



POLICY INTEGRATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

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PURPOSE

- **Environment and Security Initiative**
- **Environment Impact assessment (EIA)**
- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
- **National Capacity Self-Assessment**

Findings/Results



Situation Analysis

- **Diversity of Organizational structures in Municipalities**
- **Every Municipality has Admin. Guideline for environment**
- **No clear responsibilities among local and central level.**
- **No collaboration among Civil Society and Local authorities**
- **Lack of legal bodies/institutions, responsible to draft and develop study on EIA for implementation of any project**



Main environmental challenges

- **Inadequate institutional capacities**
- **Lack of completed legislation/regulations for environment.**
- **Low capacity for environmental mainstreaming.**
- **Ineffective coordination between environmental and sectoral ministries and scientific institutions.**
- **Insufficient cooperation on environmental issues across national competences.**



Findings from assessment/interviews

Institutional / Policy and Legal Framework in Kosovo

- ***Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP)***
- ***Ministry of Energy and Mining (MEM)***
- ***Central level/ Ministries Institutes and Agencies***



Socio-economic situation

- **The governance challenge;**
- **The private sector and entrepreneurship challenge; and**
- **The human development challenge.**



Thematic areas identified from analysis in different sectors

- **Energy and Mining**
- **Industry and mining**
- **Transport**
- **Agriculture**
- **Education**
- **Economic Development**
- **Corporate sector**
- **Judicial system**
- **Information (mass media)**
- **Land use planning**
- **Civil society**
- **Local level Government/NGO's**



Summary of Activities, Procedures, and Findings

- **Strengths**

- ✓ **Organizational structure in each Municipal Administration within Urban and Development Planning Directory with planned positions: Environment officers and inspections,**
- ✓ **Each municipality has poses Environmental administrative regulation, but not unified.**
- ✓ **Some of the Municipalities have been started Local Environment Action Plan (LEAP) for Municipality.**
- ✓ **Good cooperation with different projects and agencies dealing with environment issues.**
- ✓ **Cross-sectoral cooperation within Municipality**



Summary of Activities, Procedures, and Findings

- **Weaknesses**

- ✓ **Unclear and overlapped responsibilities between sector ministries, weak enforcement of (environmental) laws and regulations.**
- ✓ **Weak coordination (and communication) between ministries on institutional and legislative initiatives.**
- ✓ **Insufficient (human) resources and/or weak cross-sectoral competence.**
- ✓ **Lack of actions continuity and frequent structural change in the ministries or agencies for environment.**
- ✓ **Lack of clear responsibilities among local and central Government on decision-making process and competences.**
- ✓ **Weak political support (environment is not the primary priority of the country) and insufficient involvement of senior political figures.**



Summary of Activities, Procedures, and Findings

- **Field of interest**
 - ✓ **Establishing the licensed institutions for analysis and researches of EIA for each project for implementation (according to the Law on EIA).**
 - ✓ **Cooperation with Medias and developing projects for public awareness for environment due to better communication and information.**
 - ✓ **Involving business and corporate sector in partnership for investment on environment projects.**
 - ✓ **Enabling implementation of Admin. Regulations and law of EIA and Environment Protection.**
 - ✓ **Integrating sectoral programs and Plans in to priority areas for intervention.**
 - ✓ **Promoting Strategic Environment assessment**



Summary of Activities, Procedures, and Findings

- **Space of improving**
 - ✓ **Completing legal Framework and to provide legal measures for division of competences between two levels(central and local) towards bringing them into one level.**
 - ✓ **Implementing applicable laws regulations for environment and EIA.**
 - ✓ **Projects for seminars, trainings and workshops for Municipal officers for environment for implementation of EIA law and other provisions derived from existing bylaws.**
 - ✓ **Better cooperation with civil society on environmental planning and Management.**
 - ✓ **Harmonization of environment management with existing Municipal policies and plans for implementation and better performance of improving the environment.**
 - ✓ **Monitoring and evaluation of the process based on the key verifiable indicators of for improvement.**



Summary of conclusions from findings

Government/Local and National

- **no National Strategy, Policy priorities and sectoral policy integration**
- **inadequate institutional framework**
- **no monitoring**
- **no enforcement for implementation of law and regulation**
- **lack of trained and experienced staff**
- **lack of respect for institutions and authorities**
- **lack of environmental education**
- **low environmental awareness creation**



Main goals

- **Making a foundation for developing a comprehensive capacity building in policy integration to address Environment Hot Spots.**
- **Strengthen the mechanisms of good governance and policy integration in local institutions.**
- **Strengthen and mobilize capacity for policy development, integration, implementation and evaluation at the national level.**



Objectives

- **Security and strict implementation of the existing legislation for environmental protection as well as completing as soon as possible the missing legislation.**
- **Integration of environmental protection in all sectors dealing with environment or those have to do with environment, so that environmental protection will be part of the policies, plans and programmes of sector development.**
- **Starting in this phase and under these conditions the process of integration in European structures regarding environmental protection. - Proposing solutions to formulate training program comprehensive in either the contents and the training methodology in economic integration for the sector's target group.**



Expected outputs

- **Promotion of access to information and linking to Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) and initiated Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) as mechanism to implement policy recommendations.**
- **Establishment of a network of qualified environmental experts and professional services (specialized for EIA and SEA).**
- **Establish a sustainable development practitioner's network, with studies on sustainable development natural resources**



Recommendations for future assistance

- **Awareness raising, education, and public participation in decision making process on environmental issues.**
- **Development of legal and institutional framework for the environment sector.**
- **Prevention and reduction of environment pollution, through integral approach to pollution controls.**
- **Protection of biological diversity, natural heritage and sustainable use of natural resources.**
- **Cooperation and active participation in European and international initiatives for the environment sector.**
- **Pilot Projects**



Instead of closure

Step by step clean up of polluted areas, investment in cleaner technology to reduce waste, wastewater and air pollution, protection of natural resources, water and agriculture land must be combined with stronger integration of environmental concerns into sectoral policies and cross-border cooperation which will lead sustainable development.



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Thank you for your attention

Questions? Comments!