

AID COORDINATION GROUP ON ENVIRONMENT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Aid Coordination Group (Environment) is to achieve the greatest possible effectiveness and efficiency in donor support for the Serbian Government's Strategy and Plans in the Environment Sector.

The Group will be led by the ministry with responsibility for Serbia's Environmental approximation to the EU, based on Chapter 27, the Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning (MEMSP). It will consist of the other Serbian Government ministries and agencies responsible for actions within Chapter 27 and those international donors active within the Environment sector within the Republic of Serbia.

The scope of the responsibilities of this group will be defined in line with Chapter 27 and the National Environmental Approximation Strategy (NEAS), adopted by the Government in October 2011. Using the NEAS as the basis for sector strategies the areas of focus are as follows:

- 1.1. Horizontal;
- 1.2. Air quality and Climate Change;
- 1.3. Industrial Pollution and Noise;
- 1.4. Nature Protection;
- 1.5. Chemicals and Genetically Modified Organisms;
- 1.6. Water management;
- 1.7. Waste management.

The strategic framework guiding the Group will be NEAS, including but not limited to the National Programme for Environmental Protection (2010-2019) and the relevant sector strategies such as the Waste Management Strategy (2010-2019).

Progress in the work of Aid Coordination Group will be measured against the Aim of the Group, which is to support to Serbian Government strategy in environment sector. Work on identifying appropriate indicators is ongoing, the following is a draft of the type that can be used for outputs and outcomes in municipal solid waste and waste water:

Indicator	Baseline (2011)	Target (per year)
Number of meetings of Aid Coordination Group	Once a year	Twice
Number of meeting of sub-groups	-	4
Number of policy documents presented	1	1

Information about priorities presented	1	2
Information about implementation of projects presented	1	2
Information about needs for project financing presented	1	2
Donors Investment/ TA strategies/ programmies presented	-	According to the planning cycle
Information on progress in the EU accession process presented	-	1

2. Activities of the Aid Coordination Group

A key principle inherent to the Group is to support national leadership and decision making at all levels through participation and dialogue with international partners.

The following points describe how the Group will operate. The MEMSP retains the flexibility to adapt to the members' recommendations:

2.1. Participation and chair:

The Group will include representatives of donors, Serbian European Integration Office, relevant ministries, SEPF, SEPA, relevant institutions and agencies active in the Environment Sector, SCTM, IFIs active in the Environment Sector (WB, EBRD, KfW etc). The Group will be chaired by a representative of the MEMSP.

2.2. Meetings:

The full Group will meet in a Donor's Conference at least once a year convened by the MEMSP. Sector specific sub-group meetings can take place as agreed with the chair and will report back to the main Group.

A draft agenda for each meeting will be disseminated in advance for comments and additions from the participants.

2.3. Harmonization:

The Group will coordinate and harmonize external support to the public sector and civil society at national, regional and local levels. Greater harmonization of mechanisms, processes and systems of development support (e.g.: M&E, project reporting, supervision and review, financial management, procurement) are planned in line with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Sector Wide Approach (SWAp)

2.4. Sharing of information:

The Group the minutes of the meeting and other relevant material will be available on the MEMSP website and on ISDACon via DACU/SEIO.

2.5. Responsibilities

The Group will have following responsibilities:

- MEMSP – to coordinate and prepare meetings, to present national framework and priorities, activities planned
- Sida (lead donor) – to support MEMSP in abovementioned
- SEIO – to coordinate at national level in the framework of aid effectiveness principles
- Donors, IFI's – to present planned support to sector, to comment on circulated documents in line with deadlines and procedures agreed within Group

3. Review of the Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference are seen as a guiding document on the principles and functioning of the Group. The terms of reference can be reviewed through consensus by the Group if needed.

Endorsed by:

Donor Representatives

Name of Designated member

Name of Alternate member

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National Representatives