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# **Official Opening & Short Introduction**

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## EU4 Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Turkey

# Welcome Address

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DG NEAR



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# **Welcome Address & Overview of the Project Implementation**

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# EU4 Energy Transition Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Turkey PROJECT FRAMEWORK



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## PROJECT FRAMEWORK

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To tackle climate change and deliver on the **energy transition** in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

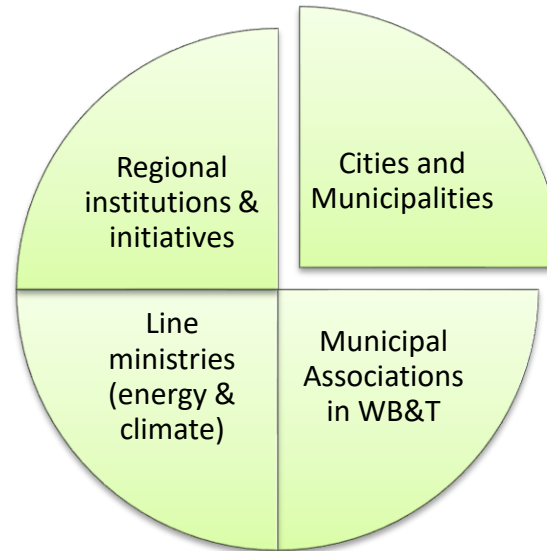
To support the CoM cities of the Western Balkans and Turkey in delivering on their pledges under the 2030 energy and climate targets.

### Duration

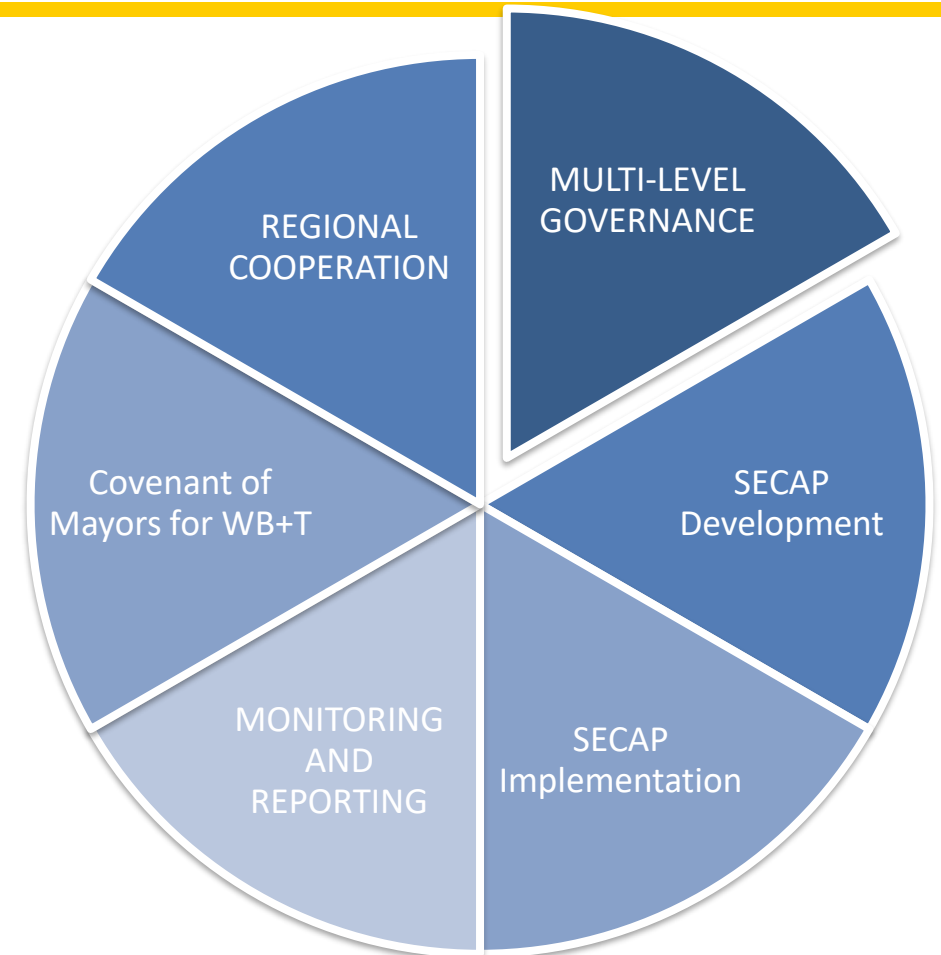
48 months

Starting date: 1 March 2021

End date: 28 February 2025



**partners and beneficiaries**



**six outputs**

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# **Implementation and 2nd Progress Report**

