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Energy, Transport and Climate Protection

Albania,
Bosnia and Hercegovina,
Kosovo,
Montenegro,
North Macedonia,
Serbia

- ORF-ETC is follow-up of the ORF-EE initiated in **2008**;
- **ORF-ETC** – instrument for strengthening the **regional cooperation in South-East Europe** funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (**BMZ**) and since March 2021 by the **EU** Commission;



ORF-Energy, Transport and Climate Protection (08/2020-05/2025)

ORF-ETC Module Objective: The value added by **regional cooperation to the implementation of selected energy and transport measures** in the Western Balkans is improved.

Output 1

Improved basis for multi-level jointly coordinated action on climate, energy and/or sustainable urban mobility.



Output 2

Improved regional cooperation between municipalities to implement sustainable urban mobility plans

Output 3

Enabled parliamentarians in the WB to promote the EU's energy and transport agenda within their sphere of influence.

Output 4

Enabled WB cities to implement SECAPs using regional experience



General Info on the SPS GPG

- **Duration:** 05/2021-11/2023 **shorter than ORF-ETC*
- ***GPG- informal cross-party and cross-committee group of Members of Parliament***
- Developing of **technical and organisational capacities of the GPGs** in the WB **to promote** EU-compliant energy and mobility goals;
- Posses necessary **knowledge** for their scope of action; **make actions** on the sound basis of **expertise** in their sphere of influence;
- **Coordinated statements of GPGs** in the WB; Encourage regional cooperation of the GPGs;



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

THE TARGET GROUPS OF THE ACTION ENCOMPASS THE FOLLOWING:

1. Staff of participating **cities and municipalities** from the Western Balkans and Turkey who will be trained and are responsible for the development and implementation of SECAPs.
2. Staff of the respective **line ministries** for energy and climate planning will be a participating in the Action for the **multi-level governance**.
3. Municipal **associations** in South-East Europe and Turkey.
4. Cooperation at European Level will include coordination and cooperation with the **Global CoM Secretariat, Regional Secretariats (Europe, European Neighbourhood-East and European Neighbourhood South), Energy Cities, Joint Research Centre, ICLEI, Funding institutions etc.**

Output 1

- Municipalities are empowered to actively participate in a multi-level governance for the development and implementation of key energy and climate policies.

Output 2

- Regional cooperation between the CoM initiatives and the climate and energy municipalities in the Western Balkans and Turkey supports the achievement of CoM goals.

Output 3

- Sustainable energy and climate plans, SECAPs, are developed.

Output 4

- Small scale projects selected from the respective SECAPs are implemented

Output 5

- Monitoring and reporting processes in line with My Covenant are operational.

Output 6

- The Western Balkans and Turkey CoM supporting structure is operational.

Promoting regional exchange on the implementation of sustainable urban mobility plans in the Western Balkan countries

Previous activities and where we are now?

SUMSEEC II project achievements Cooperation with the capital cities





SUMP development

- Podgorica (MN) – SUMSEEC II
- Sarajevo (BiH) – SUMSEEC II
- Tirana (AL) – SUMSEEC II
- Belgrade (SER) – City budget
- Skopje (NMC) – IPA
- Pristina – Interreg





European Mobility Week 2019

Belgrade, Pristina, Podgorica, Sarajevo,
Skopje, Tirana





Pilot Projects

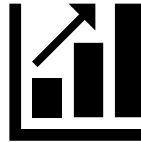
- Sarajevo - Bike shelters with racks on 9 locations,
- Tirana – Bicycle counters
- Podgorica - Digitalization of the public transport system
- Skopje – Bicycle Square
- Belgrade – Super block
- Pristina – Bike path

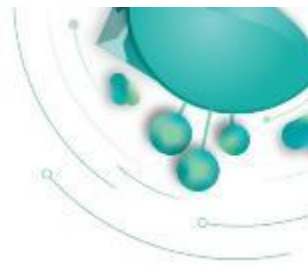


SUMP Ambassadors

Mayors of Western Balkan capitals – ambassadors of sustainable urban mobility in the region

SUMP Ambassadors are generally committed to influencing change in citizens' mobility habits through urban mobility planning and in cooperation with all stakeholders, in order to minimize the use of motor vehicles as a mode of transportation.





