



Environment and Security Initiative

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AGENDA Joint event

“National workshop addressing climate security risks in Albania and Expert meeting and discussion of the publication ‘study on ecological networks of the mountainous region of Dinaric Arc’”

November 20, 2014. Venue: Tirana International Hotel.

Skanderbeg Square 8 Tirana, Albania.

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 Albania 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 national workshop and expert meeting aims at building capacity of local authorities on climate security risks as well as foster dialogue among climate and relevant experts on ecological networks and adaptive capacities in the Dinaric Arc. During the second part of the event the publication “study on ecological networks of the mountainous region of Dinaric Arc” will be discussed along with the potential adaptation measure in the country. The main target audience will be representatives of municipalities, national authorities dealing with climate change policies and representatives from different sectors (energy, agriculture, water, public health, and forestry) and an NGO working closely on the topic of biodiversity.

Time	Presentations	Speakers
8.30- 9.15	Arrival and registration – Coffee and tea	
9.30 -12.30	Session 1 (morning session) : National workshop on climate security risks and adaptation	
9.30- 9.45	Welcome speech: Ms. Ardiana Sokoli , Director. Ministry of Environment and UNFCCC National Focal Point of Albania Ms. Astrid Wein , Austrian Development Cooperation, Albanian Office.	Chair: Mr. Jozsef Feiler Climate Change and Adaptation Expert at the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe and ECRAN Expert
9.45 -10.00	<i>Short documentary about climate change in Albania and its consequences (produced by World Health Organization)</i>	Mr. Xhemal Mato Executive director of Grouping Ekolevizja
10.00-10.30	<i>The EU Adaptation Policy Framework- Adaptation Strategy ECRAN past and future activities on adaptation to climate change in the region</i>	Mr. Robert Bakx - ECRAN International expert

10.30 – 10.50	<i>Climate change conditions and policies in Albania and current challenges</i>	Ms. Laureta Dibra Head of Air, Climate Change and Chemical Sector. Ministry of Environment of Albania
10.50 – 11.10	<i>GIZ Projects on adaptation to climate change- flood management</i>	Mr. Jakob Doetsch - GIZ
11.10- 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 – 12.00	<i>Overview of approaches to climate security in major documents</i>	Ms. Mariia Khovanskaia REC Climate Change Expert and UNFCCC Focal Point for Article 6 of the Convention
12.00 - 12.20	Discussion and Working Group session (plenary) on: Climate security risks in Albania and SEE countries	Led by Ms. Mariia Khovanskaia. All participants
12.20 -13.30	Lunch break	
13.30- 16.40	Continuation of session 1 & Session 2: Expert meeting and discussion on publication “Study on ecological networks of the mountainous region of the Dinaric Arc”	
13.30 -14.00	<i>Challenges in the Energy sector and Hydropower due to droughts</i>	Mr. Artan Leskoviku Head of Energy Efficiency - National Agency of Natural Resources
14.00- 14.30	<i>The Impacts of Climate Change on Coastal Ecosystem and Biodiversity: Vulnerability and Adaptation</i>	Mr. Ferdinand Bego UNDP - Climate Programme representative
14.45 -15.05	<i>Presentation of results of the publication “Study on ecological networks of the mountainous region of Dinaric Arc”</i>	Ms. Csilla Urban Co-Author of publication, REC Climate change and Clean Energy Topic Area.
15.05 – 15.20	Coffee break	
15.20 – 15.40	<i>Expert view on financing adaptation to climate change</i>	Ms. Drita Dade World Bank Albania
15.40 -16.40	<i>Round table with participants on ecosystem services in the Dinaric Region. Questionnaire on adaptation measures, climate financing. Collecting questionnaires and event evaluation form</i>	All participants. Discussion led by Ms. Mariia Khovanskaia.
17.00	Closure	Mr. Jozsef Feiler