



REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

**REReP regional meeting on "Climate and Energy" in South Eastern Europe
22 – 23 May 2008, Brussels**



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AGENDA

Concept and purpose

An important part of the Stabilization and Association process to the EU covers the preparations for the transposition of energy and climate related directives of the EU. The objective of this workshop is to:

- Provide information on EU climate and energy policy
- Discuss ways for cross-border cooperation for the representatives of different ministries and stakeholders in the candidate and potential candidate countries in SEE.

The structure of the event will follow a top down approach. First the EU Climate Policy and the recently adopted energy and climate change package will be discussed, then some selected directives and the related obligations will be presented, tackling the barriers to implement the EU requirements. IPA cross-border component and possible criteria and priorities for cross-border cooperation in SEE in the field of climate and energy will be discussed. The EU Green paper on adaptation to climate change will also be introduced. The climate change mitigation related reporting obligations within the EU will be summarized. Finally participants will work in groups to identify possible criteria and priorities for potential cross-border cooperation, including related capacity building needs.

Participants to be invited from SEE region:

- Ministries responsible for Environment in SEE, REReP focal points
- Ministries responsible for energy in SEE
- Special authorities in charge of IPA funds
- Hydro-meteorological institutes in SEE
- IFIs



22 May 2008		
8.30 – 8.45	Registration of Participants	
Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
9.00 – 9.10	Introductory Session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and objectives of the meeting 	Mr. Claude ROUAM, European Commission Ms. Marta SZIGETI BONIFERT, REC
9.10 – 10.40	Session 1 Setting the scene: International framework for climate policy regime and status in SEE countries	
9.10 – 9.40	<i>EU role in the international negotiations under UNFCCC: taking the lead</i>	Mr. Nicola NOTARO, EC
9.40 – 10.10	<i>EU Climate Change Action: Progress towards achieving the Kyoto Objectives- Technical report-2007</i>	Mr. Nicola NOTARO, EC
10.10 – 10.40	<i>Short overview of the status of implementation of climate change activities in national and regional level in SEE Countries</i>	Countries Reporting, Tour de table
<i>10.40 – 11:00</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00 – 12.00	Session 2 EU Climate and Energy Policy	
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Scientific background of climate negotiations</i>	Dr Zsuzsanna IVANYI, Climate Change Department, REC
11.30 – 12.00	<i>Post-2012 Vision of the EU: Renewable energy and climate change package of the EU: Integrated Climate and Energy Policy</i>	Mr. Mihai TOMESCU, EC
<i>12.00 – 13:30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	



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13.30 – 15.00	Session 3 EU Directives and implementation in SEE	
13.30 – 14.15	<i>EU Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) and possible preparatory activities in SEE</i>	Mr. Thomas BERNHEIM, EC
14.15 – 14.45	<i>Directive for promotion of renewable energy use, Energy Efficiency and the Energy Services Directive</i>	Ms. Judit BALINT, Climate Change Department, REC
14.45 – 15.00	<i>Discussion</i>	
<i>15.00 – 15:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Summary of IPA Component II cross-border priorities in the field of climate and energy in SEE Countries</i>	Ms. Ana POPOVIC, REC
16.00 – 16.45	<i>Short overview of the status of planned and ongoing cross-border projects in SEE Countries</i>	Countries Reporting, Tour de table
16.45 – 17.00	<i>Discussion</i>	



23 May 2008		
Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
9.00 – 9.30	Session 4 Adaptation to climate change	
9.00 – 9.30	<i>EU Green paper on adaptation</i>	Mr. Marco GASPARINETTI, EC
9.30 – 12.15	Session 5 Climate Change reporting within the EU	
9.30 – 10.15	<i>Reporting obligations under EU climate change framework</i>	Ms. Maria KHOVANSKAIA, Climate Change Department, REC
<i>10.15 – 10:45</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.45 – 12.15	<i>Country presentations on the status of reporting</i>	Countries Reporting
12.00 – 12.15	<i>Discussions</i>	
<i>12.15 – 13:45</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.45 – 15.30	Session 6 Identification of possible climate change cross-border projects for SEE Countries	
13.45 – 15.00	<i>Discussion in working groups</i> Discussion to identify the possible criteria and priorities for cross-border cooperation in climate change area among SEE Countries, as one of the ways to implement the EU climate change and energy related directives and adaptation policy. Suggesting issues for cross-border cooperation by the participants and related capacity building needs;	
15.00 – 15.30	<i>Reports from the working groups</i>	



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15.30 – 16.00	Concluding session	
15.30 – 15.40	<i>Summary of the meeting</i>	Dr Zsuzsanna IVANYI, REC
15.40 – 16.00	<i>Conclusions and discussion on next steps</i>	Ms. Anne Burrill , EC