Cooperation with the Associations

Albanian Association of Municipalities (AAM)
Association for Local Autonomy of Albania (ALAA)
Association of Municipalities and Cities of the of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (SOGFBiH)
Association of Municipalities and Cities of Republic of Srpska (SOGRS)
Union of Municipalities of Montenegro
Association of Kosovo Municipalities
Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities (SCTM) of Serbia
Association of the Units of Local Self-Government of North Macedonia (ZELS)





SUMP Boot Camp

Public call for potential experts

Five-day training in Podgorica

24 participants

Certification according the participants
background, activity during the sessions, test)

11 experts - recommendation for expert pool





SUMP or SUMP solution development (24)

Gramsh, Elbasan, Belsh, Librazhd, Klos, Mat, Shkoder, Peqin and Cerrik (Albania);

Zavidovići and Bijeljina (BiH)

Ferizaj, Gjilan, Podujeva and Gračanica (Kosovo)

Rožaje and Kolašin (Montenegro);

Šabac and Pirot (Serbia);

Kumanovo, Kavadarci, Ohrid, Bitola and Karposh (North Macedonia)



European Mobility Week 2019



Support through the regional experts, Associations of the cities and municipalities:

- Official EMW team establishment in each municipality;
- Joint Action Plan preparation with detailed budget and responsible persons;
- EMW Program development;
- Grants or local subsidies through the Associations of the cities and municipalities (8 AoMs) for 24 EMW projects;
- EMW handbook – How to coordinate EMW.





European Mobility Week

Librazhd, Belsh, Shkodra, Peqin, Cerrik, Mat and Klos (Albania),
Banjaluka, Bijeljina, Zavidovići, Čapljina (BiH),
Pljevlja, Rožaje (Montenegro),
Bitolj, Veles (North Macedonia),
Pirotd, Šabac, Bajina Bašta, Kruševac (Serbia),
Gnjilane, Ferizaj, Gračanica i Podujevo (Kosovo).





The City of Kruševac achieved huge success by winning the European Mobility Week Award for 2019 in the category of larger municipalities and cities.



Pilot Projects (13)

Shkodra (AL) - Bicycle parking lot

Elbasan (AL) - Bicycle path, completed

East Sarajevo – (BiH) Bicycle parking lot

Travnik (BiH) - PT mobile application ([google play](#))

Zavidovići (BiH) - children's art competition with focus on SUM

Banjaluka (BiH): Bike sharing network expansion and one bike shelter installation

Bijeljina (BiH) – Bicycle path in the length of 1800m. The new bicycle path is connecting two existing bicycle paths; total length is 4000m.

Rozaje (MNE Reconstruction of the all pedestrian and bicycle paths, kinder playgrounds, building of few pedestrian bridges within their City park, brochure with the bicycle and pedestrian paths)

Bar (MNE) - Bicycle parking lots

Kolašin (MNE) - Bike shelters, 10 bicycles, maps for cycling and biking paths for tourists

Ohrid (NMC)- Bicycle parking lot

Karposh (NMC) - Bicycle path

Kruševac (SER) - Installing the 800 m cycling lanes, printing of maps for public transport and installation of the bike counter



Pilot projects





6th European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans

17-18 June 2019, Groningen, The Netherlands

Planning for sustainable and active cities



Participation in 6th European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans in Groningen, 2019



Indicators

4 capitals of the Western Balkans developed sustainable urban mobility plans developed based on the SUMP approach

Experts from the relevant expert pools of 4 out of 7 AoMs support two additional cities per partner country respectively in the development of SUM Solution

6 capital demonstration projects and 12 pilot projects in other partner cities, which were selected through contests, have been implemented

A network of six "sustainable urban mobility ambassadors" (mayors) from participating cities promote the implementation in SEE.

