



Regional Cooperation Council



Ministry of Environment
and Physical Planning

3rd Ministerial Panel on Environment and Climate Action in the Western Balkans

AGENDA

Venue: Hotel Marriott
Maksim Gorki st, 1.000 Skopje

21st November 2018

08:30 - 09:00

- Registration and welcome drink

09:00 - 10:00

- Opening and key note

Mr. Sadulla DURAKI, Minister, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning
Mr. Goran SVILANOVIĆ, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council
Mr. Nicola BERTOLINI, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union in Skopje

Key note address

Mr. Janez KOPAČ, Director, Energy Community Secretariat (09:30 – 09:50)
- 2030 Energy and Climate Targets for the Energy Community Contracting Parties

Ms. Gabriele JANEZIC, Deputy Head of Mission and Consul, Austrian Embassy
Skopje (09:50 - 10:00)
- Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, priorities in the area of
Environment and future integration of Western Balkans

Moderator: **Mr. Jani MAKRADULI**, Deputy Minister of Environment and
Physical Planning

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. Delegations are invited to identify three priorities for each WB economy and recognize key challenges for further progress in the environment area where regional cooperation can be strengthened.

Moderator: **Mr. Goran SVILANOVIĆ**, Secretary General, RCC

11:00 - 11:30

- Coffee break and family photo

11:30 - 12:30

- The SEE 2020 Strategy and the EU accession process

Contribution to the implementation of SEE 2020 Strategy

Mr. Dejan KOMATINA, 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. Dejan PANOVSKI, Senior Program Officer, Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean
- Report on the implementation of NEXUS project

Ms. Ana VUKOJE, Climate Change Specialist, UN Environment

- Report on the implementation of ClimaProof project

Mr. Darko BUZAROVSKI, Regional Manager, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group

- Rural Development through Integrated Forest and Water Resources Management in SEE

Mr. Vlatko TRPESKI, Chair of the Regional Biodiversity Task Force

- Regional approach to improve protection and sustainable use of biodiversity

Western Balkans on its path towards the EU

Ms. Guillemette VACHEY, Environment and Climate Action Expert,
Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations,
European Commission

Moderator: **Mr. Radovan NIKČEVIĆ**, Expert on Connectivity, RCC

12:30 - 13:00

• **Partners' perspectives**

Tour de table of regional and international organizations - Partners' addresses (~5 min)

Perspectives on environmental and climate challenges in Western Balkans and needs for strengthening future regional cooperation in the framework of the SEE 2020 Strategy.

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

Moderator: **Mr. Radovan NIKČEVIĆ**, Expert on Connectivity, RCC

13:00 - 13:30

• **Ministerial Declaration**

Discussion and possible endorsement of the draft Declaration

Handing over the Co-Chairmanship to the next Co-Chair - Albania

Closing the meeting

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

Moderator: **Mr. Goran SVILANOVIĆ**, Secretary General, RCC

13:30

• **Lunch**

15:00

• **Departure of the Participants**

