



Environment and Security Initiative



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Joint event

**“Regional stakeholder consultation addressing climate security risks and adaptation measures
In South Eastern Europe”**

June 30 and July 1, 2015. Belgrade, Serbia.

Venue & time: Hotel Metropol (Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 69)

12.00pm (June 30, 2015), 9.00 am (July 1, 2015)

Background

The Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC) is a partnership formed by the OSCE, REC, UNDP, UNECE, and UNEP, as well as NATO. Within the current ENVSEC project portfolio (2012-2015), two of the activities are: to build human and institutional capacities for vulnerability and impact assessment, raising awareness of stakeholders and population on climate change and adaptation as well as the reducing ecosystem services loss from climate change effects in the Dinaric Arc Region, through cooperation and dialogue. In the last few years the SEE region has combated climate change, developing relevant document on the topic of adaptation and actively implementing various projects on adaptation to climate change, nonetheless, there are still gaps concerning institutional capacities, to conduct impact and vulnerability studies as well as a knowledge gap concerning the impacts of climate change on ecosystem services within the Dinaric Arc Region. The Austrian Development Agency, the operational unit of Austrian Development Cooperation supports both activities within ENVSEC project portfolio (2012-2015).

Objective

The objective of this joint event is twofold. The regional consultation aims at fostering the regional consultative process and dialogue on climate security risks, adaptation measures for the SEE region and ecological networks in the Dinaric Arc. The main target audience will be climate experts, NGOs, academia and research institutions, and national/local authorities dealing with climate change policies.

Time	Presentations	Speakers
Day 1		
12.00- 13.15	Lunch at hotel Metropol Palace restaurant and registration	
13.15- 17.30	Session 1: Climate security risks and adaptation in SEE	
13.15-13.35	<p>Welcome speech: Ms. Danijela Bozanic. Head of Climate Change Division Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia, UNFCCC National Focal Point-Serbia. Mr. Hubert Neuwirth. Programme Manager, South Eastern Europe ADA).</p>	<p>Chair: Ms. Gordana Kozuharova Regional Director for SEE - REC ENVSEC Regional Desk Officer for South Eastern Europe</p>
13.35- 14.00	Overview of ENVSEC activities in the SEE region	Ms. Gordana Kozuharova
14.00 – 14.30	The concept of security	Mr. Danko Aleksic. Sustainable Consumption and Production Expert –REC
14.30- 14.50	Coffee break	

14.50 – 15.20	Observed evidence of climate change and regional scenarios with emphasis on extreme events	Mr. Vladimir Djurdjevic. Institute of Meteorology, Faculty of Physics, University of Belgrade and SEEVCCC (South East European Virtual Climate Change Center)
15.20- 15.40	Overview of approaches to climate security	Ms. Mariia Khovanskaia Climate Change Expert and UNFCCC Focal Point for Article 6 of the Convention-REC.
15.40 – 16.00	Coffee break	
16.00- 17.15	Panel session on transboundary and national climate security. Mapping exercise and discussion (all participants to take part).	Moderator: Ms. Mariia Khovanskaia. Member of the discussion: national experts, assisting UNFCCC National Focal Points. Albania: Ms. Eni Mazniku , Kosovo*: Mr. Betim Bresilla , Serbia: Ms. Danijela Bozanic.
17.15-17.30	Q&A session, collection of questionnaire- finalization of DAY 1 sessions	
19.30	Dinner at Madera Restaurant – Address: 43 Bulevar kralja Aleksandra Street 11000 Belgrade	
Day 2		
9.00- 12.00	Session 2: Adaptation as a solution to climate security problems	
9.00-9.30	The EU Adaptation Policy Framework – Adaptation Strategy	Mr. Sami Zeidan. Legal Officer European Commission- DG Climate Action, Adaptation Unit
9.30- 10.15	Overview of strategic documents on adaptation adopted in the region and ECRAN adaptation activities in the region. Q&A session	Mr. Robert Bakx ECRAN Expert
10.15- 11.20	Panel on adaptation/security good practices (15 minutes per country): Albania: water management. Bosnia and Herzegovina: Agricultural adaptation to climate change. FYRo civil protection Macedonia: Establishing a Flood early warning system for Drim – Bojana River Basin. A regional overview of the forest fire situation.	National experts Albania: Mr. Arduen Karagjozi B&H: Mr. Hamid Custovic FYRoM: Mr. Aleksandar Karanfilovski Mr. Nikolai Nikolov
11.20-11.35	Coffee break	
11.35 – 14.00	Continuation of the panel session: Kosovo: preventing Forest fires. Montenegro: Climate Adaptation in Montenegro and activities of the IHMS. Serbia: civil protection. Discussion on how to overcome the barriers; and increase adaptive capacity of the SEE region. Collection of questionnaire on adaptation measures and adaptive capacities.	Experts Kosovo*: Mr. Tahir Ahmeti Montenegro: Ms. Jadranka Mihaljevic Serbia: Mr. Ranko Demirovic
14.00-14. 45	Lunch	
14.45- 15.40	Session 3: ecosystem approach to adaptation and security	

