

WESTERN BALKANS ENVIRONMENTAL HOT SPOTS PROGRAMME

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AGENDA

- BEST PRACTICE OR BEST VALUE
- IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL COOPERATION
- NEXT STEPS



MOVING TO BEST PRACTICE

- **“FIT FOR PURPOSE” or “BEST VALUE FOR MONEY APPROACH” VS EU AND INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE**
- THE REALITY AND THE NEED - PRIORITISING IN LIGHT OF MANY PROBLEMS AND LIMITED BUDGETS
- PRAGMATIC APPROACHES BETWEEN RISK REDUCTION, COST RECOVERY POTENTIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
- REPLICATION FROM SITE TO SITE - POTENTIAL WHERE IT IS SUCCESSFUL AND A CAUTION WHERE IT IS NOT



MOVING TO BEST PRACTICE

- ALBANIA – INTERNATIONAL NEED FOR BP FOR NOW (CHEMICAL CLEANUP) BUT MOVING TOWARDS BP WITH TRAINING AT 3 LEVELS (OPERATIONAL, MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGIC) & BROWNFIELD REVIVAL
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – ENERGY EFFICIENCY LINK WITH POLLUTION REDUCTION (COST RECOVERY) IN POLLUTION. SHUTDOWN OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT & REUSE OF WASTE HEAT
- FYR OF MACEDONIA – SEEKING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS WITH PP – COST RECOVERY POTENTIALS IN WATER TREATMENT/RISK REDUCTION IN LOJANE



MOVING TO BEST PRACTICE

- MONTENEGRO – FROM DEFUNCT INDUSTRY TO FLEDGLING ECOTOURISM AND BROWNFIELD SITE REVITALISATION
- SERBIA – STEPWISE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO WASTE WATER TREATMENT AND SITE REMEDIATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- UNMIK KOSOVO – RAPID RISK REDUCTION MEASURES AT ARTANA AND STARI TRG & CAUTION IN COST RECOVERY



IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

- ENHANCE REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOP CAPACITIES BY EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES AND EXPERTISE
- ADDRESSING COMMON PROBLEMS AND PARTICIPATING IN JOINT ACTIVITIES
- POOLING RESOURCES TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER , CAPTURE AND LINKAGES TO EXTERNAL KNOWLEDGE CENTRES
- STRENGTHEN REGIONAL AND CROSS BORDER COOPERATION ENHANCE POLITICAL DIALOGUE
- COST COMPETIVENESS/EFFECTIVENESS IN DEVELOPING REGIONAL SERVICES



IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

➤ PROGRAMME ASPECTS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

- FYR MACEDONIA – MINING RELATED EXPERTISE IN UNMIK KOSOVO (ARTANA REPROCESSING TRIAL ETC);
- SERBIA - EXPERTISE ON DESIGN REVIEW FOR DISTRICT HEATING BIH (TUZLA - CONNECTION TO DISTRICT HEATING);
- UNMIK KOSOVO SURVEY TEAM FOR ALBANIA (REPS/RRESHEN TAILINGS DAMS) ;
- FYR MACEDONIA - FEASIBILITY OF COPPER RECOVERY FROM MINE DRAINAGE WATER (ALBANIAN COPPER MINE SITES);
- ALBANIA – DEMONSTRATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN TAILING DAM RAPID RISK REDUCTION FOR ALL WB COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES (REPS/RRESHEN)



IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

➤ ENGAGEMENT IN COMMON EVENTS

- STUDY TOURS ON MINING IN CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVENIA, SLOVAKIA AND CLEANER PRODUCTION/IPPC IN AUSTRIA;
- ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING TRAINING, EXPERT WORK SHOP, NEEDS ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP;
- INTERREGIONAL PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL LEVEL PRACTITIONER TRAINING (I.E CHEMICALS, MINING, AIR/WATER MONITORING IN ALBANIA)

➤ POOLING OF RESOURCES

- SHARING AND COMPARISON OF TERMS OF REFERENCE, IDENTIFYING AND ACCESSING INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE , TRAINERS AND SPECIALISED INFORMATION SERVICES ;
- ADVISING ON FIELD EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND PROCUREMENT, PROVISION OF ANALYTICAL SERVICES;
- DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN BALKANS PRACTITIONER DATABASE AND THE MB IPA APPLICATION (BROWNFIELDS).



NEXT STEPS

- ENHANCING REGIONAL COOPERATION, THROUGH COORDINATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND ACCESS TO RELEVANT EXPERTISE /EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
 - DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISMS FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE AND COORDINATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS;
 - DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE HUBS AND A CULTURE OF INFORMATION OWNERSHIP IN MINISTRIES, INSTITUTIONS ETC FOR CAPTURE OF DATA/KNOWLEDGE;
 - DEVELOP/ENHANCE REGIONAL PRACTITIONERS DATABASE, ROSTER OF EXPERTS AND COMPANY INVENTORY;
 - STENGTHEN FUNCTIONAL LINKAGES WITH INTERNATIONAL KNOWLEDGE CENTRES



NEXT STEPS

- SYSTEMATIC COLLECTION OF INFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISMS FOR PRIORITISING ACTIONS, FINANCING AND MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL HOTSPOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEST PRACTICE
 - **DEVELOP/ ENHANCE REGIONAL “BROWNFIELDS” INVENTORIES AND ASSESSMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STANDARDISED PRACTISE;**
 - **IDENTIFICATION OF FINANCING MECHANISMS AND STRATEGIES FOR “BROWNFIELDS” REMEDIATION AND MANAGEMENT (IE ECO FUNDS, GREEN TAXES, PP, REDEVELOPMENT, COST RECOVERY);**
 - INCREASING KNOWLEDGE OF EU/INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND PRACTICES ON REMEDIATION AND **MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HOTSPOTS (“BROWNFIELDS”).**



NEXT STEPS

- **FURTHER DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE IN “BROWNFIELDS” REMEDIATION AND MANAGEMENT**
 - IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS IN AVAILABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
 - STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL AND PRACTITIONER CAPABILITIES TO ADDRESS **REMEDIATION AND MANAGEMENT OF “BROWNFIELDS”**
 - STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS REGIONALLY AND WITH EXTERNAL BODIES TO DEVELOP EXPERTISE
 - EXPANSION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AND ACCREDITATION BODIES



THANK YOU!