SUMSEEC II



Achievements

Podgorica (MN), Sarajevo (BiH) and Tirana (AL) SUMSEEC II
Belgrade (SER) – City budget
Skopje (NMC) – IPA
Kosovo – Interreg

Experts from the relevant expert pools of 8 out of 8 AoMs supported **24 municipalities in SUM solutions or SUMP development:**

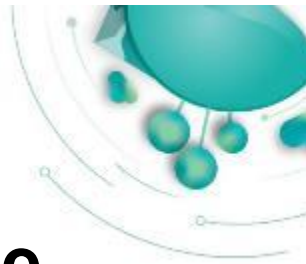
Albania 9; BiH 1, Montenegro 2, Serbia 2, North Macedonia 5
BiH 1 (SUMP), Kosovo 4

-6 demonstration projects
-13 pilot projects in municipalities
AL 2, BiH 5, MN 3, NMC 2, SRB 1
- 24 EMW pilot projects

Online conference of the SUM Ambassadors (EMW)

Video - Promotion of the Urban Mobility and EMW activities in Western Balkans promoted by SUMP Ambassadors

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Overcoming weaknesses

Lack of capacity to move towards implementation

Lack of personnel and organisational capacities

Lack of networking, cooperation and dialogue of the practitioners at the regional level

SUMP monitoring and reporting is missing

The budget line for SUM is missing

There is no SUM legislation – possible cooperation with the subproject Green Parliamentarian Groups

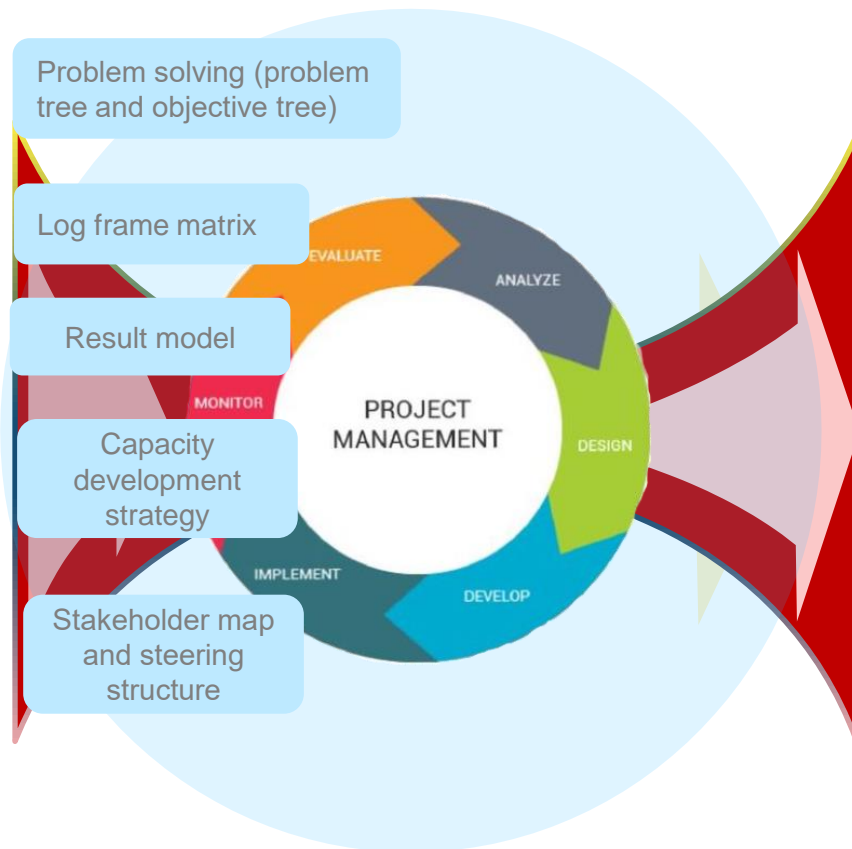
Problem solving (problem tree and objective tree)

Log frame matrix

Result model

Capacity development strategy

Stakeholder map and steering structure



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Mobility
shift

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Module objective: The added value of regional cooperation for implementing selected energy and transport measures in the Western Balkans is improved.

Output 1

The basis for jointly coordinated action by the Western Balkan countries in a multi-level approach on climate protection, energy or sustainable urban mobility at national level are improved.



Output 2

Regional cooperation between municipalities in the Western Balkans with the aim of transferring good practices in implementation of sustainable urban mobility plans is improved.

Output indicator 2.1.

Representatives from 12 cities and municipalities from 6 countries coordinate/exchange on the implementation of measures from SUMP twice a year in regional, new or existing networks.

Output 3

Parliamentarians in the Western Balkans are empowered to promote the EU's energy and transport agenda within their sphere of influence.

Output 4

Selected cities in the Western Balkans are able to implement locally developed climate or energy measures using regional experience..





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