

Partnership for improving air quality in the Western Balkans

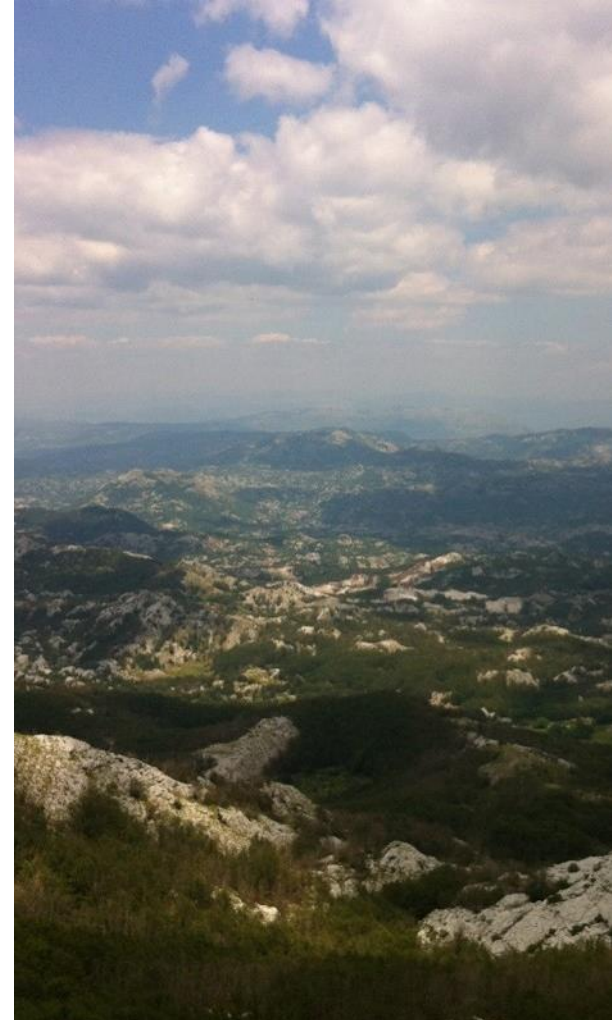
Overall objectives:

- 1) An increased number of children and youth are informed agents of change for improving air quality*
- 2) Improved fulfilment of EU requirements in Chapter 27 on air*
- 3) Improved access to information & increased opportunities for engagement in environmental policy processes*

Network meeting #2

Role of Local Self governments in Air Quality Management

- Improving AQ is a shared responsibility both nationally and regionally
- Local Self Governments have an important role in implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, Depollution pillar
- Local Self Governments are close to citizens
- Capacities for AQ management at local level varies but is overall limited
- Cooperation between national and local level is key for improving Air Quality



- 1336 young people in 95 municipalities engaged
- Youths asks for improved air quality delivered in 95 municipalities
- Youth Air Declarations in two territories
- Curricula improvement, teaching materials, teacher trainings
- Assessments of child and youth sensitive Municipal Air Quality Action plans



**99% of children in the
Western Balkans are
exposed to air pollution**

Agenda for the 2nd regional network meeting for the programme: *Partnership for Improving Air Quality in the Western Balkans*

The role of local self-governments in air quality management and communication

Hotel Metropol in Ohrid, North Macedonia
November 8-9, 2023

Tuesday 7th of November

19:00 – 21:00 Dinner at hotel

Wednesday 8th of November 2023

8:30 – 9:10	Welcome and opening remarks <i>UNICEF, MoEPP, Swedish Embassy, SwEPA</i>
9:10 – 9:20	Introduction to the meeting <i>Annakarín Lindberg, SwEPA and Maria Osbeck, UNICEF</i>
9:20 – 10:00	Presentation of report: “Local government obligations and national level guidance to local governments in air quality management in the Western Balkans” <i>Annakarín Lindberg and Sarah Barnekow, SwEPA and Jana Belcheva Andreevska, NALAS</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee
10:30 – 11:00	Group discussions regarding results of NALAS report
11:00 – 11:15	Air Quality Management and Air Quality Planning <i>Dr. Christian Nagl, EU4Green</i>
11:15 – 11:40	Coordination between national institutions and LSGs for air quality planning in Montenegro <i>Branka Knežević, the Capital Podgorica, Dana Krezović, Pljevlja municipality, Lidija Šćepanović, EPA Montenegro, Gordana Đukanović, EPA Montenegro</i>
11:40 – 12:05	Coordination between national institutions and LSGs for air quality planning in North Macedonia <i>Aneta Stefanovska, MoEPP and Tomislav Andreev, Strumica Municipality</i>

12:15 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:15	How the Swedish EPA works with municipalities <i>Henrik Larsson, SwEPA</i>
14:15 – 14:45	Air quality plans from the perspective of the Swedish municipality Östersund <i>Hanna Lundqvist, Östersund municipality</i>
14:45 – 15:30	Assessment of child and youth sensitivity in air quality plans <i>Antonio Jovanovski, UNICEF and Sarah Barnekow, SwEPA</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee
16:00 – 16:45	Group discussions regarding inclusive and child and youth sensitive air quality plans
16:45 – 16:55	Conclusions
17:00 – 17:15	Early Demonstration of Emissions Inventory Toolkit <i>Olivier Tasse and Eef van Dongen, SMHI</i>
19:00	Dinner

Thursday 9th of November 2023

8:30 – 9:00	Introduction
9:00 – 9:45	Presentation of Social and Behavioral Change Communication <i>Antonio Jovanovski and youth representatives, UNICEF</i>
9:45 – 10:05	Air quality communication in Sweden <i>Olivier Tasse, SMHI</i>
10:05 – 10:35	Coffee
10:35 – 11:00	Air Quality Communication in Kosovo¹ <i>Mentor Shala, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of Kosovo, and Visar Berisha, SwEPA</i>
11:00 – 11:25	Air Quality Communication in North Macedonia <i>Aneta Stefanovska, MoEPP</i>
11:25 – 11:50	Air Quality Communication in Bosnia and Hercegovina <i>Jessica Henecke Dahl and Sarah Barnekow, SwEPA</i>
11:50 – 12:30	Group discussion about air quality communication
12:30 – 13:00	Wrap-up and close meeting
13:00	Lunch

¹All references to Kosovo in this document shall be understood to be in the context of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

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Study on local government obligations

Objectives of the SwEPA/SMHI program:

1. Increased processing capacity of emission data
2. Increased capacity for guidance towards Local Self Governments
3. Increased public accessibility to AQ-measurements
4. Regional dialogue on availability, acquisition and usage of AQ-data established

