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# Environmental Financing in EU accession Aid Coordination Group Environment, May 2012

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## **Four main directions after last Aid coordination meeting**

1. Continuing sector wide environmental policy planning (coordination of Group 27, SWaP in programming)
2. Transforming policy ideas into projects through DISPs and project pipeline development
3. Establishing balance between needs for environmental expenditure and financing from various sources
4. Improving communication with national and international financing institutions and organisations

## Sector wide policy planning

- By sector we understand “Environment” which includes subsectors such as waste, water, air , nature, etc. – all subsectors from Chapter 27
- Considering complexity of the sector Environment, in order to be able to well prepare for negotiations, strong coordination of the working group for Chapter 27 is required, currently by the MEMSP
- MEMSP is continuing to ensure overall coordination through the WG 27 and takes actions to support all sectors from the chapter 27, not only those under the current Ministry’s responsibility

## Sector wide policy planning

- Implementation of EU environmental requirements is very demanding task. According to EAS, that includes:
  - accumulated total costs are €10.6 billion (both investment and operational)
  - water sector investment costs amounting to €3.5 billion
  - waste sector investment costs amounting to €0.56 billion
- Such implementation coordination task is only affordable to strong national environmental institution
- Strengthening of the MEMSP role as national coordinator and further development of planning documents was the main conclusion after our last meeting in December

# Transforming policy ideas into projects

After EAS adoption, Directive specific implementation plans are developed to increase operational level of EU accession planning documents:

- First draft of DSIP for Landfill directive is presented during Waste sub-group meeting. The document will be upgraded in the next period and updated version including list of investment priority projects and identified TA needs expected until next Waste sub-group meeting
- First draft DSIP for UWWTP which will be guide to investment process in waste water sector is developed and after improved will serve as background for projects pipeline development
- Draft DSIPs on Industrial emissions, Noise, Emissions ceilings, Emissions trading are developed and available

# Investment and financing process modelling in waste sector

- In waste sector we went through all planning stages
- Currently we are putting effort into finalisation of DSIP on Landfill and better defining project components to be financed from national, EU and other funds
- Which components to finance depends from available resources and time frame for implementation of our obligations for implementing Landfill directive requirements
- In order to establish reliable forecast of financing flow we need assessment of funding from all sources, including donors assistance

## **Establishing balance between environmental financing demand and supply**

- Through our planning efforts we are coming much closer to understanding of overall needs for environmental financing
- In order to be efficient in allocating resources, we want to see demand for financial resources for all sectors in one document as well as supply of resources from all funds
- This is core for our negotiation position in particular as regards transitional periods we need to negotiate
- In order to put resources together we need very open dialog with donors community
- We will discuss details of this approach in our last session

## Communication with donors community

- Keeping informed:
  - Annual Waste coordination meetings 2009, 2010
  - Aid coordination meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> 2011
  - Waste subgroup meeting April 19, 2012
- Establishing dialog
  - Reflecting requests for specific information – today's discussion on local government request by Germany
  - More information regarding donors support strategies
  - More information regarding donors support funds to be realistic when developing our environmental financing planning documents



# Summary

- Environmental sector is very demanding
  - One of most extensively regulated by EU law. Second after agriculture
  - One of most expensive to implemented – 10 BEUR for Serbia
- Accession process is an opportunity to make significant step forward implementing environmental standards. But environmental sector may also become one of main obstacles in the accession process if scope and size of the task is neglected
- Considering complexity of the sector, sector wide approach is important for environment to be able to well prepare for negotiations and implementation. This requires strong coordination of the Chapter 27 working group currently lead by the Ministry of Environment
- EU accession process provides long term priorities in environmental sector and stability of the process. Our today's meeting can prove this as well. But quality of the process very much depends on institutional resources and institutional stability as well



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