

## 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Regional Working Group on Environment 09<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Falkensteiner Hotel, Belgrade, Serbia

### AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30 **Registration of participants**

9:30 – 10:00 **Opening addresses**

- *Mr. Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council*
- *Ms. Stana Božović, State Secretary, Serbian Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection*

10:00 – 11:00 **Environment - SEE economies in the EU perspective and new initiatives**

- *Ms. Ivana Mijatović-Černoš, Policy Officer, DG Climate Action, the European Commission  
Implementation of the Paris Agreement post COP22 in Marrakech – implications for the Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates*
- *Mr. Peter Vajda, Environmental Expert, Energy Community Secretariat  
The Energy Community – developments in the field of environment and climate*

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:45 **Regional initiatives of relevance**

- *Ms. Monika Tortschanoff, Programme Manager, Austrian Development Agency  
Presentation of Austria's Regional Strategy for the Western Balkans and Danube Region*
- *Ms. Gabriele Rechbauer, Sector Fund Manager-Biodiversity, Open Regional Funds for South East Europe  
Zooming in and out: EU integration and nature conservation - regional support for biodiversity conservation and mainstreaming agenda*
- *Ms. Ana Vukoje, Consultant, UN Environment, Vienna Office-Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention  
UN Environment in the Western Balkans*
- *Dr. Deni Porej, Director of Conservation Programmes, WWF Mediterranean  
Presentation of 2013 "Regional Inter-ministerial Agreement on Improving Nature Conservation in Western Balkans – Dinaric Arc Big Win"*
- *Mr. Mihail Dimovski, Former ECRAN Team Leader  
Outcomes of ECRAN project*
- *Mr. Boris Erg, Director, IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature  
Regional network of conservation authorities in SEE: from improved coordination to consolidated standards*

12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 14:30 **Update on the SEE 2020 Strategy implementation**

- *RCC, Activities within the SEE 2020 Strategy with the aim to support Environmental dimension*
- *Ms. Gordana Kožuharova, Regional Director for SEE, The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe*
- *Mr. Boban Ilić, Ms. Katerina Spasovska, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group*

**14:30 – 16:00 Regional Working Group on Environment - working session:**

- *A short overview of the current situation in the SEE economies, future perspectives in the areas of environment and climate change;*
- *Interventions related to regional initiatives, recommendations and RWG Env feedback;*
- *Establishment of task forces as instruments for specific topics - for discussion;*
- *Needs to strengthen capacities of SEE economies in the framework of the SEE 2020 Strategy implementation;*
- *Mechanisms for coordination of future projects and activities in the Environment dimension and the role of the Regional Cooperation Council;*
- *Proposal for the next ministerial meeting (concept, date and place) and needed preparatory activities - for discussion;*
- *Appointing the next co-chair - for discussion;*
- *Miscellaneous.*

**16:00 – 16:30 Wrap up** (RCC and Serbian Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection)

**19:00 – 21:00 Dinner hosted by the Regional Cooperation Council** (venue to be defined)