ACTION PLAN



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

**REVISION**

**DEPOLLUTION**

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| **Action** | **The main regional coordinator(s)** | **Indicative timeframe** | **Comment** |
| 36. Finalise the process of ratification of Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and its protocols. | RCC | 2025. | WB economies adopted emission reduction plans within EnC; Emission reduction commitments to be established. |
| 36a. Support modelling to establish economy-wide emission reduction commitments for the five main pollutants covered by the NEC Directive and the Gothenburg Protocol under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. | RCC | 2025. | Possibility of involving the JRC modelling team. |
| 37. Develop and implement Air Quality Strategies. | RCC, EnCS | 2030. | Some WB economies developed the strategy within their environment strategies; The implementation - beyond 2030. |
| 37a. Increase the uptake of Best Available Techniques in accordance with the Industrial Emissions Directive. | RCC, EnCS | 2030. |  |
| 38. Establish an adequate air quality monitoring system, including through accreditation of air quality monitoring networks. | RCC, EnCS | 2025. | Develop the regional quality assurance system. |
| 39. Implement relevant EU water-related acquis (Water Framework Directive, Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive and Nitrates Directive). | RCC | 2027.**\*\*** | In line with the final deadline for WFD. |
| 40. Modernise water monitoring infrastructure and reach good status for all water bodies. | RCC | 2030.\*\* | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 41. Build the necessary infrastructure for wastewater treatment. | RCC | 2030.\*\* | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 42. Integrate soil protection in other policy areas and establish a regional soil partnership to improve knowledge exchange and identify examples of best practices for soil protection from pollution and degradation. | RCC, SWG RRD | 2024. | Following the deadlines from the EU Zero Pollution Action Plan. |
| 43. Prepare and sign regional agreements on transboundary air and water pollution. | RCC | 2023. | Link with Actions 34 and 52. |

\*\* The timeline of implementation of Activities 39., 40. and 41. could be further determined for Western Balkan economies in the framework of negotiations or enlargement process

# NG SYSTEM

**INDICATORS**

#### No. Indicator Data source

1. Annual ambient concentrations of PMs, SO2 and NOx. Annual air quality reports for Western Balkan economies

/Environmental Protection Agencies.

1. Annual emissions of PMtotal, PM10, SO2 and NOx from large combustion plants. EnC annual implementation reports

Energy Community Homepage ([energy-community.or](http://energy-community.org/)g) Environmental Protection Agencies

LRTAP Convention NFR tables.

**Depollution**

1. Annual emissions of NH3 and NMVOC . Environmental Protection Agencies LRTAP Convention NFR tables.
2. Population connected to public water supply (%) and Population connected to wastewater treatment plants (%).

Statistical Offices of Western Balkan economies, Eurostat.

1. Artificial land cover per capita by type. Statistical Offices of Western Balkan economies, Eurostat / Environmental Protection Agencies (Corine Land Cover).
2. Nitrate in groundwater. Statistical Offices of Western Balkan economies, Eurostat / Environmental Protection Agencies.

