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Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro

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**Workshop “Sustainable urban transport and mobility: Policies and practices**

**on the basis of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews”**

**Budva, Montenegro, 18–19 June 2019**

Venue: Hotel Budva

**Main Objectives:**

* Provide a platform for countries of Eastern and South Eastern Europe and the Caucasus to share their experiences in addressing sustainable transport issues and to support cooperation between the relevant experts for transport and environment
* Discuss opportunities and challenges currently hindering the development of sustainable transport considering the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
* Improve the understanding of available tools and instruments to support sustainable transport
* Brainstorm, discuss and identify solutions to overcome challenges and remove bottlenecks in the area of sustainable transport

**Provisional programme**

Workshop Chair: Ms. Ivana Vojinović, General Director for Environment, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro

**Tuesday, 18 June 2019**

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration + coffee**

09:30 – 10:30 **Opening**

Ms. Ivana Vojinović, General Director for Environment, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro *(7 min)*

Ms. Angelina Zivkovic, State Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affaires, Montenegro *(7 min)*

Mr. Hans-Joachim Hermann, Head of the Unit International Sustainability Strategies, Policy and Knowledge Transfer, German Environment Agency *(7 min)*

Ms. Fiona McCluney, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Montenegro *(7 min)*

Introduction to the workshop programme, Mr. Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE

Introduction of participants *(tour de table)*

10.30 – 12.00 **Session 1: Priority issues for the transition to sustainable transportation**

Moderator: Ms. Olivera Kujundzic, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro

Common issues, challenges and proposed recommendations towards a sustainable transport sector as identified in the Environmental Performance Reviews (EPRs) including addressing relevant SDGs, *by* *Ms.* *Angela Sochirca*, *UNECE (15 min)*

Sharing of experience on the implementation of EPR recommendations related to transport and environment:

Presentations by country representatives *(one from each sub-region, 15 min per presentation)*:

* Ms. Olivera Kujundzic, Montenegro, South-Eastern Europe
* Ms. Aksana Yuchkovich, Belarus, Eastern Europe
* Mr. Noe Megrelishvili, Georgia, Caucasus

Q&A and discussion *(30 min)*

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch time

13.30 – 15.00 **Session 2: Tools and instruments to support sustainable urban transport/mobility and abatement for mobile emission sources to reduce air pollution**

Moderator: Mr. Francesco Dionori, UNECE

Overview of the regulatory framework, and policy tools in support of sustainable transport development including:

* Tools for sustainable transport, *by Mr. Francesco Dionori, UNECE (15 min)*
* Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), *by Mr. Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE (10 min)*

Best practice in sustainable transport, *by Mr. Andrea Giuricin, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy (10 min)*

How to reduce emissions from transport? Emission limits for mobile sources in the Gothenburg Protocol under the UNECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, *by Ms. Carolin Sanz Noriega, UNECE (10 min)*

How to increase the sustainability of urban transport? *by Ms. Silvia Brini, ISPRA, Italy (10 min)*

EBRD activities for sustainable transport development, *by Mr. Stanislav Suprunenko, EBRD (10 min)*

Q&A, interactive discussion (*25 min*)

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 **Session 3: Opportunities in and challenges for development of sustainable transport policies**

Moderator: Mr. Nenad Nikolic, UNECE

Sharing good practices, success stories and challenges from putting into practice a sustainable transport policy, with a focus on urban transport (*presentations & interventions of up to 7 min*):

National framework and projects:

* Ms. Angelina Zivkovic, Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affaires, Montenegro
* Ms. Enkelejda Malaj, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
* Mr. Ravil Isgandarov, Ministry of Transport and Communications and High Technologies, Azerbaijan
* Mr. Miroslav Djeric, Ministry of Communications and Transport, Bosnia and Herzegovina
* Mr. Nikoloz Gvetanadze, Land Transport Agency, Georgia
* Mr. Ion Iordachescu, Ministry of Transport, Romania
* Mr. Desimir Desnica, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, Serbia
* Mr. Yaroslav Lytovchenko, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ukraine

