



Federal Ministry for the
Environment, Nature Conservation,
Building and Nuclear Safety



Sustainable Development Goals in Western Balkans

Project Kick-off meeting

Project details

The overall project goal is to provide targeted support to the national SDG implementation bodies in the selected countries in order to strengthen their ability to cope with the challenges of implementing the UN 2030 Agenda. The review of the existing strategies and plans in the targeted countries - Albania, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro - is already in progress. Assisting them in the prioritization of the Goals relevant to the countries and region, helping them in setting nationally relevant targets, support development of relevant indicators, and additionally support SDG implementation through a capacity building programme adjusted to the needs of the targeted countries are the main outcomes of the project. In addition, the project will strengthen capacities of high - level governmental officials - representatives of different Ministries relevant to the task for SDG implementation. This allows targeting all relevant institutions concerned with SDG implementation on the country level and a cross-sectoral approach in defining the actions. The project last three years, until end of October 2020.

The Donor

The project is funded by the German Federal Environment Ministry's (BMUB) Advisory Assistance Programme (AAP) for environmental protection in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and other countries neighbouring the European Union. It is supervised by German Environment Agency (UBA).

The Regional Environmental Centre (REC)

The Regional Environmental Centre (REC) was established in 1990 by the United States, the European Commission and Hungary. Today, REC is legally based on a charter with over 30 signatories. The organisation relies on a network of offices and experts in Central and Eastern Europe and beyond. Its head office is located in Szentendre, Hungary. It has been active in the Western Balkans regions since its establishment.

Goal and objectives of the meeting

The meeting will unite participants from all relevant Ministries and National Institutions for an open dialogue on sustainable development and the implementation of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the invited countries

The objectives of the conference are to:



Towards 2030

- **Provide** a capacity building session on Sustainable Development Goals, the process, the interrelations between the goals, the role of each individual in the process of “Transforming our world”;
- **Showcase** the latest achievements in the implementation of the SDGs in your country;
- **Facilitate** sharing of experiences between national institutions;
- **Stimulate and provoke** critical discussion on the activities that need to be implemented by the government in the period 2018-2020;
- **Promote** sustainable development in your country.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF THE MEETING

Location Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, (IV proleterske brigade 19. Podgorica)
multimedia meeting room

Day, February 28, 2018

| Time | Activity |
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| 9:30 | Registration of participants |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Opening Chair: Ms. Ruža Radović , REC Montenegro Country Office Director Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Saša Radulović, State Secretary for Environment, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Government of Montenegro/ Mr. Ešeh Husić, General Director of Directorate for Climate Change and Mediterranean Affairs, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Government of Montenegro (tbc)• Ms. Ruža Radović, REC Montenegro Country Office Director• Introduction of participants Introduction to Sustainable Development Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Kornelija Radovanovikj, Senior Expert Education and Sustainable Development• Ms. Srna Sudar, Country Office Project Coordinator Q&A |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Country activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Country progress so far, Ms. Aneta Kankaraš, Country Focal Point for SDG implementation Q&A |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Coffee break |
| 12:00 – 14:00 | SDGs in Western Balkans <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of project activities, Ms. Kornelija Radovanovikj, |



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| | <p>Senior Expert Education and Sustainable Development, REC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further activities on national level, Ms. Aneta Kankaraš, Country Focal Point for SDG implementation <p>Q&A</p> |
| 14:00 | Closure of the meeting |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Cocktail for the participation of the meeting |

