



# **TAIEX Multi-country First Workshop on Regional Hydropower Development in the Western Balkans**

**organised in co-operation with**

**DG NEAR D5**

**Venue:** Hotel Aurel

Josipa Broza Tita bb, Podgorica, Montenegro

**Dates:** 30 - 31 March 2017

**Beneficiary:**

**Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo<sup>\*</sup>, Montenegro,  
Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

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<sup>\*</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

### **Aim of the workshop:**

This workshop is organised in the context of the development of the European Commission study on hydropower development in the Western Balkans.

The initiative followed a request of several actors who expressed the need for a more integrated view, at regional level, on hydro power development. In this perspective, the study has for objective to ensure a balance between developing the region's hydropower potential – to contribute achieving renewable energy targets and reducing greenhouse gas emissions – and the need to guarantee that any development be carried out in a way that minimises its impact on the environment – preserving the rich and vital natural resources of the region, particularly of protected areas.

The exercise will result in particular in a regional approach to investments, with the development of a prioritised list of projects, organised by river basins and type of planned facilities and looking primarily at repair, refurbishment, upgrade and rehabilitation projects of existing infrastructure before considering any greenfield hydropower projects.

In the context of the development of the study, two technical workshops have been planned to provide the occasion to discuss with all stakeholders the first findings, presented in the form of draft background reports.

The topics to be discussed in this first workshop include:

- Institutional-Organisational, Legal-Regulatory Frameworks;
- Grid Connection Issues;
- Trans-boundary Issues in the WB6;
- GIS Application Demonstration; and
- The methodology for Hydropower Plants Project Assessment.

This workshop is more technical in nature. The next workshop, to take place in Tirana, tentatively in May, will be more focused on environmental and sustainability topics.

## Day 1: Thursday 30 March 2017

**Chair: Mr Nicholas Cendrowicz, DG NEAR, European Commission**

<b>09:00</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Dragica Sekulić, Minister of Economy of Montenegro</li> </ul>
<b>09:15</b>	<b>Presentation of the EC study on hydropower development in the Western Balkans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Nicholas Cendrowicz, Deputy Head of Unit Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission</li> </ul>
<b>09:30</b>	<b>Legal framework for renewable energy sources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Gabriela Cretu, Energy Community Secretariat</li> </ul>
<b>09:45</b>	<b>To be confirmed</b>
<b>10:15</b>	<b>Methodology and development of the EC study on hydropower development in the Western Balkans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Martyn Osborn and Mr Marko Kosir, Project Team Leaders, WBIF-IPF3</li> </ul>
<i>10:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Introduction to the trans-boundary dimension of some hydropower projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Vesna Planinšič Kolar, Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning</li> </ul>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Presentation of the draft Background Report n° 4 'On Trans-boundary Issues in the WB6 Region'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Zoran Stojic, Project Team Expert, WBIF-IPF3</li> </ul>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Discussion on the draft Background Report n° 4</b>
<i>12:45</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Presentation of the draft Background Report n° 5 'On Grid Connection Issues Related to Prospective HPP Projects'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Bozidar Radovic, Project Team Expert, WBIF-IPF3</li> </ul>
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Discussion on the draft Background Report n° 5</b>
<b>15:15</b>	<b>Presentation of the draft Background Report n° 2 'On Gap Analysis of the Institutional-Organisational and Legal-Regulatory Frameworks Relevant for Hydropower Development'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Marko Krejci, Project Team Expert, WBIF-IPF3</li> </ul>
<i>15:45</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>16:15</b>	<b>Discussion on the draft Background Report n° 2</b>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Reflections from Civil Society Representatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be confirmed</li> </ul>

**17:15**

**Conclusions of the 1st day**

- Mr Nicholas Cendrowicz, Deputy Head of Unit Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission

## Day 2: Friday 31 March 2017

**Chair: Mr Nicholas Cendrowicz, DG NEAR, European Commission**

<b>09:00</b>	<b>Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Nicholas Cendrowicz, Deputy Head of Unit Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission</li></ul>
<b>09:15</b>	<b>Demonstration of HDS-GIS in support of the project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Milos Golubovic, Project Team Expert, WBIF-IPF3</li></ul>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Presentation of the Multi-Criterial Evaluation Methodology and the preliminary results of the draft Background Report n° 8 'On Multi-Criteria Assessment of HPP Projects – Portfolio of HPP Investments'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Drazen Jaksic, EIHP, Project Team Expert, WBIF-IPF3</li></ul>
<i>10:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Discussion on the Multi-Criterial Evaluation methodology and the preliminary results of the draft Background Report n° 8</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Reflections on the 1st workshop</b>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Closing remarks and programme of the second workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Nicholas Cendrowicz, Deputy Head of Unit Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission</li></ul>

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