



North Macedonia and the Green Climate Fund Project Newsletter

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Project Overview

The project “Support for the management of an effective national coordinative mechanism regarding the Green Climate Fund” is the first project of the Republic of North Macedonia under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme. It is implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) under guidance and leadership of the Cabinet of the Deputy President of the Government of North Macedonia in charge of Economic Affairs, as National Designated Authority (NDA) to the GCF.

The project is focused on strengthening the institutional capacities of the NDA to effectively fulfil its roles and responsibilities related to the GCF. The project will help to create needed national participatory and stakeholder engagement processes and to initiate the preparation of a GCF Country Work Programme, aligned with the national adaptation and mitigation priorities, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the GCF investment criteria.

The project follows the guiding principles of the GCF concerning gender, minorities and vulnerable groups, ensuring that this perspective is a priority within the agenda of the project.

This month's focus:

During the month of July 2019, the NDA and FAO project team continued the national stakeholder consultations in order to further develop the procedures to assess proposals for North Macedonia's engagement with the GCF, more specifically:

- Coordination Mechanism for the GCF,
- Prioritization Procedure for project/programme ideas for GCF funding,
- “No – objection” Procedure to receive the NDA's sign off for developed proposals so they can be considered by the GCF and
- Procedures for tracking, monitoring and streamlining of climate finance in the country from public, private and international sources.

Development of the NDA webpage as a key communication tool for knowledge and information sharing on the GCF activities in North Macedonia was also in the focus in July.

Recent activities

First Focus Group Discussion on the Procedures for Tracking, Monitoring and Streamlining of Climate Finance in North Macedonia

On 10 July in Skopje, the NDA and the FAO project team brought together relevant representatives from the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Local Self-Government, Secretariat for European Affairs, Development Bank of North Macedonia, Macedonian Bank Association and the project team working on development of the Law and Strategy on Climate Change to strengthen their knowledge on monitoring of climate finance, necessary to ensure that GCF initiatives will be complementary to other climate finance flows in North Macedonia.

Participants provided feedback and inputs to the proposed draft options for establishing the procedure and system for monitoring climate finance investments in the Republic of North Macedonia deriving from public, private and international sources. ▶



Second National Consultation Event, Mavrovo

Participants learnt about international experiences and best practices on climate finance monitoring under the UNFCCC, the Paris Agreement and other international methodologies which can be applied in North Macedonia.



First Focus Group Discussion, Skopje

Workshop on Calibration of the Prioritization and Coordination Mechanism for the Green Climate Fund



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Calibration and Prioritization Workshop on the GCF, Mavrovo

As a preparation for the second large national stakeholder consultation event, the NDA and FAO project team conducted a workshop on 11 July in Mavrovo with a specific goal to further discuss the proposed national coordination mechanism for the GCF and to test on a real project case the proposed mechanism and criteria for prioritization of climate investments for GCF funding.

Through practical work and examples both teams also discussed the “No-objection” procedure under development, which is a condition for approval of all funding proposals seeking GCF funding.

The national “No-Objection” Procedure for GCF projects is proposed to be exercised by the NDA, with technical advice from the NDA Strategic Advisory Committee and Sectoral Ad-Hoc Groups, including relevant Government institutions whose expertise is required to conduct a thorough assessment of the proposals. This procedure aims to ensure that financing through the GCF will be transparent, consistent with national climate priorities, strategies, plans, laws and regulations, is country-driven, effective and leaves no one behind.

Second National Consultation Event under the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme

On 12 and 13 July 2019, the second national consultation event took place in Mavrovo. Fifty (50) representatives from 25 institutions (of which 64% were women) including the NDA, ministries, government agencies, international organizations, academia and civil society were consulted on the current development of the key initial elements for establishing strategic engagement of North Macedonia with the GCF, namely:

- The proposed national coordination mechanism for GCF activities in the country;
- The mechanism and criteria for prioritization of developed project proposals in North Macedonia to be submitted for GCF funding;
- The “No-objection” procedure for GCF project proposals.

Topics of discussion included possible future legal status of the NDA, the composition of the NDA - Strategic Advisory Committee, the types and levels of assessment during the GCF projects’ prioritization process.



Second National Consultation Event, Mavrovo

Upcoming events

23 August 2019, Veles – Second Focus Group Discussion on the proposed procedures for tracking, monitoring, and streamlining of climate finance in the Republic of North Macedonia

24 August 2019, Veles – Second Workshop on Calibration of the Prioritization and Coordination Mechanism for the Green Climate Fund

25 August 2019, Veles – Training for the NDA on the “No-Objection” procedure for projects developed in North Macedonia for GCF funding

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