

# WESTERN BALKANS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

## Environmental Hot Spots

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# AGENDA

- Programme Goals
- Process – governing the Programme
- Achievements/Results
- Challenges in 2008
- Expected challenges and next steps



# PROGRAMME GOALS

- Remove/reduce existing pollution
- Improve living conditions and business opportunities
- Educate, teach, raise awareness to minimize impacts and prevent similar environmental issues occurring in the future
- Enhance regional cooperation



WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

# PROCESS

## Governing/Coordinating the Programme

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- 3 Regional team meetings organized:
  - kick-off, communications, programme progress + reg
- 3 virtual PMB meetings organized
- 3 tranches = 7.4 million USD dollars transferred based on 2 Reports approved by the Donor



# ACHIEVEMENTS/RESULTS in 2008

## Funds and Tenders

- Over 5 million USD expected to be spent in 2008
- 4.8 million USD tenders contracted
- 4.2 million USD works completed



# Delivery by country starting Jan 2008 until Dec 2008

UNDP Office	Planned Delivery	% Delivery	% of the total amount
UNDP Albania	\$ 184,800.00 USD	59 %	4 %
UNDP B&H	\$ 130,466.00 USD	57 %	3 %
UNDP Kosovo	\$ 905,000.00 USD	85 %	18 %
UNDP Macedonia	\$ 525,200.00 USD	66 %	10 %
UNDP Montenegro	\$ 770,000.00 USD	57 %	15 %
UNDP Serbia	\$ 1,923,731.00 USD	97 %	39 %
PMU	\$ 539,475.00 USD	100 %	11 %
TOTAL USD	\$ 4,978,672.00 USD	79 %	100 %



# Delivery by country starting Nov 2007 until Dec 2008

UNDP Office	Planned Delivery	% Delivery	% of the Total Amount
UNDP Albania	\$ 187,485.00 USD	58 %	3 %
UNDP B&H	\$ 132,504.00 USD	55 %	2 %
UNDP Kosovo	\$ 987,604.00 USD	66 %	18 %
UNDP Macedonia	\$ 525,980.00 USD	65 %	10 %
UNDP Montenegro	\$ 1,168,041.00 USD	69 %	21 %
UNDP Serbia	\$ 1,924,679.00 USD	97 %	34 %
PMU	\$ 643,726.00 USD	93 %	12 %
TOTAL USD	\$ 5,620,019.00USD	78 %	100 %



# WESTERN BALKANS SUCCESS STORIES

- Albania – Bajza will be fully cleaned and there will be money left for another environmental hot spot; selection of another spot to be initiated
- BiH - joint effort of the regional unit and the national team in ensuring and “facilitating” local partners’ contribution to the project



# WESTERN BALKANS SUCCESS STORIES

- FYR of Macedonia – tendered and contracted most (7) of the clean-up works envisaged; superior technical solution for a significant environmental problem
- Kosovo, UNATSCR 1244 – tendered and contracted all (6) clean-up works envisaged; mobilized additional resources



# WESTERN BALKANS SUCCESS STORIES

- Montenegro - all clean-up works have been contracted; phase I completed and II commenced; public awareness with potential major development impacts; mobilized additional resources



# WESTERN BALKANS SUCCESS STORIES

- Serbia – fully completed clean-up works in Oct.08; excellent relationships built in a very complex political environment and full involvement of numerous stakeholders including ministry



# REGIONAL UNIT

- Effective Governing/coordinating of Programme implementation
- Communication with national teams
- Mobilized additional resources (Slovak TF)
- Model for developing and implementing regional programmes



# STRATEGIC CHALLENGES

- Co-financing/contribution of local partners (BiH, Kosovo, UNSCR 1244)
- Intergovernmental dynamics (FYRM, Lojane)
- Complex political situation (BiH signing of the pro doc, Serbia)
- Regional politics (regional ministerial conference)



# OPERATIONAL & PROGRAMATIC CHALLENGES

- Tendering and procurement  
(limited number of professionals, companies, environmental expertise)
- Finding common thread between sites
- Human resources (availability, limited duration)
- Engagement of partners in programme activities especially from the ministries



# EXPECTED CHALLENGES

- Continuation of site interventions/Programme
- Monitoring effects and quality of delivery
- Deepening cooperation between participating countries/territories
- New site selection and reprioritizing of interventions

# NEXT STEPS

- Expert meeting – Liability directive + financing
- Monitoring training; CTA, PAs support (CD+Tech.)
- Pilot with UNEP + Slovakia study tour + Facilitating exchange (CD)
- Defining criteria for new site selection and reprioritization

# THANK YOU!

