



# Regional climate cooperation

## RENA experience and follow-up

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# Extreme climate events Western Balkans and Turkey - 2012



Senj, Croatia, 2/2012



Serbia, 1/2012



Serbia, 8/2012



BiH, 8/2012



Turkey, 7/2012 (Samsun)



# Extreme climate events – February/March 2013



Groningen, 7 Feb 2013



Athens, 22 Feb 13

Venice, 12/2012



IJsselmeer North of Utrecht, 10 Feb 2013



Highway Utrecht – Amsterdam, 13 Feb /2013



Schiphol, 14 Feb 2013



Rhine south of Utrecht – 8 Feb 2013



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# Extreme climate events – February/March 2013

**Spring in The Netherlands:**



**March 4th**



**March 12th**

# Overview Working Group 2 Climate Activities 2011- to date

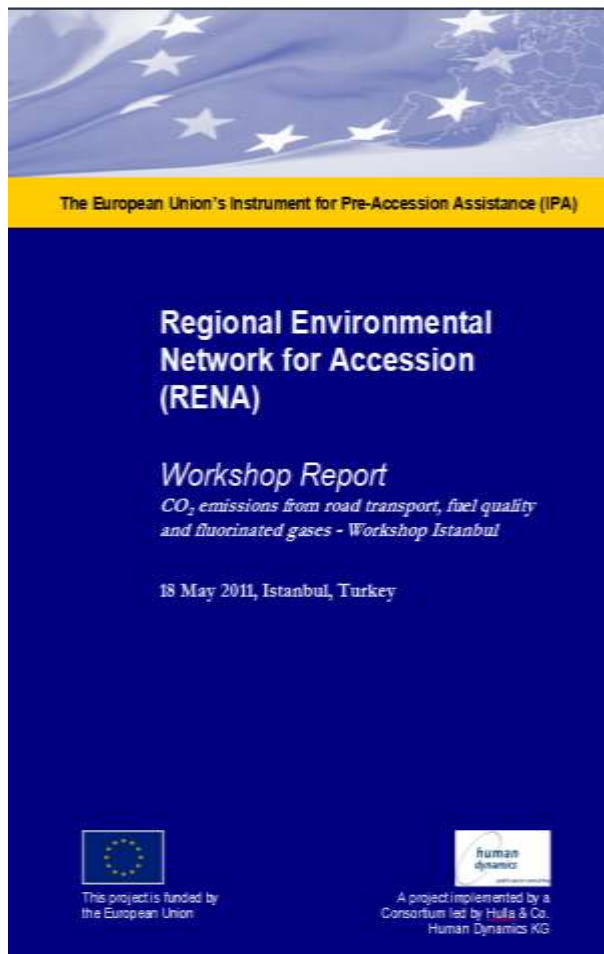


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# RENA Activity Schemes

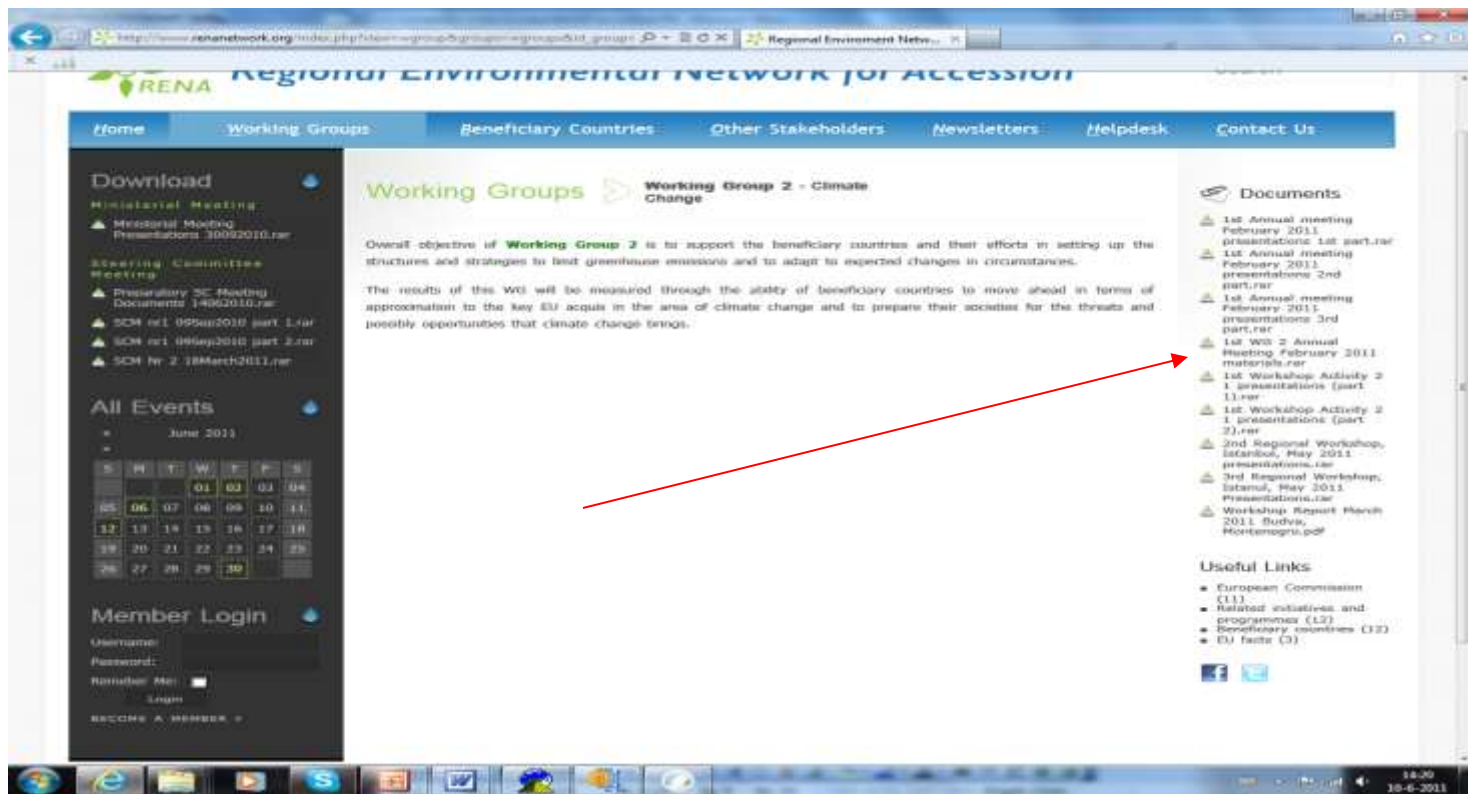
## In total 24 sub-activities

- **Activity Scheme 1:** Regional Climate Change Action Platform to converge towards the EU climate policy and legislation (ReCAP)
- **Activity Scheme 2:** Creation of GHG inventories, implementation of the Monitoring Mechanism Decision, including related institutional and administrative capacity considerations
- **Activity Scheme 3:** Capacity building on the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS)



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- All documents on [www.renaneetwork.org](http://www.renaneetwork.org)



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# Conclusions

- RENA has been a vehicle for the region to explore and unlock opportunities to implement elements of EU climate *acquis* through:
  - Awareness raising at all levels
  - Establish a platform of experts from the RENA region and Commission and EU MS experts
  - Development of concrete projects
  - Assist in defining capacity building needs
- Awareness level and capacity is modest in the RENA region.
