

TAIEX TRATOLOW & EU4 Energy Transition – Domestic workshop on “Multi-level Governance – Strengthening the role of local actors in Energy Transition, Climate Mitigation and Adaptation planning and implementation at different scales”

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**Venue: Hotel Arka,
Bitpazarska str 90/2,
Skopje, North Macedonia**

Beneficiary: North Macedonia

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Aim of the Workshop:

The overarching objective of the workshop is to tackle climate change and support the energy transition in the Republic of North Macedonia. It will support to increase the uptake of the Covenant of Mayors for climate and energy initiatives in the country and supporting local authorities to turn their ambitions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions into reality and improve resilience to the impacts of climate change via climate change adaptation, taking into account local diversity. Local authorities like municipalities will be empowered to participate in multi-level governance for energy and climate policy development and implementation.

The domestic event will directly support the establishment of a link between the national/entity level and the national planning instruments in energy and climate change (as for instance the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP), the National Adaptation Plan (NAP), the National Climate Strategies, the National Energy Strategies), and the local climate and energy planning instruments such as the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAP), including adaptation to climate risks.

The overarching objective of the workshop is to raise the awareness for the need for climate mitigation, adaptation and energy transition across scales of governance and provide a platform for exchanging experience and taking stock of recent developments on, and potential for future increased collaboration and cooperation across scales.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Teodora O. Grncarovska**
State Councillor on Climate Change
Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning
- **Ms. Dusica Perisikj**
Executive Director
ZELS, Association of Local-Self Governance Units
- **Mr. Zvonko Pekevski**
Mayor
Municipality of Berovo
- **Mr. Georgi Peovski**
SECAP coordinator
Municipality of Berovo
- **Mr. Antonio Karalanov**
SECAP coordinator
City of Skopje

- **Mr. Michael Mannaart**
Executive Secretary and Principal Adviser
Association of municipalities Netherlands and Belgium (KIMO)
- **Ms. Ioanna Tsalakanidou**
Climate Change & Air Quality Directorate, Climate Change Department
Ministry of Environment & Energy, Greece
- **Ms. Svetlana Zhekova**
Climate Change Expert
Environment Agency Austria
- **Ms. Dubravka Bosnjak**
Regional Project Manager for Western Balkans
GIZ, ORF-ETC, EU4ET Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye
- **Ms. Elena Gavrilova Dimitrovska**
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- **Mr. Markus Leitner**
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Tuesday 25 July 2023

Chair: Mr. Markus Leitner, TRATOLOW expert

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9:00-9:30	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
9:30-9:40	Welcome on behalf of TRATOLOW and EU4ET Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Markus Leitner and Ms. Elena Gavrilova Dimitrovska
9:40-10:00	Welcome, opening remarks and workshop objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Teodora O. Grncarovska Mr. Markus Leitner
10:00 – 11:00	EU4Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in Western Balkans and Türkiye - state of play and way forward in mitigation and adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Dubravka Bosnjak The Long term Strategy on Climate Action and the draft Law on Climate action as perspectives for multi-level climate governance in North Macedonia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Teodora O. Grncarovska Governance at the local level and its role in multi-level governance processes from the perspective of ZELS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Dusica Perisikj Q&A
11:00-11:30	<i>Comfort break</i>
11:30-12:30	Multi-level Governance as supporting mechanism to foster energy transition and climate action - EU Best Practices in MLG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Michael Mannaart Multi-Level Governance focusing on adaptation Experience and learning from Greece <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ioanna Tsalakanidou Experience and learning from Bulgaria and Moldova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Svetlana Zhekova Q&A

12:30-13:00	<p>Experiences from the SECAP development process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Zvonko Pekevski • Mr. Georgi Peovski <p>Climate and energy policies of the City of Skopje and the experiences from the SECAP development process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Antonio Karalanov <p>Q&A</p>
13:00-14:00	Networking lunch break
14:00 – 14:15	<p>Introduction to Breakout groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michael Mannaart
14:15-15:15	<p>Breakout groups - Debate and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a Multi-Level-Governance Platform in North Macedonia: What steps are needed? What kind of structure would be useful/successful? • Roles and Responsibilities. How to connect planning and implementation processes? <p>Q&A</p>
15:15-16:00	<p>Short presentation of the discussion results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group moderators <p>Q&A</p>
16:00-17:00	<p>Summary of the group work, agreements and closing of the Workshop</p> <p><i>Feedback from Participants and Closing remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Markus Leitner/Ms. Dubravka Bosnjak/Ms. Elena Gavrilova Dimitrovska
17:00	End of Workshop

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