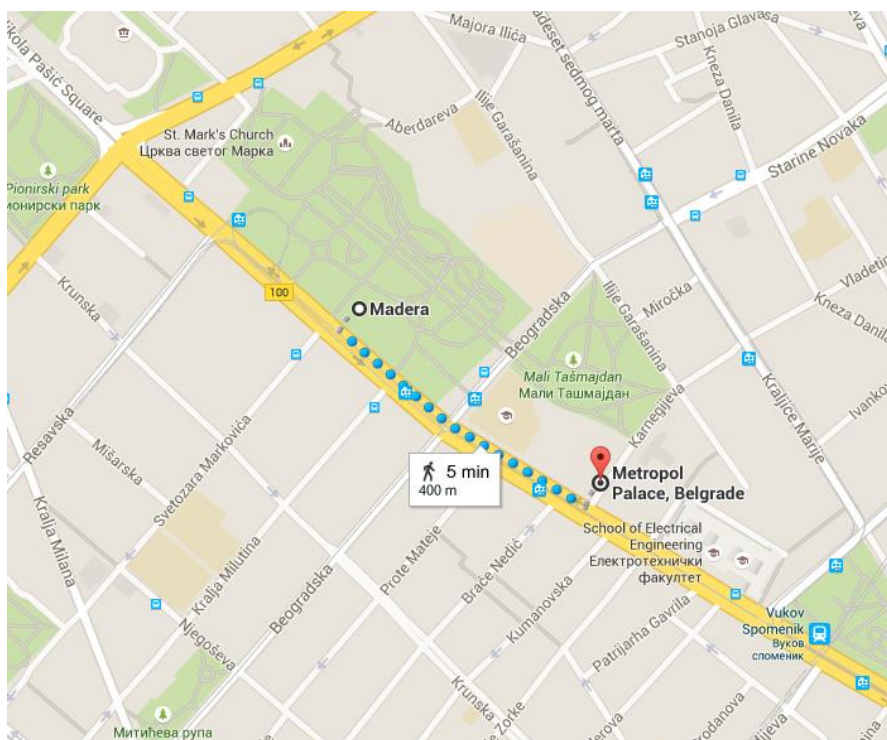
14.45- 15.15	Use of open standards for the practice of conservation action	Mr. Vasilije Buskovic EPA-Montenegro and University of Donja Gorica
15.15- 15.40	Increase adaptive capacity through awareness raising and education on climate change adaptation in the Dinaric Arc region	Ms. Duška Dimović , WWF, Serbia Country Manager
Q&A session, collection of questionnaires and coffee break between sessions		
15.40-17.00	Session 4: adaptation financing	
15.40-16.15	Adaptation financing through multilateral development Banks	Mr. Pavel Činčera NGO BEZK
16.15- 16.45	Financing adaptation in Europe	Ms. Venelina Varbova Environmental Financing Topic Area Leader and Expert -REC
16.45-17.00	Q&A, Closure of the event	Ms. Gordana Kozuharova

Logistics:

The language of the event will be English and simultaneous translations will be provided in Serbian and Albanian languages.

For international participants/beneficiaries, we offer to cover your international travel (please keep your boarding passes), accommodation (Hotel Metropol Palace) for the period of your stay and the local transfer from Belgrade airport to the hotel and back to the airport (in case of any problem contact Ms. Lola Dotlic- Miross Agency tel: +381637073148).

All the participants of the event are kindly invited to the reception dinner at Madera restaurant (June 30, 2015 at 19.30) which will also be covered by the project. The restaurant is walking distance from the event venue (see map).



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