Themis — Managing Natural Resources and Combating Environmental Crime

The Themis Network is a beneficiary-driven regional cooperation initiative in South Eastern Europe for authorities responsible for the environment and justice sectors.

**Activities**
- Managing the secretariat
- Contributing to the EU approximation process
- Designing capacity building for officials on natural resources management, including forestry and the combating of environmental crimes
- Providing technical assistance for authorities
- Networking and cooperating with international partners

**Impacts**
- Administrative capacities strengthened
- Better environmental law enforcement
- Enhanced regional dialogue and cooperation
- Training materials and guidelines drafted and trainings provided
- Improved regional understanding and cross-border cooperation
- Exchanges of experience with EU countries

**Duration:** 2012–2017  
**Donor:** Austrian Development Agency  
**Budget:** EUR 1.7 million

**IN NUMBERS**
- 10 regional trainings
- 15 national trainings
- 1 technical assistance workshop
- >200 officials trained
- >400 officials indirectly benefiting from trainings
- 7 standard operating procedures drafted

**GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**
Albania | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Kosovo* | Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Moldova | Montenegro | Serbia

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**Addressing the Risk of Forest Fires in South Eastern Europe**

Forest fire prevention and control systems were assessed, the main governance gaps analysed, and concrete policy recommendations outlined.

**Activities**
- Analysing legal, policy and institutional gaps
- Elaborating policy recommendations
- Fostering transboundary cooperation on forestry-related risk management and mitigation
- Raising awareness of the risks of forest fires

**Impacts**
- Strengthened coordination among national stakeholders
- Better understanding of trends in forest fire prevention and control, and of the risks of forest fires in the region
- Next steps to mitigate the risks and consequences of forest fires at national and regional level clearly identified

**Duration:** 2013–2015  
**Donor:** Austrian Development Agency, through the ENVSEC Initiative  
**Partner:** OSCE  
**Budget:** EUR 80,000

**IN NUMBERS**
- 6 country analyses
- 1 regional risk assessment report
- 1 workshop on mitigating forest fire risks
- 1 regional roadmap

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