Urban transport development (policy, good practice, projects):

* Mr. Gela Kvashilava, National Expert, Georgia
* Mr. Lovren Markic, City of Skopje, North Macedonia

Q&A, interactive discussion *(20 min)*

17.00 – 17.10 Organizing the groups for the next day

**Wednesday, 19 June 2019**

09.00 – 10.30 **Session 4: Interactive session on identifying practical solutions in priority areas to support sustainable urban transport and mobility**

Moderator: Mr. Hans-Joachim Hermann, German Environment Agency

Breaking out into groups by area as identified in the annex to the programme. Six small groups (of some 7 persons) will work for 45 minutes to discuss challenges (e.g., policy, technical, financial, expertise) and identify policy options and practical solutions under the following priority areas:

1. Minimizing environmental impact from transport

2. Reduction of emissions from transport

3. Improvement of public transport

4. Electric-mobility

5. Change of modal shift to environmentally friendly modes of transport

6. Biking as an alternative mode of transportation

Reporting back to the plenary *(group presentations 30 min)*, discussion and wrapping up *(15 min)*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 5: Interactive session on identifying the next steps for the implementation of EPR recommendations related to transport and environment from the latest EPRs of participating countries**

Moderator: Mr. Nick Bonvoisin, Environment Division, UNECE

11.00 – 12.30 **(a) Taking stock of progress**

Breaking out into groups. Six small groups (of some 7 persons) will work for 45 minutes to identify key barriers to implementing EPR recommendations related to transport and environment and possible actions to overcome them under the following themes:

1. Policy

2. Road vehicle standards

3. Subsidies and taxes

4. Incentives and charges

5. Infrastructure and investment

6. Information and awareness

Each group will receive a list of three recommendations generalised to be applicable for the participating countries.

A working document containing selected EPR recommendations related to transport and environment of participating countries was prepared with a view to assess progress in implementing the recommendations and to support the work in the groups.

* Discussion in the groups on implementing the EPR recommendations related to transport and environment *(45 min)*
* Reporting back to the plenary, discussion and wrapping up *(45 min)*

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **(b) Way forward**

Breaking out into the same groups as for session 4 with a view to identify three measures relating to the priority area to carry out in the countries in the 2-3 years.

* Discussion on ways forward (identifying measures) *(30 min)*
* Report back to the plenary discussion and wrapping up *(60 min)*

15.30 – 16.00 **Closing**

The Chair will close the workshop. The summary of the discussions and the list of participants will be finalised by the UNECE secretariat for circulation to the participants after the workshop.

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

**Annex**

**Priorities areas for discussion in groups during the session 4 on identifying practical solutions   
in priority areas to support sustainable urban transport and mobility** *(identified by workshop participants)*

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| Priority areas for Session 4 | Albania | Armenia | Azerbaijan | Belarus | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Croatia | Georgia | Montenegro | Germany | Italy | North Macedonia | Romania | Serbia | Ukraine | Total |
| Minimizing environmental impact from transport | X |  | X | X | X |  | XX | XXXXXX |  | X | X | X | X |  | 16 |
| Reduction of emissions from transport | X | X | X | X |  | X | X | XXXXXXX | X |  |  |  | XX |  | 16 |
| Improvement of public transport | X |  | X |  |  |  | XX | XXXXXXX |  |  | X |  |  | X | 13 |
| Electric-mobility |  |  |  | X |  | X |  | X |  |  |  |  | X | X | 5 |
| Change of modal shift to environmentally friendly modes of transport |  | X |  |  |  |  | X |  | X | X |  |  | X |  | 5 |
| Biking as an alternative mode of transportation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | XX |  |  |  | X | X | X | 5 |
| Reduction of greenhouse gases from transport |  | X |  |  |  | X |  |  | X |  |  | X |  |  | 4 |
| Urban planning and reduction of emissions from transport |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | XX | X | X |  |  | 4 |
| Progress made in achieving Sustainable Development Goal targets related to transport and the environment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | XX |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Interconnectivity of public and private transport |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |