

Environmental Policy Integration

The case of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The State of Environment Policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Complex administrative organisation of the environment sector
- Environmental issues - recognised by BiH authorities as very important for BiH accession to the EU?
- The environmental legislation is fully aligned with the relevant EU directives specific for the sector but...

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- Very slow implementation of environmental plans and regulation
- National Steering Committee for Environment and Sustainable Development is established
- Inter-Entity Environment Body was established in 2006
- Low capacity in governments institutions for environmental policy making

Identified priority gaps

- Lack of knowledge and awareness on energy efficiency on all levels of governance
- Insufficient capacity in environmental policy area
- Low implementation of existing legislation
- Lack of legal framework in some priority areas

Legal framework gaps

Slow, insufficient and missing implementation of laws due to

- undeveloped framework of sub laws
- process of coping of legislation from other countries without appropriate adaptation to BiH system
- lack of inspections

Legal framework gaps

Environmental Permit

in practice, is issued for a five years period during which permit holders must improve their operation and bring them more closely to legal requirements.

newly established industrial facilities VS existence of industrial plants and installations

Environmental Impact Assessment

positive example – result of EU project in capacity building

Legal framework gaps

Strategic Environmental Assessment is lacking

no detailed regulations about Strategic Environmental Assessment

The Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive

addressed as a priority and is becoming even more important as Bosnia and Herzegovina is closer on its path to accession to European Union
the progress monitoring report of EU for BiH stated that IPPC is not in use and it does not even have a legal basis.

National Environmental Action Plan is outdated

the basic policy act in BiH in the domain of environment protection, adopted 2003

Institutional capacity gaps

Communication and coordination between administrative bodies and all stakeholders in relation to legislative implementation is low

Vertical and horizontal dimensions of policy integration in Bosnia and Herzegovina are deficient

The integration of environment policy in other policies is not noted

Institutional capacity gaps

Financial and human resources are deficient

Lack of local team of environmental experts

Low public awareness on importance of general environmental issues

Lack of knowledge and awareness on all levels of governance on energy efficiency

Needs, issues and gaps to be should be addressed through capacity building projects

- Raise awareness on importance of energy efficiency in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Energy monitoring system – analysis of the audit of energy sector
- Energy production aspect
- Energy consumption aspect
- Energy policy analysis

Recommendations for addressing other priority needs

- Strengthening the policy making capacity
- Legal framework development on priority areas (example: Strategic Environmental Assessment)
- Capacity building and the public awareness campaign on environmental issues

Thank you for your attention

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