

Establishment of MRV rules in Serbia

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Legal setup

- Law on Climate Change

- legal basis for the establishment of MRV

- Bylaws

- Rulebook on Verification and Accreditation of Verifiers of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reports ('Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia,' No. 107/2021)

- Regulation on Types of Activities and Greenhouse Gases ('Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia,' No. 13/2022)

- Rulebook on Monitoring and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions - in the final stage of development



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Institutional setup for GHG permitting

- Ministry of Environmental Protection
 - Issuing GHG permits

- Serbian Environmental Protection Agency
 - Approval of Monitoring Plans

- Accreditation Body of Serbia
 - Accreditation of verifiers



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Procedures of issuing GHG permits

- Application for issuing the permit to the Ministry
- The Ministry shall determine if the submitted application contains the prescribed data and if the monitoring plan has been submitted
- Within 5 days the Ministry shall submit it to the SEPA
- SEPA shall within 2 months from the date of receipt submit to the Ministry a report assessing whether the monitoring plan has been prepared in accordance with the law
- SEPA may request the applicant to submit additional information (if applicant failed to provide in the monitoring plan or information is contradictory/not sufficiently precise)
- The Ministry shall issue a permit within a maximum of 4 months from the receipt of a complete application for issuing the permit, based on the positive assessment of the Agency
- The operator shall submit a verified report on GHG emissions to the Agency by 31. March



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Activities related to MRV set-up

- IT tool – under development
- Preliminary list of operators
- Translation and adaptation of Guidance – ongoing
- Accreditation Body of Serbia is developing scheme for accreditation
- Capacity building for competent authorities and operators
- Study tour in Croatia
- Trainings for operators in tge Serbian Chamber of Commerce (September 2022) additional to be organized soon



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Lessons learned

- Difficulties regarding the adaptation of guidance and templates (excel sheets)
- Adaptation to fit requirements of national legislation
- Time consuming activities, a lot of time needed to develop and adopt Law on Climate Change
- Started from Regulation on Verification and Accreditation, since accreditation body needs time to develop accreditation scheme



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Conclusions

- Start on time to establish system to be in place (adoption of law and bylaws), time consuming
- A lot of capacity building needs, increasing and building capacity in terms of knowledge (specially for monitoring plans because different sectors are included)
- Good prepared Law on Climate Change, but keeping in mind that some part should be in bylaws, since its easier to change it
- Define institutional setup properly – decision of the jurisdiction of all institutions needed for the implementation
- Start trainings with operators, in order to inform them and so they can plan their activities properly
- Cooperation with countries from region, since legal systems are a lot similar
- Study tour in Croatia



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Thank you for your attention!

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