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### Task Force Central and Eastern Europe



**Conference on the Donor Co-ordination in the Western Balkans and Turkey****TFCCC Structure**

**Network: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia**

**More than 50 human resources (Coordinators, Country Managers, Legal Experts, Engineers, Technical Staff)**

**More than 15 Memorandum of Understanding and Annexes with different countries (on negotiating and signed)**

**More than 70 projects on field (renewable energy, water management, waste management, technical and legal assistance, etc.)**

**Conference on the Donor Co-ordination in the Western Balkans and Turkey****TFCCC Mission (1)**

- **Managing and coordinating the activities of the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea in the Central and Eastern Europe region**
- **Facilitating the implementation of the bilateral cooperation between Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea and related Ministries in above mention region in the field of energy and environment**
- **Developing cooperation in the field of environmental protection, renewable energies, sustainable development strategies, environmental impact assessments, rehabilitation of polluted sites, capacity building**



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TFCCC Mission (2)

- Providing technical assistance for ratification of Kyoto Protocol and other MEAs
- Promoting the use of the renewable energies through CDM, JI, and Green Certificates
- Coordinating environmental monitoring and sustainable requalification of selected areas
- Facilitating the relation with the international organization present in the area
- Improving Cross Border Cooperation
- Capacity Building



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TFCCC Goals/Activities (1)

- Set up a reference point for the development of the bilateral agreements on the central level
- Establish the relationship with the local authorities
- Promote the initiatives of the Italian companies in the field of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy disseminating know-how and innovative technologies
- Legal assistance towards the harmonisation of the national legislations with the *Acquis Communautaire*
- Assistance in Environmental Law drafting



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TFCCC Goals/Activities (2)

- **Assessment the GHG emission reductions potential at the regional level implementing the Kyoto Protocol's flexible mechanisms (Clean Development Mechanism and Joint Implementation)**
- **Italian emission reduction obligations compliance under Kyoto Protocol through the investments in the South-East Europe Countries using the opportunities of the CDM and JI**
- **Facilitate the establishment of joint ventures and Consortium**



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**International relations:**

- **European Commission**
- **EAR (European Agency for Reconstruction)**
- **World Bank**
- **EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)**
- **UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme)**
- **UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)**
- **UNOPS (United Nations Office of Project Services)**
- **OSCE (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe)**
- **USAID (United States Agency for International Development)**
- **GTZ (German Cooperation)**
- **ADA (Austrian Cooperation)**
- **SIDA (Swedish Cooperation)**
- **others**



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**Geographical Area: Western Balkan Countries and Turkey**

**Integration into the EU:**

- **Common future Perspective for the Countries**
- **Common strategic goal for donor assistance**

**Donor assistance should support countries in harmonization with the EU *Acquis Communautaire* (European Principles for Environment, Multilateral Environmental Agreements)**

**Necessity of Coordination between Donors**



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**Crucial steps for a positive coordination:**

- **Existence of National Strategies (EU Integration, Energy, Environment Protection, Biodiversity, etc.)**
- **Definition of an international/external coordination supervisor or contact point (EU)**
- **Involvement of Local Authorities in donor coordination processes, encouraging to take the role of leader**
- **Reporting on situation (progresses, difficulties, suggestions, etc.), including specific indicators for progress**



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**Donors should pay attention to:**

- **Difficulties in integration of projects and strategies**
- **Definition of plans for ensuring proper division of labor among different donors**
- **Clear and reliable overview of donor activities**
- **Regular donor information exchange meetings (exchange information and obtain an update on the status of on-going and planned donors' activities)**
- **Ensuring coherence with governmental policy and avoidance of possible overlaps**

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**Donor coordination at National level should be facilitate with the establishment of National Donor Coordination Entities or Boards under the supervision of Government (at the highest possible level in order to raise awareness of importance of collaboration and donor coordination)**

**Interface between National Strategies, local stakeholders and Donors**

**For Regional Projects (multi-country, transboundary) the coordination should be lead by International Institutions (i.e. EU Commission)**



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For a good donor coordination in Environment sector, the National Entity or Board should include representatives of all the Ministries and Agencies involved in Environmental thematic:

- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of Economy
- Ministry of Tourism
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water
- Environmental Protection Agency
- etc.



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Examples of successful donor coordination (1):

- Adricosm Partnership (funded by IMELS and MAE, more than 20 scientific institutions) - organization, evaluation and coordination of multinational research, development and implementation programs in the Adriatic Sea area for the establishment of integrated coastal areas and river basin management systems – good integration with local priorities
- Dinaric Arc Initiative (UNESCO, WWF, IUCN, FAO, SNV, etc.) - a varied portfolio of joint projects and initiatives to secure the long-term conservation and sustainable development of Dinaric Arc area – positive coordination between donors
- Energy Sector Donor Coordination in Montenegro – role of national authority (Ministry of Economy)



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**Examples of successful donor coordination (2):**

- **Skadar Lake Ecosystem Management (transboundary programme between Albania and Montenegro) – realization of Strategic Action Plan**

**Examples of unsuccessful donor coordination:**

- **National Communication UNFCCC Serbia & Montenegro (both the countries still have to present the document to UNFCCC) - lack of coordination from local authorities, poor exchange of information between donors, insufficient division of tasks**
- **DNA Albania (different interest of donors, unclear role of local and international entities)**



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**THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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