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Albania- Ensuring Information and Public participation in UNFCCC adaptation

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General situation

- The Albanian Government became part of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1995
- Ratified the Kyoto Protocol in 2004, so acknowledging the importance of climate change and the need to take effective measures to mitigate its consequences.
- Levels of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Albania are about four to five times lower than average international levels. This is because a high percentage of electricity is produced by hydropower, but also because energy consumption per person is low and industrial productivity has continued to fall.



What we have done

The main political documents that address climate change issues are:

- National Strategy for Development and Integration (2007-2013)
- First National Communication for UNFCCC (2004)
- Second National Communication for UNFCCC (2009)
- Intersectorial Environmental Strategy 2007-2013
- Policy document of Carbon Financing in Albania, 2009
- Plan of action for the implementation of the Policy Document for Carbon Financing in Albania



Policy in process....

- The draft chapter on climate change as part of Environment Cross-cutting Strategy 2015-2020 -ongoing process of consultation and it is foreseen to be approved within this year.
- The drafting process of the National Strategy for Climate Change is foreseen to start in June 2015.
- Implementation the Project for the National Plan on Adaptation on Climate Change



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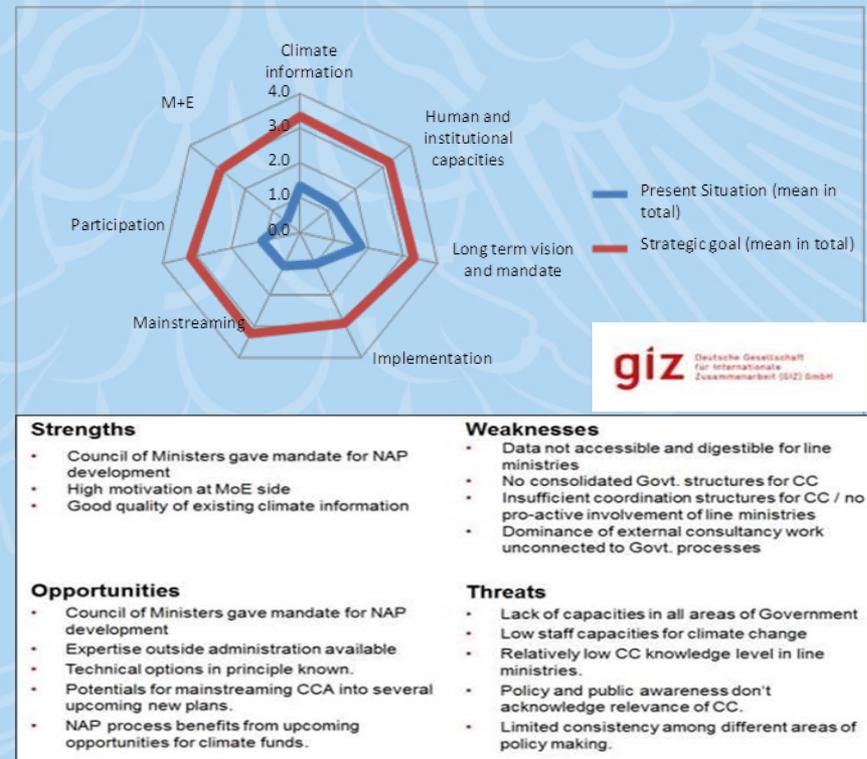
Situation of climate information in Albania

Survey 2005

- Low level of information

“The survey results reveal that almost 46% of the people interviewed, when asked about when and how will Albania be affected by climate change, said that they do not believe that a temperature increase has happened due to climate change impact¹. On the other hand, the survey shows that 77,1% of the interviewees think that Albanian citizens are able to actively participate in climate change policy-making, which leaves room for interventions that would make the population more active in terms of climate change issues”

Situation 2014





Following steps

- Approved and implemented of the “Strategy for Effective Communications for Climate Change Issues in Albania” (Unit for Climatic Change in MoE 2005)
- Created the web site for climatic change www.ccal.al
- Media Campaign (three times in 2006,2009 and last 2011)
- Printed material
- School education - include incorporation of climate change– related materials in textbooks and curricula

Partnership

- UNDP
- World Bank
- GIZ
- REC (training, education and rising awareness activities)





Final remarks

Practical Considerations in the Development of Public Awareness

- Grass-root organizations and local NGOs will play a pivotal role in the successful development of public awareness, as they are typically most aware of current social, economic and environmental issues.
- Public awareness materials need to adapt the abstract and technical subject matter of climate change issues in a practical and understandable format.
- Particularly in rural areas, separate awareness materials and messages need to be targeted towards women, as they are often the primary subsistence harvesters of forest resources and the first to suffer the consequences of its degradation.



Albania and COP 15

- Albania's intended nationally determined contribution to the 2015 international climate agreement
- Albania is in the process of defining its intended nationally determined contribution (INDC) to be submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat prior to the Paris COP. A political process has been initiated by the Ministry of Environment in order to develop and submit an INDC before the Paris COP. The INDC technical process has started led by the MoE and ECRAN, supported by UNDP and GIZ. It is expected to be submitted to UNFCCC Secretariat, by October 1, 2015.



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Thank You!

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