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Transition towards Low Emissions and Climate Resilient Economy in
the Western Balkans and Turkey (TRATOLOW)

1 – 2 July 2021

Venue:

Video Tele Conference

Beneficiary:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North
Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Kosovo*

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Aim of the Workshop:

The aim of this workshop is to ensure that TRATOLOW beneficiaries are fully informed of the nature and implications, advantages and urgency of the European Union long-term strategies, including European Green Deal, green Agenda and European Climate Law. This will allow them to utilise this information in order to align themselves where agreed or where needed, with the direction that is being taken and the legislation that has been and will be implemented in these areas in order to achieve the desired outcome of making Europe the first climate-neutral Continent by 2050.

During the workshop, the EU legislation will be presented, the experiences of the EU Member States shared and challenges in the region will be discussed. In addition, already existing strategies in the beneficiaries and the experience among the beneficiaries and between member states and beneficiaries will be exchanged. Further expert views on and support for developing long-term strategies, as well as related challenges and ways to overcome them will be provided and the relationship between long-term impacts and near-term climate actions and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) implementation explored.

EU Member State Speakers:

- Ms. Gabriela **Fischerova**, Director General, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
- Ms. Visnja **Grgasovic**, Ministry of Environment and Energy of Croatia
- Ms. Silvia **Rangelova**, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria
- Mr. Günther **Schmidt**, Environment Agency Austria
- Ms. Svetlana **Zhekova**, Environment Agency Austria

Other Speakers:

- Mr. François **Dejan**, European Environmental Agency
- Mr. Hubert **Fallmann**, TRATOLOW, Non-Key Expert
- Mr. Zsolt **Lengyel**, TRATOLOW, Non-Key Expert
- Mr. Radovan **Nikcevic**, Regional Cooperation Council
- Ms. Violeta **Philippitsch**, TRATOLOW Team Leader
- Mr. Niels **Schuster**, European Commission, DG CLIMA
- Ms. Alessandra **Sgobbi**, European Commission, DG NEAR

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DAY 1: Thursday, 1st July 2021

Chair: Ms. Violeta **Philippitsch**, TRATOLOW Team Leader

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| 12:30 – 13:00 CET | Arrival of participants Short technical introduction to the webinar platform |
| 13:00 – 13:20 | Welcome and introduction Ms. Violeta Philippitsch |
| 13:20 – 13:50 | EU Green Deal and Paris Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paris agreement - long term goals • Current global ambitions • EU targets and tools for achievement (Green Deal) Ms. Svetlana Zhekova |
| 13:50 – 14:15 | European Climate Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main provisions • Correlation with other sectoral legislation and policies Mr. Niels Schuster |
| 14:15 – 14:50 | Status, scope and goals of EU long-term strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models and approaches used for development • Monitoring and reporting mechanisms • Roles of MSs in achievement of goals • Assessments and revisions Mr. Zsolt Lengyel |
| 14:50 – 15:05 | Q&A session with the audience All Participants |
| 15:05 – 15:30 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Green Agenda and Sofia Declaration – what the countries need to do and why? Ms. Alessandra Sgobbi |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Action Plan for the Implementation of the Sofia Declaration on the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans Mr. Radovan Nikcevic |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Importance of the data for the drafting of strategies Mr. Francois Dejan |
| 17:00 – 17:15 | Q&A session with the audience All Participants |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | Summary and outlook day 2 Ms. Violeta Philippitsch |

DAY 2: Friday, 2nd July 2021

Chair: Ms. Violeta **Philippitsch**, TRATOLOW Team Leader

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| 9:00 – 9:30 CET | Arrival of participants Short technical introduction to the webinar platform |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Carbon Calculator for supporting of long-term strategies Mr. Günther Schmidt |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Long-term effects of carbon pricing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy transition and carbon neutral production • Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanisms and ETS Mr. Hubert Fallmann |
| 10:20– 10:40 | Monitoring and Reporting on implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing regulation (EU) 2020/1208 Mr. Zsolt Lengyel |
| 10:40 – 10:55 | Q&A session with the audience All Participants |
| 10:55 – 11:15 | <i>Comfort break</i> |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Long term strategies of the MSs – experiences of Bulgaria Development process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement of sectoral actors into process • Main problems and gaps • Use of Just transition Mechanism Ms. Silvia Rangelova |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Long term strategies of the MSs – experiences of Croatia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development process • Involvement of sectoral actors into process • Main problems and gaps • Use of Just transition Mechanism Ms. Visnja Grgasovic |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | Long term strategies of the MSs – experiences of Slovakia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development process • Involvement of sectoral actors into process • Main problems and gaps • Use of Just transition Mechanism Ms. Gabriela Fischerova |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | Q&A session with the audience All Participants |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch Break</i> |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Status of the Long term strategies of Western Balkan Speakers from Beneficiaries |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Discussion on needs for development and improvement of Strategies and increase of ambition |

15:30 – 15:40

Closure of the workshop

Ms. Violeta **Philippitsch**, TRATOLOW Team Leader

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