**Dubravka Bošnjak, Regional Project Manager**  
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# Content

## □ Progress of the project implementation

### ➤ 2nd Progress Report

*Reporting Period: 01.03.2022 – 28.02.2023*

### ➤ Implementation

*March – July 2023*





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## Output 1: Multi-Level Governance MLG (I)

### Report: 3. Assessment of progress towards planned objectives and outputs

Output 1	Outcome (expected by end of the project)	Progress
Municipalities are empowered to participate in multi-level governance for the development and implementation of energy and climate policies.	A total of 35 municipalities and 10 national/sub-national associations are included in the MLG dialogue (30 municipalities in the Western Balkans, 5 municipalities in Türkiye; 8 associations in the Western Balkans, 2 associations in Türkiye).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In the WB, 19 municipalities and 7 Associations of Municipalities included in the MLG dialogue.</li> <li>✓ Various stakeholders have started a dialogue on multi-level governance.</li> <li>✓ The new MLG approach has been presented at events in the beneficiary countries, but also at regional and international events.</li> <li>✓ The aim is to communicate to as many stakeholders as possible the need for improving dialogue and intensifying the involvement of the local level in the processes.</li> </ul>

# EU4 Energy Transition Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Turkey

## Output 1: Multi-Level Governance MLG (II)

### Report: 3. Assessment of progress towards planned objectives and outputs

Output 1	Implemented Activities (reporting period)	Progress
Municipalities are empowered to participate in multi-level governance for the development and implementation of energy and climate policies.	<p><u>Country level activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Workshops organised in WB6: <b>Country-level</b> activities resulted in <b>stakeholder maps</b> for all 18 beneficiary cities and municipalities.</li> </ul> <p><u>Regional level activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Macedonian Energy Forum 2022</b> (Ohrid, MKD) - The results of this discussion were recommendations and conclusions on the topic of MLG.</li> <li>✓ <b>International Summer School 2022 – MLG WS</b> (Vitez, BiH) - In group sessions and discussions, the situation in BiH was analysed in depth.</li> </ul> <p><u>European and International level activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Integrated Energy and Climate Planning Conference 2022 (IAEA)</li> <li>✓ Green Agenda in the Western Balkans Conference 2022 (UNDP)</li> <li>✓ Energy Community Energy and Climate Committee meeting 2022 (EnC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In the WB, 19 municipalities and 7 Associations of Municipalities included in the MLG dialogue.</li> <li>✓ Various stakeholders have started a dialogue on multi-level governance.</li> <li>✓ The new MLG approach has been presented at events in the beneficiary countries, but also at regional and international events.</li> <li>✓ The aim is to communicate to as many stakeholders as possible the need for improving dialogue and intensifying the involvement of the local level in the processes.</li> </ul>

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## Output 2: Regional Cooperation (I)

### Report: 3. Assessment of progress towards planned objectives and outputs

Output 2	Outcome (expected by end of the project)	Progress
Regional and inter-regional cooperation between the CoM initiatives and the energy and climate municipalities in the Western Balkans and Türkiye supports achievements of CoM goals.	4 regional events conducted	2 Regional events have been conducted
	36 persons from municipalities participated in international events (30 from the WB, 6 from Türkiye)	1 Joint participation (WB+TR)

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	✓ <b>Regional workshop on “Urban adaptation, resilience and SECAP adaptation component”</b> – focusing on the climate risks heat and pluvial flood in urban areas and its surrounding (February 2023, Istanbul, TR)	
	✓ <b>Transport and Climate Change Week 2022</b> (May 2022, Berlin, Germany).	1 Joint participation

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### Output 3: Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) Development (I)

