



EU Environment Partnership Programme for Accession (EPPA)

**The 2nd Steering Committee Meeting
15th September 2020**

AGENDA

Live video conference



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Background

The EU EPPA project has started on 13 February, 2019. The overall objective of the EPPA project is to strengthen the implementation of the EU environmental acquis in the Western Balkans and Turkey in areas relevant for addressing trans-boundary environmental issues.

The project Steering Committee is formed by the national EPPA Focal Points nominated by each of the beneficiaries, the European Commission and the consortium implementing the project.

The Steering Committee provides oversight of the project implementation, the achieved results and key recommendations, and provides a forum for dialogue between the European Commission and the project beneficiaries.

Objectives of the 2nd Steering Committee Meeting

- To provide information on the EPPA project impact, key outcomes, conclusions and recommendations;
- To discuss project calendar and activities to be implemented in the next project year;
- To provide information on the latest EU policy and legislative developments in environmental field.

Documents provided:

- Summary report on key conclusions, recommendations and assistance needs identified in all environmental sectors covered by EPPA Working Groups (EU Strategies, Air Quality, Water Management, Waste Management including circular economy, and nature protection)
- Proposal for amending the EPPA work plan with additional activities to be subject to contract addendum request
- EPPA Calendar of events and activities with proposed dates
- Draft Study on Green Infrastructure Deployment and Ecological Connectivity
- Draft Study on Illegal Logging and Timber Trade Flows



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EPPA 2nd Steering Committee Meeting, 15th September 2020

Chaired by: Mr. Davor PERCAN, Head of Unit, Bilateral and Regional Environmental Cooperation, DG Environment, European Commission

Co-Chair: Ms. Madalina IVANICA, Enlargement Coordinator, Bilateral and Regional Environmental Cooperation, DG Environment, European Commission

Time	Topic	Speaker
08:30 - 08:50	Registration and presentation of the on-line platform	
09:00 - 09:10	Welcoming remarks Approval of the agenda	DG ENV DG NEAR EPPA Consortium NIRAS/ Environment Agency Austria
09:10 – 09:20	The European Green Deal – general overview of its main actions and initiatives –involvement of Western Balkans and Turkey	Mr Davor PERCAN, Head of Unit, DG ENV
9:20 – 9:50	New Circular Economy Action Plan – Presentation followed by Q&A session	Ms Maria RINCON LIEVANA, Team Leader, Sustainable Production, Products & Consumption Unit, DG ENV
9:50 – 10: 20	Biodiversity Strategy – Presentation followed by Q&A session	Mr Patrick WEGERTDT, International Relations Officer, Biodiversity Unit, DG ENV
10:20 – 10:50	Farm to Fork Strategy	Ms Cristina LASO SANZ, Deputy Head of Unit, Bilateral international relations Unit, DG SANTE
10:50 – 11:10	Latest developments related to the Western Balkans and Turkey (Economic and Investment Plan & Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, financial instruments)	Ms Guillemette VACHEY, Policy Assistant Environment and climate change sector expert, Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit, DG NEAR
11:10 – 11:20	TAIEX – latest developments	Mr Scott BOWEN, Team Leader, TAIEX Unit, DG NEAR
11:20 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 12:15	Statements by Steering Committee Members on national key developments in the environmental policy	All EPPA Beneficiaries
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch break	
13:15 – 14:00	Report on EPPA implementation: summary of EPPA activities, main outcomes, proposals and recommendations for future activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU Environmental Policy Working Group - Waste Management Working Group - Water Management Working Group - Air Quality Working Group - Nature Working Group (Green Infrastructure /Illegal Logging/ Wildlife trade) 	EPPA Team Leader, Key Experts Senior NKEs Each presentation of the outcomes of each Working Group will be followed by a plenary discussion on the 2020 -2021 work plan



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14:00 – 14:30	Address by : European Environmental Agency Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) EUSAIR TG 3 coordinator Energy Community Treaty	Bert JANSEN Radovan NIKCEVIC Senad OPRASIC Peter VAJDA
14:30– 14:40	Closing remarks	



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