ACTION PLAN

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**FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOFIA DECLARATION ON THE GREEN AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS 2021.-2030.**

**REVISION**

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| **Action** | **The main regional coordinator(s)** | **Indicative timeframe** | **Comment** |
| 1. Align with the EU Climate Law with a vision of achieving climate neutrality by 2050. | RCC, (+ EnCS TBC) | 2025. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 2. Set forward-looking 2030 energy and climate targets. | EnCS, EC | 2022.(Ongoing). | Based on the EC study, NDC, LCDS and NECP; co-benefits for air pollution reduction. |
| 3. Develop and implement integrated Energy and Climate Plans. | EnCS | 2022.(Ongoing). | Based on the EC study; Implementation by 2030. |
| 4. Prepare and implement climate adaptation strategies. | RCC | 2028.(Ongoing). | Based on the NAP processes. |
| 5. Align with the EU Emissions Trading System and/or introduce other carbon pricing instruments. | EnCS (TBC) | 2024.(Ongoing). | Based on the decision on introducing carbon pricing – policy discussion is ongoing. |
| 6. Increase opportunities for the deployment of nature-based solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate change. | RCC, IUCN | 2025. | Continuous improvement by 2030; Link with Action 54. |
| 7. Ensure participation of WB economies in the European Climate Pact or consider the development of a similar mechanism. | RCC | 2022. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 8. Review and revise, where necessary, all relevant legislation to support progressive decarbonisation of the energy sector. | EnCS, RCC | 2023.(Ongoing). | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 9. Prepare an assessment of the socio-economic impact of decarbonisation at the individual economy and regional level. | RCC | 2022. |  |

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| 10. Prioritise energy efficiency and improve it in all sectors. | EnCS, TCPS, RCC | Ongoing. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 11. Transposition and full enforcement of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. | EnCS | 2023. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 12. Support private and public buildings renovation schemes and secure appropriate financing. | EnCS | Ongoing. | Development of the concept by the EC is ongoing; Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 13. Increase the share of renewable energy sources and provide the necessary investment conditions. | EnCS | Ongoing. | Updating the acquis is in progress;N.B: any increase of biomass combustion must be done with due consideration to air pollution impacts;Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 14. Decrease and gradually phase out coal subsidies, strictly respecting state aid rules. | EnCS | Ongoing. | To be indicated in NECPs; Clean air co-benefits. |
| 15. Ensure participation in the Coal Regions in Transition initiative for the Western Balkans. | EnCS | Ongoing. | Clean air co-benefits from reduced coal combustion. |
| 16. Develop programmes for addressing energy poverty and financing schemes for household renovation and providing basic standards of living. | EnCS | Ongoing 2024. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 17. Support the development of smart transport infrastructure, promote fostering of innovative technologies (such as paperless transport, artificial intelligence,multimodal passengers ticketing, mobility as a service, border/boundary crossing applications, 5G corridors, etc.). | TCPS, EnCS | Ongoing. | Important for integrated planning of energy and transport/charging infrastructure;Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 18. Implement the Regional Action Plan for Rail Reforms. | TCPS | 2023. | Excepted infrastructure improvement. |
| 19. Define rail freight and inland waterway transport corridors. | TCPS | 2027. | The network of rail freight corridors is under revision by the EC. |
| 20. Define an overall strategy to shift traffic from road to more environmentally friendly modes. | TCPS | 2021. | Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy for WB has been prepared by the TCPS and presented to the TCT Ministerial Council. |
| 21. Identify the EU technical standards and ensure their implementation and digitalisation of all transport modes. | TCPS | 2030. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 22. Implement the Regional Transport Facilitation Action Plan. | TCPS | 2023. |  |
| 23. Implement the Regional Road Safety Action Plan. | TCPS | 2022. |  |
| 24. Implement the Road Action Plan. | TCPS | 2024. |  |

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| 25. Develop and implement climate resilience plans for Western Balkan economies’ transport networks. | TCPS, RCC | 2022. | Link with Climate Action. |
| 26. Promote preparation and implementation of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans for urban areas in the Western Balkans. | TCPS, RCC (through LSGs Summit) | 2025. | Clean air benefits;Strong promotion by 2025, Implementation to follow. |
| 27. Define sustainable mobility solutions at the regional level including plans for deployment of alternative fuels. | TCPS (alt. fuels infrastructure), EnCS (alt. fuels supply), RCC | 2024. | Clean air benefits. |
| 27a. Define a plan for deployment and building of charging stations for electric vehicles. | TCPS | 2022. |  |
| 28. Increase regional cooperation in the area of alternative fuels infrastructure development. | TCPS, RCC | 2023. | Clean air benefits. |

**INDICATORS**

#### No. Indicator Data source

1. Total GHG emissions (tonnes of CO2 eq). GHG inventories / Environmental Protection Agencies / Statistical Offices.

**Climate action**

1. The GHG emission intensity of power generation (tonnes of CO2 eq). EnC reports / Environmental Protection Agencies / Statistical Offices.
2. The number of sectoral policies that include climate change adaptation. EC Progress Report / Communication on EU Enlargement Policy.
3. Level of climate financing. EC Progress Report / Communication on EU Enlargement Policy.
4. Implementation ratio electricity. EnC Implementation Report.

**Energy**

1. Implementation ratio renewable energy. EnC Implementation Report.
2. Implementation ratio gas. EnC Implementation Report.
3. Relevant directives/regulations/standards/specifications transposed. TCT Action plan progress report / Technical Committee reports.

**Transport**

1. Western Balkan Strategies updated with sustainable and smart elements. Sustainable and Smart Mobility progress reports / Ad hoc group meetings.
2. Infrastructure developed according to TEN-T (related to green elements). TEN-T Annual Plans.