## Report: 3. Assessment of progress towards planned objectives and outputs

Output 3	Outcome (expected by end of the project)	Progress
Sustainable energy and climate plans, SECAP are developed.	<p>14 SECAPs developed in the project region (12 new SECAPs in the WB, 2 new SECAPs in Türkiye).</p> <p>240 officers participated in capacity development measures (60 in Türkiye, 180 in the WB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Baseline Emissions Inventories and Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (first two parts of SECAPs) are being finalised for each city.</li> <li>✓ Workshops and trainings for SECAP development have been held in each country.</li> <li>✓ 183 representatives from WB municipalities have participated so far.</li> </ul>

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Sustainable energy and climate plans, SECAP are developed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>19 LSGs</b> in WB currently supported for SECAP Development</li> <li>✓ <b>Local experts</b> hired to support the development of Baseline Emissions Inventories (BEI) and Risk &amp; Vulnerability Assessments (RVA) for each LSG</li> <li>✓ <b>Workshops held</b> in each country to train LSGs on BEI/RVA and discuss local priorities and challenges</li> <li>✓ <b>Ongoing process of data</b> collection within each LSG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Baseline Emissions Inventories and Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (first two parts of SECAPs) are being finalised for each city.</li> <li>✓ Workshops and trainings for SECAP development have been held in each country.</li> <li>✓ 183 representatives from WB municipalities have participated so far.</li> </ul>

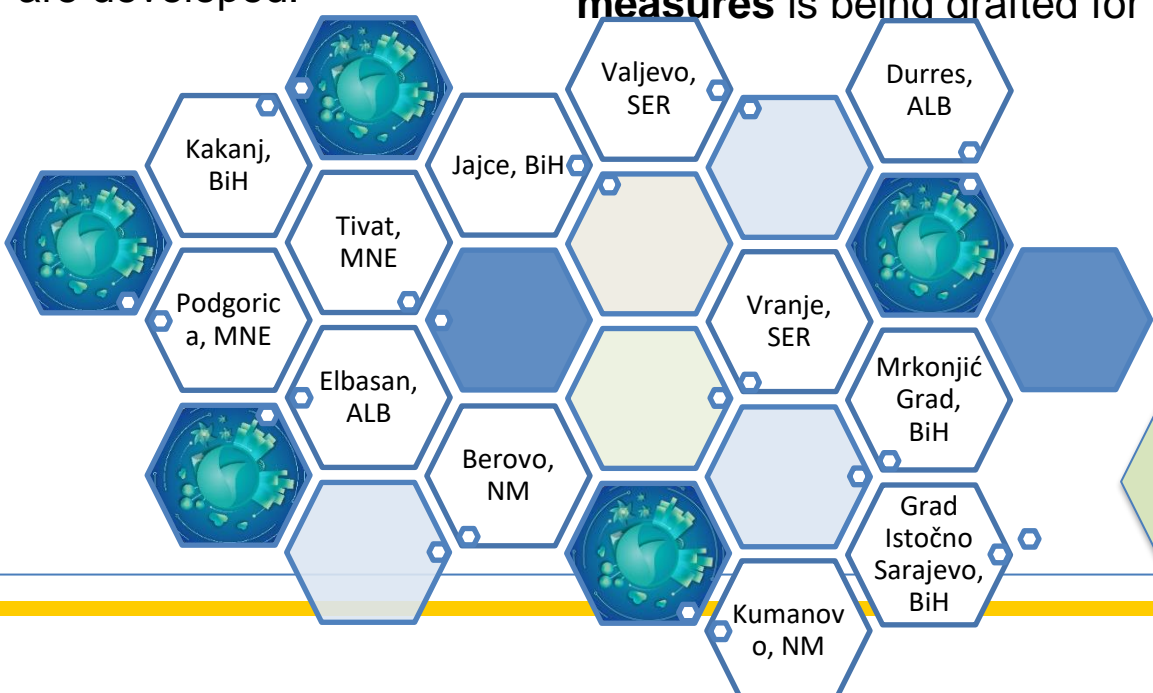


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Output 3	Implemented Activities (March – July 2023)	Progress
<p>Sustainable energy and climate plans, SECAP are developed.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Public consultation events</b> in each country held.</li> <li>✓ List of <b>prioritised mitigation and adaptation measures</b> is being drafted for each city.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Baseline Emissions Inventories and Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (first two parts of SECAPs) are being finalised for each city.</li> <li>✓ Workshops and trainings for SECAP development have been held in each country.</li> <li>✓ 183 representatives from WB municipalities have participated so far.</li> </ul>

