirability of a social taxonomy and improving opportunities for SMEs and individuals to access sustainable finance.
- The first deliverables have been three key regulations seeking to create a classification system to determine whether an economic activity is environmentally sustainable (the 'taxonomy'); to make disclosures relating to sustainable investments and sustainability risks clearer; and to establish low-carbon benchmarks.
- Although institutional investors and banks welcome the Sustainable Finance Action Plan, they are faced with difficulties in collecting granular and reliable data on sustainability to meet their transparency obligations.

Examples of public-private Green financing for the SEE Region

- **The Green for Growth Fund ("GGF")**, a structured debt fund with EUR 578 million committed capital, managed by Finance in Motion ("FiM"). It is the first specialized fund to advance energy efficacy (EE), renewable energy (RE) and resource efficiency in Southeast Europe, including, the European Neighborhood Region-East, and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

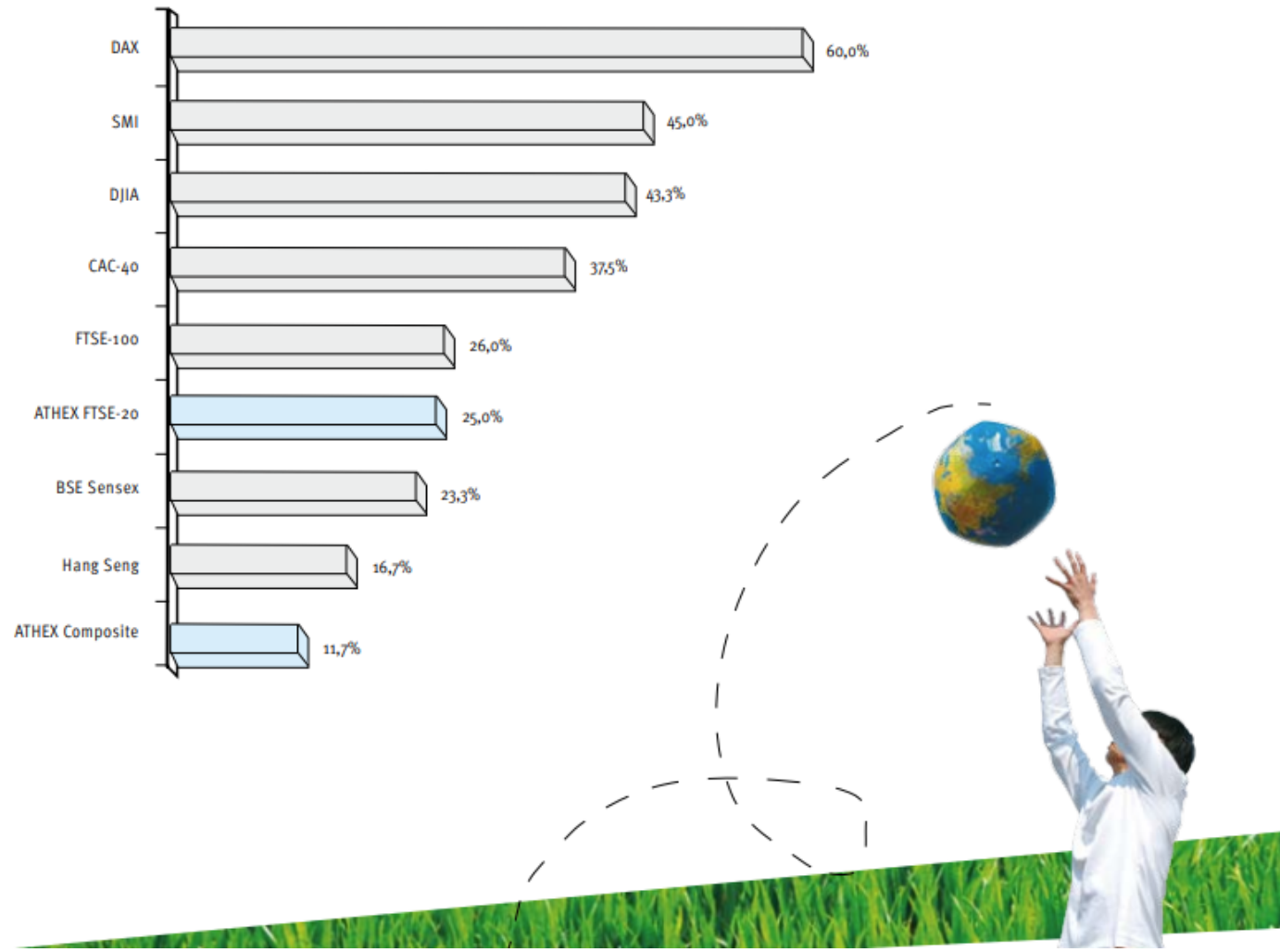
GGF is an innovative public-private partnership established to reduce energy consumption and CO2 emissions. GGF provides refinancing to financial institutions to enhance their participation in the EE and RE sectors and makes direct investments in non-financial institutions with projects in these areas. The activities of GGF are supported by a technical assistance facility.

