



EU Environment Partnership Programme for Accession (EPPA)

The 4th Steering Committee Meeting
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AGENDA

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Background

The EU EPPA project has started on 13 February, 2019 . The overall objective of EPPA 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 main purpose of the project is to provide EU EPPA Secretariat to the European Commission.

The project Steering Committees consist of 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 achieved results and key recommendations, and provides forum for the dialogue between the European Commission and the project beneficiaries.

Objectives of the 4th Steering Committee Meeting

- To provide information on the EPPA project impact, key outcomes, conclusions, and recommendations for follow up actions
- To provide information on latest EU policy and legislative developments in environmental field, coming from the EU Green Deal and Green Agenda for Western Balkans
- To provide information on latest developments on EC technical assistance planned to support of alignment efforts by EPPA beneficiaries Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III) for the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework period

Documents provided:

- EPPA draft Final Report

EPPA 4th Steering Committee Meeting, 14th September 2022

Location: Directorate-General Environment (DG ENV): Avenue d'Auderghem 19, 1049, Brussels

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

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

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30	<i>FOR BENEFICIARIES REPRESENTATIVES staying at NH Brussels Louise: car transport to the meeting venue from the hotel's lobby</i>	
09:00 - 09:30	Registration	
09:30 - 09:40	Welcoming remarks Approval of the agenda	Davor Percan, DG ENV EU EPPA Consortium NIRAS / Environment Agency Austria
09:40 – 10:40	Summary of EPPA activities , key achievements, main outcomes/deliverables, proposals and recommendations for future regional activities	Mihail Dimovski, EPPA Wim Van Breusegem , EPPA Mihaela Popovici , EPPA Christian Nagl , EPPA Ventzislav Vassilev , EPPA
10:40 – 11:00	EU TAIEX – summary of assistance provided in cooperation with EU EPPA project and other latest developments	Antje Mannaerts, Team Leader, Green and Digital Transition - Connectivity TAIEX, DG NEAR
11:00 – 11:30	Implementation of Action Plan for the implementation of Sofia Declaration on the Western Balkans Green Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Regional Agreement on Marine Litter- Green Infrastructure Presentation followed by Q&A session	Haris Abaspahic, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	



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11:45 – 12:15	Multi-country Financial Assistance under Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III)	Jelena Milos, DG NEAR
12:15 – 12:30	EU4Green project supporting WB countries to align and implement the Green Agenda	Violeta Philippitsch, Environment Agency Austria
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 14:15	EU Green Deal: Environmental policy developments	Madalina Laxton, DG ENV
14:15 – 14:45	Relevant activities and collaboration with the Western Balkans and Turkey	Bert Jansen - EEA
14:45 – 15:30	Statements by Steering Committee Members on the latest developments, impact of EU EPPA activities and discussion on implementation of the Western Balkans Green Agenda	All EPPA Beneficiaries (6-7 min per statement)
15:30 – 15.45	Closing remarks	Madalina Laxton, DG ENV

19:30	Dinner at Ultime Atome Restaurant , Rue Saint-Boniface, 14 - 1050 Bruxelles
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