**ADDITIONAL CITIES  
WILL PARTICIPATE IN  
CAPACITY BUILDING  
AND KNOWLEDGE  
TRANSFER  
MEASURES.**

# EU4 Energy Transition Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Turkey

## Output 4: Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) Implementation (I)

### Report: 3. Assessment of progress towards planned objectives and outputs

Output 4	Outcome (expected by end of the project)	Progress
Sustainable energy and climate plans, SECAP are implemented.	10 projects implemented through selection process of the project (8 projects in the WB, 2 projects in Türkiye)	✓ Ten projects have been selected for implementation support in the WB; preparatory phase is ongoing.
	17 cities/municipalities have prepared project descriptions (3 in Türkiye, 14 in the WB) according to requirements of funding institutions.	✓ Concept for the development of a training programme is under development.
	9 CoM cities/municipalities (WB: 7, Türkiye 2) have submitted applications.	✓ Concept for the development of a training programme is under development.

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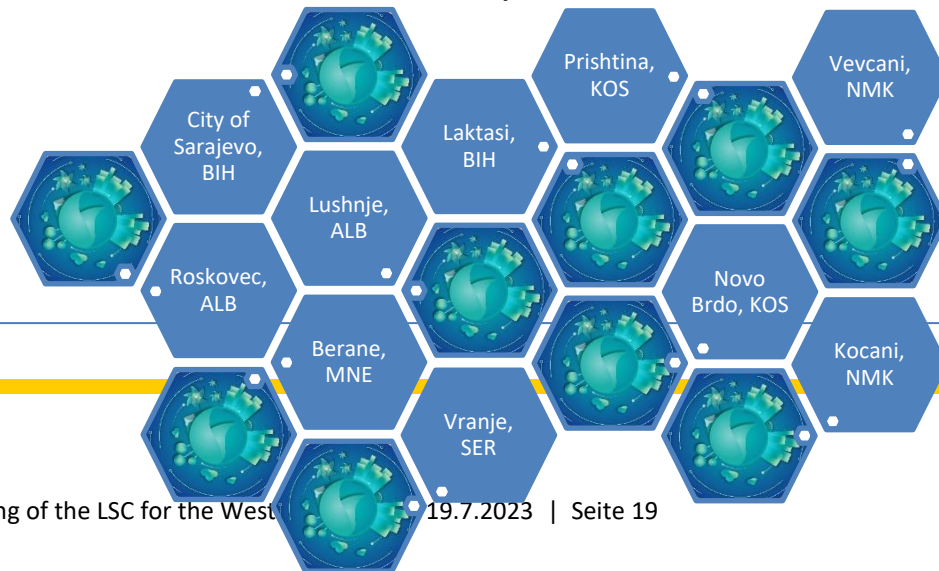
Output 4	Implemented Activities (reporting period)	Progress
Sustainable energy and climate plans, SECAP are implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Preparation: 3 info sessions to advertise the competition and support LSGs in preparing their applications</li> <li>✓ 1st phase: 60 applications received and evaluated jointly by AoMs and GIZ</li> <li>✓ 2nd phase: in-depth interviews and site visits of 21 shortlisted projects</li> <li>✓ <b>Results: 10 projects selected</b></li> <li>✓ Selected projects range from renewable energy (5 projects), energy efficiency (3 projects) and sustainable mobility (2 projects).</li> <li>✓ Selected projects are innovative, generate direct impacts on the wellbeing of citizens, and are aligned with LSG's SECAP or equivalent local plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ten projects have been selected for implementation support in the WB; preparatory phase is ongoing.</li> <li>✓ Concept for the development of a training programme is under development.</li> <li>✓ Concept for the development of a training programme is under development.</li> </ul>

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## Output 4: Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) Implementation (III)