- **The Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) and the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) have agreed a fourth loan program of EUR 50 million to finance sustainable investments in the Black Sea region and south-eastern Europe.**

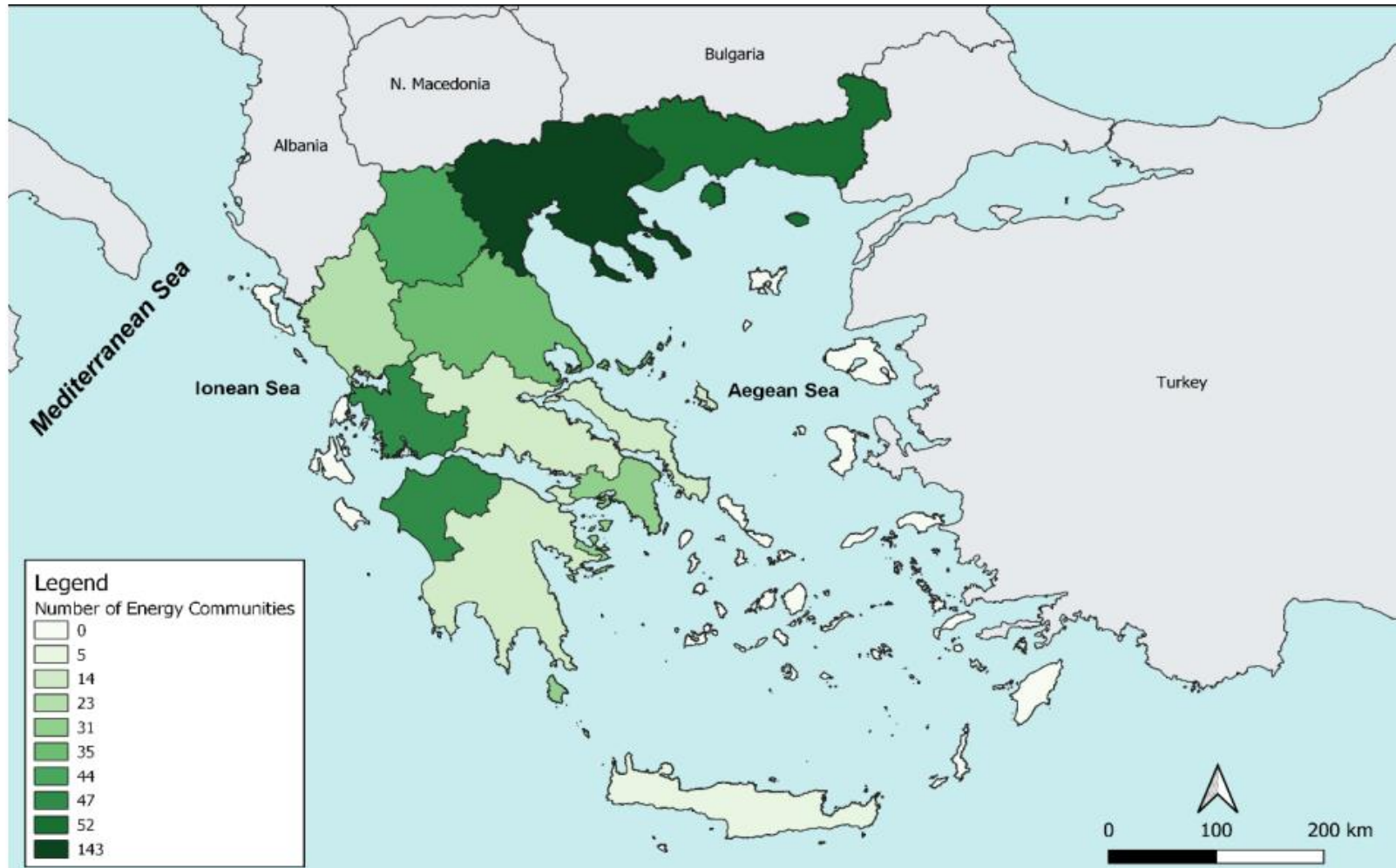
The funds of the 10-year loan facility will be used to finance environmental projects and investments that contribute to sustainable development and climate change mitigation, such as renewable energy and clean public transport projects, in the BSTDB's region of operation.



Percentage of listed companies issuing Reports according to GRI instrument



Existing Energy Communities in Greece on Regional level (NUTS II)



LACTIMED: Promoting Mediterranean Dairy products



The Lactimed project aimed to foster the production and distribution of typical and innovative dairy products in the Mediterranean by organising local value chains, supporting producers and promoting their products in the local and international markets.

Over 30 months, ANIMA and its 11 partners implemented around 100 activities targeting the various stakeholders of the dairy value chains of Alexandria (Egypt), the Bekaa (Lebanon), Bizerte (Tunisia), Sicily (Italy) and Thessaly (Greece). The project is co-financed at 90% by the ENPI CBC MED programme.

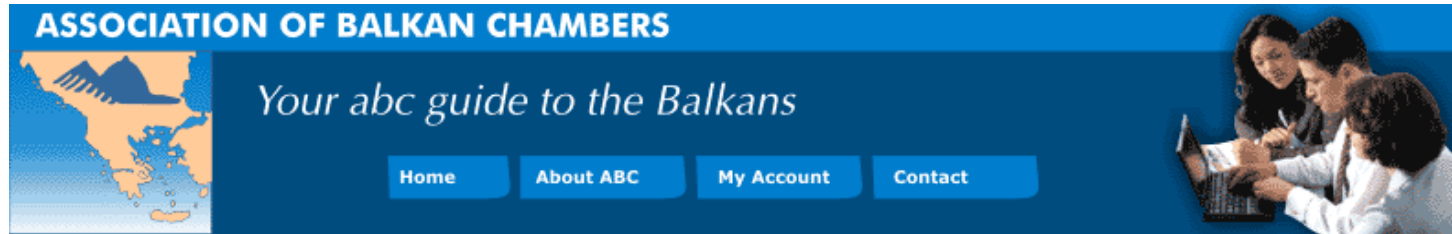
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Association of Balkan Chambers (ABC)



Founding members

National Chambers of Commerce and Unions of Chambers of Commerce from Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, North Macedonia, Romania, Turkey, Serbia, Cyprus and Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Priority Objectives

- Development of cooperation among the business communities in the Balkan region, as well as with third parties;
- Encouragement and support of activities aimed to structural changes in the economies of Balkan countries with the view of the accession to EU;
- Initiation and implementation of global interest projects for the Balkan region;
- Representation through the Association of the member Chambers' interests in international bodies;
- Promotion of the cooperation between the Courts of International Commercial Arbitration from member states