

Dear ladies and gentlemen good morning/afternoon, I cordially greet you all on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Physical planning and in my own name.

Noting that 2030 Agenda is an Action Plan for people, planet earth and prosperity which will in partnership guides all interested parties acting in mutual cooperation.

By adopting (sustainable development goals) SDGs on 9th of April 2021, by the Council of Ministers, Bosnia and Herzegovina joins the implementation of this plan.

I must enhance that 2030 Agenda represents a driver for change in many ways, the universal character of 2030 Agenda offers a unique opportunity for holistic approach for development and opportunity for all authority levels to work together, learn from each other and set firm and open partnerships in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Energy production and use is directly correlated with climate change, and energy efficiency is one of the compensation mechanisms for the decarbonization of energy sector which should contribute to climate change reduction.

In February this year, the government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted the energy efficiency action plan 2019-2021, while the integrated action plan for climate and energy is currently in progress.

The Federal Ministry of Physical Planning, in cooperation with International Financial Institutions, is working on the implementation of energy efficiency projects in buildings, renovation of existing public buildings with emphasis on education and health buildings.

A development strategy for long-term renovation of buildings for the period until 2050 is being prepared and it aims to create a strategic approach for renovation and construction of buildings according to energy efficiency standard and therefore contribute to reduction of CO2 emissions.

Long-term strategic approach of energy efficiency implementation measures indicates significant engagement of construction sector and production of construction materials, which besides financial savings, energy savings, reduction of CO2 emissions, surely enables growth in employment and alleviate the crisis caused by covid-19 pandemic.

To increase of portfolio investments, the Federal Ministry of Physical Planning is establishing Revolving Fund for energy efficiency of public building which will enable repayment of investments in energy measures accomplished from savings in the budget, achieved after the implemented of measures, and therefore increase the overall investment fund.

The energy renovation of public buildings financed in this way will not constitute public debt. In cooperation with UNDP, the Federal Ministry of Physical Planning is working on support for low-carbon urban development, which encourages local communities in implementation of SDG 7 - provide access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for all and SDG 13 - take urgent action in fighting climate change and its impacts.

In cooperation with Caritas Switzerland, we are working on projects for neutralization of energy poverty and establishing energy efficiency at the local level with focus on socially vulnerable categories and application of innovative technological solutions of heat energy preparation systems.

We are putting effort on establishing energy standards for efficient building construction with the tendency of establishing almost zero energy buildings.

The Federal Ministry of Physical Planning is also responsible for the preparation and implementation of physical planning documentation, which by its nature presents development plans and strategic determinations for spatial development of the entity of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

So far the preparation of planning documentation has been based on sustainable development, and from now on after the adoption of 17 sustainable development goals, they will be the basis for the content of each planning document.

With aforementioned we will achieve a prosperous and balanced growth and development of areas in the entity of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, considering the rational use of natural resources and prevention of natural disasters, climate change, create a planning basis for protection of water and eco systems, and support low carbon development by creating planned assumptions for increased application of renewable energy sources.

All of this leads to the decarbonization of the energy sector which is a key accelerator for sustainable development in the 21st century.

And in the end, I will take this opportunity to wish you all effective and successful work.