### Report: 3. Assessment of progress towards planned objectives and outputs

Output 4	Implemented Activities (March – July 2023)	Progress
Sustainable energy and climate plans, SECAP are implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Results: 10 projects selected</b></li> <li>✓ Signing of MoU with each selected LSG</li> <li>✓ Preparation of implementation plans + monitoring and communication.</li> <li>✓ Appointment of local experts to supervise project implementation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ten projects have been selected for implementation support in the WB; preparatory phase is ongoing.</li> <li>✓ Concept for the development of a training programme is under development.</li> <li>✓ Concept for the development of a training programme is under development.</li> </ul>



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### Output 5: Monitoring and reporting process in line with CoM (I)

## Report: 3. Assessment of progress towards planned objectives and outputs

Output 5	Outcome (expected by end of the project)	Progress
Monitoring and reporting processes in line with CoM requirements are operational.	15 CoM members from the WB and 8 from Türkiye are reporting emission inventories and SECAP	✓ The implementation of this output will begin as soon as the necessary preconditions have been created, i.e., a certain number of O3 and O4 activities have been carried out.

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### Output 6: Western Balkans and Türkiye CoM supporting structure (I)

## Report: 3. Assessment of progress towards planned objectives and outputs

Output 6	Outcome (expected by end of the project)	Progress
The Western Balkans and Türkiye CoM supporting structure is operational.	Western Balkans and Türkiye CoM supporting structure work plan is approved.	✓ NALAS, as a key partner for the implementation, has prepared an operational plan for the year 2023. The plan was discussed and adopted.
	12 events (e.g., Energy and Climate Days) took place in the WB and 3 took place in Türkiye	✓ The preparation of the events is ongoing and is to follow the development of the CoM supporting structure.

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### Output 6: Western Balkans and Türkiye CoM supporting structure (II)

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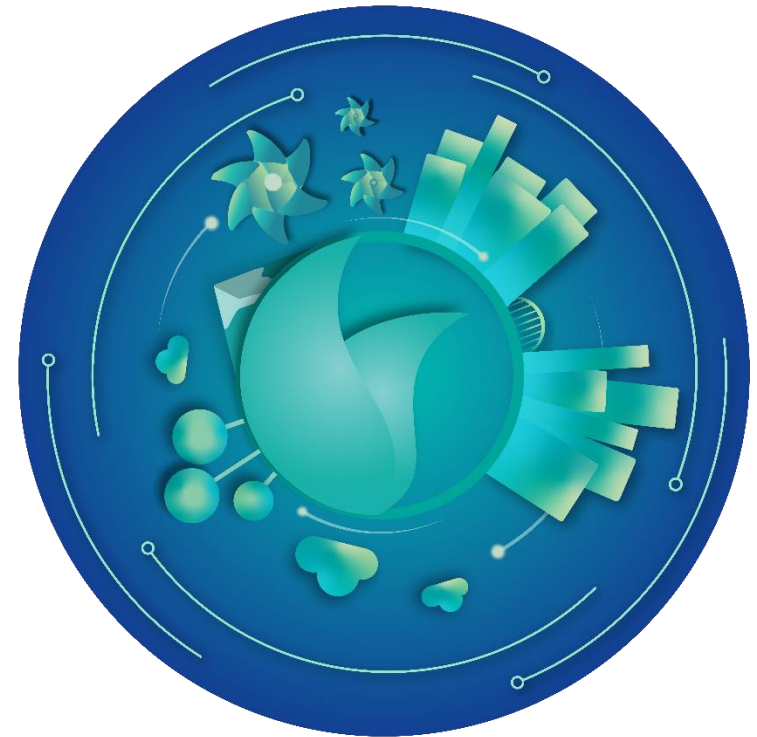
Output 6	Implemented Activities (reporting period)	Progress
The Western Balkans and Türkiye CoM supporting structure is operational.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Capacity Building Measures</li> <li>✓ Needs Assessment</li> <li>✓ Work Program under development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sustainability</li> <li>✓ Cooperation with AoMs from WB and TR</li> <li>✓ Cooperation with EUCOMO &amp; GCoM</li> <li>✓ Communication and Visibility</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ NALAS, as a key partner for the implementation, has prepared an operational plan for the year 2023. The plan was discussed and adopted.</li> <li>✓ The preparation of the events is ongoing and is to follow the development of the CoM supporting structure.</li> </ul>



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# Experiences and Lessons Learnt by Project Beneficiaries and Partners

*Discussion*



# Discussion / Closing Remarks / Agreements