- For policies and measures considerable efforts will be necessary
- Human resources and skills capacity needs to be built



## Conclusions

- All RENA beneficiaries (except for Croatia) lack targets for reducing GHG emissions
- Targets and pledges are needed for concrete climate strategies:
  - No targets: Strategies risk to be
    - Generic
    - Non-integrated (with not aligned sector targets at best)
  - RENA beneficiaries to be encouraged to start work on targets
- Adaptation was not addressed until 2012 under RENA. Beneficiaries indicated that it is one of their priorities in the successor programme



# Conclusions

- 2013 right time to start on adaptation (EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change adopted in April 2013)
  - Promoting action by Member States: Encourage all Member States to adopt adaptation strategies
  - “Climate proofing” action at EU level: promote adaptation in key vulnerable sectors (agriculture, fisheries, insurance systems promotion, more resilient infrastructure)
  - Better informed decision making: Climate-ADAPT as the ‘one-stop shop’ for adaptation information in Europe



# Conclusions

- 2013 right time to start on adaptation (EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change adopted in April 2013)
  - Emphasis on adaptation options that are low cost, good for the economy and for climate
  - Stimulate actions that promotes jobs in construction, water management, insurance, agricultural techniques, ecosystem management
  - Above considerations to be translated into ECRAN workplan for adaptation



## Environment and Climate Regional Accession Network (ECRAN)

ECRAN Ministerial Meetings (political level)  
ECRAN Steering Committee Meetings (technical level)

### ENVIRONMENT

### CLIMATE ACTION

- Strategic planning and investments
- Correct transposition and implementation of the EU new environment *acquis* (not covered by the sectorial working groups)

Climate Coordination Group

Public participation – NGOs Environment Forum

WG 1  
Water

WG 2  
Erx assess.

