

AGENDA
7th Meeting of the Regional Working Group on Environment
30th May 2018

*Venue: Park Hotel & Spa
1732 street no.4, 1000 Skopje*

Tuesday, 29th May

19:30 – 21:30 **Dinner** (Park Hotel & Spa) organized in cooperation with IUCN and together with BD TF members

Wednesday, 30th May

08:45 – 09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:00 – 09:20 **Opening and objectives of the meeting**

Mr. Sadulla DURAKI, Minister, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning

Mr. Gazmend TURDIU, Deputy Secretary General/Head of Programme Department, Regional Cooperation Council

09:20 – 11:00 **Working Session 1**

Regional Dimension Coordinators and partners - contribution to the implementation of SEE 2020 Strategy

Mr. Mihail DIMOVSKI, Executive Director, The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)

- Activities supporting implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy and plans for future regional cooperation

Mr. Boban ILIĆ, Secretary General, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG RRD)

- Activities supporting implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy in regional rural development and plans for future cooperation.

Mr. Dimitris FALOUTSOS, Deputy Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

- Report on the implementation of Nexus project, identification of WB economy and discussion on identified transboundary river basins the Project will be focused on, and planned activities

Ms. Ana VUKOJE, Climate Change Specialist, UN Environment

- Report on the implementation of ClimaProof project, achievements, organization of Summer School and planned activities in the upcoming period

Mr. Vlatko TRPESKI, Head of Department for Nature, Administration for Environment, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning as Biodiversity Task Force Chair

- Biodiversity Task Force – Activities and regional priorities

Ms. Irina LAZZERINI, Sustainable Energy Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

- Integrated Energy and Climate Plans

Moderator: Mr. Radovan NIKČEVIĆ, Expert on Connectivity, Regional Cooperation Council

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 Working Session 2

Interventions by Western Balkans economies (following alphabetical order)

Ms. Shpresa HARASANI, Expert, Sector of Financing and Partnership in Tourism and Environment, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania

Mr. Igor JEVTIĆ, Senior Official, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Muhamet MALSIU, Director of Environmental and Water Department, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Kosovo*

Mr. Saša RADULOVIĆ, State Secretary, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro

Mr. Betim LAMALLARI, Special Advisor to the Minister for the Environment, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

- Representatives of WB economies will present progress in the alignment process, views on the implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy and regional projects and initiatives (Nexus, ClimaProof and Biodiversity) as well as needs for support and regional coordination.

Moderator: Mr. Radovan NIKČEVIĆ, Expert on Connectivity, Regional Cooperation Council

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:15 Working Session 3

Partners' perspectives

Ms. Violeta PHILIPPITSCH, Key Account Manager for Western Balkan, Croatia, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey, Environment Agency Austria

- Activities of the Environment Agency Austria in the WB region

Ms. Ana VUKOJE, Climate Change Specialist, UN Environment

- Plans for regional action on air pollution

Ms. Kristina KUJUNDŽIĆ, Senior Project Manager, GIZ - Open Regional Fund for South-East Europe – Biodiversity (ORF BD)

- Looking into the future: Integrating biodiversity agreements through regional cooperation (ORF BDU 2018 - 2021)

Mr. Boris ERG, Director, IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

- Prospects of regional cooperation in SEE

Ms. Milena KOZOMARA, Portfolio Manager, UNDP Serbia

- UNDP Serbia environment portfolio interventions

The way forward

Mr. Boban ILIĆ (SWG RRD), Mr. Radovan NIKČEVIĆ (RCC), Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning and a representative from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

- Organization of the next Ministerial Meeting (possibly back-to-back with the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture)

Tour de table /discussion

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

- Needs for strengthening capacities of the RWG Env participants and the next Co-Chair of the RWG Env (for 2019)

Moderator: Mr. Radovan NIKČEVIĆ, Expert on Connectivity, Regional Cooperation Council

16:15 – 16:30 Conclusions and closing of the meeting

Regional Cooperation Council and the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning

Moderator: Mr. Gazmend TURDIU, Deputy Secretary General/Head of Programme Department, Regional Cooperation Council