

2021 DEVELOPMENTS IN RESPECT TO KEY SECTOR POLICIES IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENT



SECTOR WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

SWG FUNCTIONALITY

- **SWG Environment and Climate Action does not have own rules of procedure or another document that governs its operation.** Such organizational setup puts under question functionality of this sector group. Lack of institutional support, procedures and competences contributes to uncertainties in respect to SWG internal competences.

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION

- **Three (3) civil society representatives participate in this SWG with the status of members and deputy members.** Civil society representatives were invited, but did not attend the only plenary session held by this sector group in 2021. Therefore, **communication needs to be improved** among SWG members, the ministry and other civil society organizations that operate in the sector on environment and climate action.

CSO CAPACITY

- CSOs are not fully informed about developments within the sector group, which prevents them to **assess effects from SWG work**, including their participation in SWG competences.

EFFECTS FROM SWG WORK

- SWG Environment and Climate Action **held only one plenary session on 17 June 2021**, focused on discussing MESP's strategic response for IPA III thematic priority on environment and climate change and accompanying action fiches for IPA III 2021 and 2022 action programmes.

2019

1 x meetings:

19.12.2019

2021

1 x meetings:

17.06.2021

2020

1 x meetings:

17.06.2020

KEY SECTOR POLICIES

Key Strategy Documents

 Environment Strategy 2014-2020

 National Plan on Waste Management 2020-2030

In the period 2019-2020, MESP was primarily focused on developing the strategy framework for key policies and laws in the sector on environment and climate action, followed by adoption of large portion of said laws by the Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia in 2021. More specifically, eight laws were adopted in 2021, one of which concerned law amendments, as follows:

- **Law on Declaring Part of Shar Planina as National Park;**
- **Law on Amending the Law on Ambiance Air;**
- **Law on Management of Accumulators and Batteries and Accumulator and Battery Waste;**
- **Law on Management of Electrical and Electronic Equipment;**
- **Law on Extended Producer Responsibility for Management of Separate Waste Flows;**
- **Law on Management of Packaging and Packaging Waste;**
- **Law on Management of Additional Waste Flows;**
- **Law on Waste Management.**

In 2021, the ministry's main focus was on waste policies, including environment and air protection. Adoption of these laws had been initiated with opening consultations on the Single Electronic Register of Legislation (ENER) back in 2019, as well as open discussions with civil society organizations. In addition to already adopted legislation, additional laws whose development is underway in different stages of the procedure (submitted to the government for approval or in parliamentary procedure) include:

- **Law on Environment Inspection Supervision;**
- **Law on Nature Protection;**
- **Law on Industrial Emissions;**
- **Law on Climate Action.**

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