

WESTERN BALKANS ENVIRONMENTAL HOT SPOTS PROGRAMME

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PROGRAMME FACTS

- 6 COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES
- 8 ENVIRONMENTAL HOT SPOTS/LOCATIONS
- US\$ 15 MILLION – NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT +
- 50% COST SHARING BY COUNTRY/TERRITORY
- 30 MONTHS PROGRAMME



PROGRAMME SITES MAP



PROGRAMME GOALS

- POLLUTION REDUCTION/CLEAN-UP INTERVENTIONS
- CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT + PUBLIC AWARENESS RAISING
- STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION



PROGRAMME RESULTS

- 3 SITES COMPLETED CLEAN UP INTERVENTION
- 2 SITES – 70% COMPLETED
- 2 FULLY CONTRACTED
- 1 SITE – CONTRACTING PENDING GOVERNMENT COST SHARING
- 3 NEW/ADDITIONAL SITES IN ALBANIA (BALEZ, REPS, RRESHEN)



PROGRAMME RESULTS

- CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED + REGIONAL SYNOPSIS;
- THEMES IN EACH COUNTRY TERRITORY IDENTIFIED FOR CD AND PUBLIC AWARENESS RAISING
- TRAININGS AND CAMPAIGNS ONGOING



PROGRAMME RESULTS

REGIONAL COOPERATION:

- 7 REGIONAL MEETINGS
- 2 TRAININGS
- 4 STUDY TOURS (AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA)



ADDED VALUE OF REGIONAL APPROACH

- EXCHANGE OF RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE (GOV, UNDP, BENEFICIARIES)
- CREATING KNOWLEDGE NETWORK
- CAPTURING DATA AND INFORMATION/KNOWLEDGE IN REGIONAL UNIT + BACKSTOPPING, CONTINUITY
- COST EFFECTIVENESS
- COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES BENEFIT FROM OTHER HOT SPOTS REMEDIATION EXPERIENCES IN THE REGION



CHALLENGES in IMPLEMENTATION

- CO-FINANCING/CONTRIBUTION OF LOCAL PARTNERS (TIMELINESS, QUALITY)
- TENDERING PROCEDURE /PROGRAMME TIMELINE
- LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTISE IN THE REGION (50% CONTRACTED INT'L)
- POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE REGION
- ENGAGEMENT IN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES



LESSONS LEARNT

- CLEAR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE
 - REGIONAL UNIT, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, VIRTUAL MANAGEMENT BOARD, ADVISORY BOARD
- COMMITMENT OF NATIONAL PARTNERS
- CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND FLEXIBILITY
- PARTNERSHIP (UNEP, SLOVAK TF, UBA, CZECH MIN.)
- DECENTRALIZED APPROACH/STAYING CLOSE TO BENEFICIARIES



THANK YOU!

