

UNEP Activities in Serbia

Kick-off event of the project

“Assistance to the Republic of Serbia in the Implementation of MEAs and EU Obligations Through Improvement of Pollution Monitoring of Soil Quality at Industrial Sites”

Italian Embassy in Belgrade, 25 February 2016



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UNEP in Serbia and in the Western Balkans

- Strong local presence established since 2009,
- Combination of local needs with global and regional dialogues,
- So far more active on the national level – attach particular attention to our first multi city-based activity on an important topic for local population,
- UNEP's comparative advantage combination of national, regional and global approach



Green Climate Fund



- The Republic of Serbia requested UNEP to be the delivery partner for the Readiness and Preparatory support programme,
- Currently in the final phase, preparing an inception report detailing the needs of the country,
- Duration: 24 months
- GCF funds: 300.000 dollars + 30.000 in kind co-financing from the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection

Main focus: Strengthening the national institutional capacities and develop a strategic framework for engagement with the Fund which clearly identifies national priorities, enabling the country to make effective use of climate finance



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Under development ...GEF 6



- Project title: *“Improving Biodiversity Conservation and Provision of Ecosystem Services through Promotion of Shared Benefits in Serbia”*
 - To be financed by the GEF, national allocation for Serbia, Focal Area: **Biodiversity**
 - Currently in PIF development phase,
 - Expected duration 36 months,
- Main project objective: To build capacities for effective management of biodiversity in Republic of Serbia thorough implementation of Nagoya Protocol and improving effectiveness of protected areas.



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District Heating Initiative



DISTRICT ENERGY
IN CITIES
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Belgrade to become a champion of low-carbon district heating

- Republic of Serbia joined the Global Initiative during its launch in Tallinn in April 2015,
- First consultation with the State Secretary for Environment, the City Manager in Belgrade and Director of "Beogradske elektrane", November 2015,
- Consultation meeting with a wide range of stakeholders to kick start the project in Belgrade on February 17, 2016 to discuss the next steps and the opportunities to benefit from the newly approved GEF project "Increasing Investments in District Energy Systems in Cities – a SE4All Energy Efficiency Accelerator"
- Aim of the project is to secure major efficiency gains and helping move towards use of renewable energy



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Soil Conservation Activities in Serbia



National Action Programme (NAP) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

- Serbia ratified the UNCCD Convention in 2007 (*Official Gazette of the RS no. 102/07*)
- According to the Convention, the purpose of NAP is to identify the factors contributing to desertification and practical measures necessary to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought



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The GEF Land Degradation project - Serbia

Objective: To reduce pressures on land resource from competing land uses in the wider landscape through reversal of land degradation and remediation in Serbia

- ❖ Funded by Global Environment Facility
- ❖ Grant Financing: 661,644 USD
- ❖ Project Duration: 36 months
- ❖ PPG kick-off in July 2014
- ❖ Project approved in July 2015
- ❖ Implementing Agency: UNEP, Office in Vienna
- ❖ Executing partner: Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection



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Project components

1. Enabling institutional, policy and scientific environment for long-term integrated land use.
2. Landscape level management of natural resources in Serbia
3. Capacity building, awareness raising and sharing lessons learned with main stakeholders and wider public based on sustainable monitoring system



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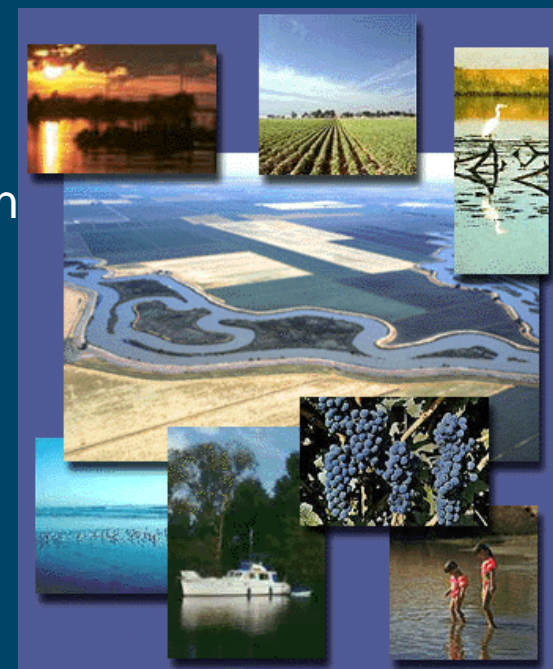
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Expected outputs

Component 1:

- Conducting environmental and social impact assessment of the production sector land use,
- Identified pollution sources and degree on land use form production sector and its spatial plan distribution, including sampling and testing,
- A set of remediation priorities in accordance with Serbian legislation: site hazard assessment and classification on sites,
- Electronic GPS database – cadaster of hotspots in Serbia,
- Integrated Land Use Management Plan



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Expected outputs

Component 2:

- Setup of Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and development methodology for its implementation
- A package of trade-off measures testing by at community and local levels

Component 3:

- Communication and outreach in different regions of Serbia
- Video, manuals, guidelines produced,
- Mapping and hotspots and development of interactive hot-spot map available public
- Organization of conference aimed at presenting best practices in integrated land management in Serbia and the region.



Our partners

- Executing Agency: UNEP, Office in Vienna
- Partners:
 - Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection
 - SEPA
 - Provincial Secretariat for Urbanism, Construction and Environmental Protection
 - Ministry of Mining and Energy
 - Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia
 - Institute for Field and Vegetable Crops, Novi Sad
 - Soil Science Institute, Belgrade
 - Institute for Chemistry, Technology and Metallurgy / IHTM



Italian Co-financing

- Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea granted a co-financing of EUR 370,000,
- Assistance to Serbia in implementation of MEA's and EU obligations,
- Support to SEPA in accreditation process,
- Organisation of trainings on soil analysis,
- Know-how exchange with Italian specialized institutions such as ISPRA, ARPA and IMELS,



Thank you



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