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Aim of the Expert Mission:

The main objective of the expert mission is support efforts to increase domestic climate change resilience through adaptation planning and actions. The expert mission aims at raising the awareness for the need for adaptation and provide a platform for exchanging experience and taking stock of recent developments on, and potential for future deployment of climate change adaptation policy.

The domestic event in Montenegro will provide an informal discussion space to further progress towards developing a National Adaptation Plan (NAP) as well as promote the Climate-ADAPT Adaptation Support Tool (AST) use, e.g. for: strategic policy process, awareness raising, planning, development of guidelines, etc.

At the same time, the workshop intends to highlight and discuss how the AST can be used tailored to the real needs of users.

The last main objective of the expert mission is to inform about reporting requirements on adaptation. How this reporting is linked to adaptation policy development along the Adaption policy cycle, using the Adaptation Support Tool.

Finally, latest information on the developments of the NAP project proposal development will also be shared with all participants.

EU Member States Speakers:

- Ms. Svetlana **Tusheva**, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria
- Ms. Ioanna **Tsalakanidou**, Ministry of Environment & Energy, Greece
- Ms. Svetlana **Zhekova**, Environment Agency Austria
- Mr. Pedro **Baptista**, Portuguese Environment Agency

Other Speakers:

- Mr. Markus **Leitner**, TRATOLOW Expert
- Ms. Angelika **Tamasova**, European Environment Agency
- Ms. Pavla **Vidanova**, European Commission, DG CLIMA
- Mr. Borko **Vulikic**, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Chair: Mr. Markus **Leitner**, TRATOLOW expert

09:00 – 09:30	Arrival of Participants Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome, opening remarks and workshop objectives Mr. Markus Leitner
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome on behalf of DG CLIMA Ms. Stine Rasmussen / Ms. Violeta Philippitsch
10:00– 10:30	<i>European overview</i> • Overview of National Adaptation Strategies and Adaptation Plans in Europe and main elements from the EU Adaptation Strategy Ms. Pavla Vidanova See summary of previous event on November 29, 2021 Update of the guidelines on national adaptation strategies, Climate Law – setting new challenges – new topics that should be more elaborated (just resilience, adaptation in macro-fiscal frameworks, new obligations for MS, ...) Guidelines updated • Adaptation Support Tool – support to NAS and NAP development Mr. Markus Leitner ...
10:30-11:45	Experience from EU Member States in developing and implementing NAS/NAP including relevant framing conditions • Experience in developing and implementing NAS/NAP including relevant framing conditions from Bulgaria Ms. Svetlana Tusheva Mostly process and short points on Monitoring – first experience • Experience in developing and implementing NAS and RAAPs including relevant framing conditions from Greece Ms. Ioanna Tsalakanidou 3 SECAPS – interesting for urban adaptation part Slide on adaptation reporting - !!! • Experience in developing NAS and NAP including relevant framing conditions from Moldova Ms. Svetlana Zhekova Moldova: landlocked – one of the poorest in Europe, ... New NAACP till 2030 – five sectors – dependence on agricultural production –

NAP-1 Evaluation & Recommendations for NAP-2

Achieved in NAP-1

- **Inter-institutional coordination mechanism** and National CC Commission established
- **National MRV System** enshrined in the law and **Roadmap for its further development** elaborated
- **Capacity Assessment for CCA** carried out and **Capacity Development Plan** elaborated (2014)
- **Connection of the national early warning system** with EuMetNet
- **Number of tools supporting capacity building and mainstreaming of CCA** into the sectoral policies developed:
 - ✓ Sectoral adaptation plans (SAPs) for the forestry and health sectors (never formally adopted, but used for planning)
 - ✓ A tool kit and recommendations for mainstreaming CCA measures into the energy and transport sectors
 - ✓ Capacity assessment and capacity building plans for the HydroMet Service
 - ✓ A tool kit for CCA mainstreaming
 - ✓ Climate Budget Tagging (CBT) guidelines

Recommended for NAP-2

- **Operationalization** of the National Climate Change Commission and the coordination mechanism (ToR, mandates, formal secretariat)
- **Targeted institutional strengthening and capacity building** for all stakeholders involved in planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation processes relevant to climate change
- **Building of a functional database (one-stop-shop)** with regularly updated and reliable information relevant to climate change
- Establishment of a **fully-fledged early warning system** on climate-related disasters
- Better integration of CCA considerations into **strategic and budgetary planning, including on local (district) level**
- **Sector performance indicators** to monitor policy implementation and progress to CCA-related goals to be applied consistently


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- Experience in developing and implementing NAS/NAP including relevant framing conditions from Portugal

Mr. Pedro Baptista

Excellent presentation – e.g. evolution of the adaptation policies in Portugal

Portuguese Climate Law – since December 2021

National roadmap for adaptation 2100 – incl. macro-economic analysis from national bank

Q&A

11:45 -12:00

Comfort Break

12:00 – 12:45

Reporting Requirements for EU Member States

- Main requirements of the Energy Union Governance Regulation, Implementing Regulation, Article 4 Information on national adaptation actions (National climate change adaptation planning and strategies)
- Reported Information from EEA Member Countries and conclusion of experiences along the Climate-ADAPT country pages and the Adaptation Support Tool

Mr. Angelika Tamasova (EEA Adaptation Expert) and **Mr. Markus Leitner** (TRATOLOW Adaptation Working Group leader & national reporter for Austria, EAA)

Q&A

12:45 – 13:45

Lunch Break

13:45 – 14:15

Activities in Montenegro regarding NAP preparation and the project “Enhancing Montenegro’s capacity to integrate climate change risks into planning”

- Overview of the national adaptation policies and efforts within the project “Enhancing Montenegro’s capacity to integrate climate change risks into planning”

Mr. Borko Vulikic

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	Q&A
14:15 – 15:15	Interactive group discussion The project team together with the previous speakers will collect and compile experiences from participants which can support the before presented reporting requirements as well as further support progressing on the National Adaptation Plan (NAP). This might create a positive environment to strengthen efforts towards progressing the NAP and strengthening reporting and is, based on the following guiding questions: • What is already available to be used for reporting? • Who can contribute to which part of this reporting? • What is still missing in order to fully report the requested information?
15:15 – 15:30	Summary and closing of the Workshop <i>Feedback from Participants and Closing remarks</i> Mr. Markus Leitner

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