WG 3  
Air quality

WG 4  
Waste

WG 5  
Nature

WG 6  
IED/ Chemicals

WG 1  
Climate Policy

WG 2  
GHG Inv. & MMR

WG 3  
ETS

WG 4  
Adaptation

#### Cross-cutting activities

- Enforcement and compliance
- Progress Monitoring Exercise (includes legislative compliance checks)
- Handbook on the Implementation of EU Environment *Acquis*.
- Handbook on the Implementation of EU Climate *Acquis*

# ECRAN

- Tentative date for kick-off is end May 2013
- Around 10 Meuro
- Over one-third for climate related activities
- Active engagement of public sector expertise through TAIEX



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# Proposal for follow-up activities for the period 2013 – 2016

## Four working Groups

- WG 1: Climate Policy Development and Climate Awareness
- WG 2: GHG Inventory and the MMR
- WG 3: Emission Trading
- WG 4: Adaptation

## Horizontal activities

(under steering by Country Coordinators and DG Clima)

- Handbook on EU Clima *Acquis* to be prepared and disseminated
- Tables of concordance and implementation questionnaires



# Follow-up activities for the period 2013 – 2016

## Working Group 1:

- ECRAN Climate to focus on sharing EU experiences to facilitate national climate policy development
- Continue National High level events, but on selected topics —————> Target on IPA Follow Up
- Activities to promote / facilitate the ECRAN beneficiaries to put forward pledges / commitments for the 2015 international climate agreement and for the period until 2020/2030
- Continued communication and awareness raising





# Follow-up activities for the period 2013 – 2016

## Working Group 2:

- MMR exercise (GHG inventory work and training on different CRF sectors, eg agriculture, LULUCF, industry, waste, energy, etc.)



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# follow-up activities for the period 2013 – 2016

## Working Group 3:

- MRV related trainings (ETS)
- Roadmaps for ETS implementation

## Working Group 4:

- Cooperation on adaptation (regional adaptation planning)



# WG 4: Adaptation

## Proposed activities

The follow-up programme to RENA should build on the regional political interest on adaptation to climate change as demonstrated by regional initiatives such as the Belgrade Initiative, the Regional Forum for Climate Change, the 2012 Ministerial meeting in Tirana and the Sub-Regional Virtual Climate Change Centre.



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# WG 4: Adaptation

## Proposed activities

- **Proposed Activity 4.1:** Exchange and dissemination of knowledge and good practices on adaptation, through regional events, improved access to available adaptation tools and other eventual mechanisms;
- **Proposed Activity 4.2** Regional training on conducting risk and vulnerability assessments for relevant sectors such as agriculture, forestry, bio-diversity, energy, transport, water and health;
- **Proposed Activity 4.3** Regional training and support for the identification of adaptation options at regional and national level and development of tools and guidance on legal and institutional arrangements, with a view to cooperation in the regional context (e.g. regional adaptation planning).



## WG 4: Adaptation – Indicative outputs

- Outputs :
  - Handbook/Manual regional indicators for impact monitoring
  - Handbook/report on best adaptation practices
  - Document prioritisation adaptation
  - Regional adaptation tools and options, including ranking/prioritisation
  - Regional training seminars



# Next steps

- ECRAN formal start (Smooth follow up after closure of RENA is targeted)
- Concrete Workplan for 2013 and 2014 on basis of Approved Orientation Paper
- Involvement of Member States through TAIEX (Slovenia, Netherlands already announced interest)
- Involvement of Experts through ECRAN
- Country Coordinators to prepare national ECRAN Climate Platform with relevant line authorities (eg energy and transport)
- Kick off with Country Coordinators meeting (Target end of June 2013)



# Discussion

