

HORIZONTAL ISSUES:

1. To continue further alignment of the legal framework (primary and secondary) with the EU acquis in all sectors, according to EU best practices **(Quarterly Report)**;
2. Follow-up of past recommendations which have not yet been fulfilled, in terms of ensuring and reflecting the progress by Line Ministries, should constantly be monitored and reported by the MEI to the Commission, with a focus on implementation **(Quarterly Report)**;
3. Adequate financial and budgetary resources should be foreseen and ensured for all commitments, as well as relevant staffing and management.
4. Independence and strengthening of the regulatory bodies and institutions in all sectors **(Quarterly Report)**;
5. MEI to ensure donor coordination and provide tables showing national and donor contributions and plans, covering national and local level, for these sectors for 2016 and beyond (**Q2 2017**)

ENVIRONMENT

Air quality

- Adoption of Action Plan for Air Quality 2017- 2019 **(Q3-2017)**
- Installation of central software for real time air quality monitoring **(Q1 - 2018)**
- Real time air quality monitoring to be conducted, Kosovo-wide, and 6 monthly continuous data to be provided to the Commission and made public **(Q3 2017)**
- Identification of air pollution sources **(Q3 2017)** and beginning of effective implementation of reduction measures **(Q4 2017)**

Waste Management

- Full implementation of Waste Master Plan in the 17 municipalities covered by the waste project **(Q3 - 2017)**
- Hazardous waste storage operator to be functional and operational, including financing **(Q2 2017)**, staffing, premises and preparation of Waste Management Plan **(Q3 2017)**, with quarterly reporting on progress.

Water quality

- Adoption of the Water Strategy and related Action Plans **(Q2 2017)**
- Identification and monitoring of risk areas regarding ground water and surface water, and report on situation and proposed remedial measures **(Q4 2017)**
- Drafting of the river basin management plan for “Drini i Bardhë” **(Q2 - 2018)**
- River Basin District Authority to be functional **(Q1 2017)** and operational **(Q2 - 2017)** including financing, staffing and premises, with quarterly reporting on progress.

Nature protection

- Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) for 2016/2020 to be adopted **(Q3 2017)**
- To start preparing the Draft Red Book of fauna **(Q4 2017)**

CLIMATE ACTION

- Adoption of the Strategy and Action Plan for Environment and Climate Change 2017- 2019 **(Q2 - 2017)**, and development of plans for its mainstreaming into other policy areas, particularly energy and transport, including timetable for legislative alignment **(Q2-2017)**.

- Submission of draft project on Development of national system of greenhouse gas monitoring and reporting, for donor financing **(Q2 2017)**

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Preparation (involving the EU Office as an observer in the drafting Working Group), adoption **(Q2 2017)** and implementation of a concept paper on regional development.

TRANSPORT

Connectivity

- Implementation of the transport connectivity reform measures before the Trieste Summit **(Q2- 2017)**

Road transport

- Stepping up of institutional, legislative and enforcement efforts to improve road safety **(Quarterly Report)**
- Presentation of concrete measures on road safety **(Q2 2017)**
- Provision of detailed and well-structured information on the level of approximation of Kosovo law with the EU law related to road safety (what is partially/fully transposed) **(Q3 2017)**
- Stepping up of the implementation of social legislation in international road transport (driving and rest periods, tachographs) in accordance with European rules (EU and AETR = Work of Crews in International Road Transport) **(Q4 2017)**
- Complete the regulatory reform in road transport (access to the profession, access to the international market) **(Q2 2017)**

Rail transport

- Continuation of reforms in the railway sector and more particularly, efforts towards mutual recognition of train driver licenses and to review technical rules and safety rules in rail transport (**Q4 2017**)
- Appointment of the railway investigator to the aeronautical accident and incident investigation Commission (**Q2 2017**).
- Information to be provided about (1) the status of the accident investigation body (the institutional set-up, scope in terms of transport modes, the independence from the safety authority, the Ministry, the infrastructure manager and any train operator and (2) the selection, appointment and dismissal procedure and the employment status of the accident investigators (**Q1 2017**)

Air transport

- Adoption of the Concept Paper on the regulation of labour relations in line with the Acquis on working conditions including those on working time (**Q1 2018**)
- Finalization and adoption of the Kosovo aviation strategy (**Q1 - 2018**)

ENERGY

Connectivity

- Implementation of the energy connectivity reform measures before the Trieste Summit (**Q2-2017**)
- Removal of legal and contractual obstacles to establishing the balancing market, organised electricity markets and market coupling (**Q1-2017**)

Internal market

- Ensuring the adoption of the key secondary legislation ensuring deregulation of both generation and supply prices to all customers other than households and

small enterprises, to implement procedures to establish a functioning balancing market and imbalance settling mechanism (**Q1-2017**)

- Ensuring the effective certification process of the electricity transmission system operator (**Q2-2017**)

Security of supply

- Consideration of the security of supply and making a final decision as regards new generation capacity and decommissioning the TPP Kosovo A (**ERA deadlines Q1**) and ownership modalities of TPP Kosovo B (**ERA deadlines Q4**);
- Adoption of a comprehensive energy strategy for the period 2017-2026 (ERA deadline **Q1-2017**) and operational action plan (**Q3-2017**)
- Urgent adoption of the Law on Compulsory Oil Stockholding, compliant with the Directive 2009/119/EC (**Q4-2017**) and subsequent adoption of the relevant secondary legislation (**Q1 2018**)

Renewable Energy

- Adoption of the updated plan on renewable energy, including appropriate measures to ensure Kosovo is reaching the 25% renewable energy targets in 2020 (**ERA deadline Q3-2017**)
- Adoption and finalisation of the legislation necessary to transpose the sustainability criteria for bio-fuels and bio-liquids, (**Q4-2017**) and then definition of a certification scheme and appointment of a certification body (**Q1 2018**)
- Ensure compliance with requirements of State Aid Guidelines 2014-2020 and introduce a market-based approach to grant support for renewable energy producers.

Energy efficiency

- Following adoption of the 3rd National Energy Efficiency Action Plan, establishment of a supporting financial mechanism for financing energy efficiency measures and the transposition of the Energy Efficiency Directive 2012/27/EU (Q3-2017)
- Following the adoption of the Law on Energy Performance of Buildings, adoption of the secondary legislation transposing Directive 2010/31/EU, namely (Q2-2017):
- Regulation on setting the minimum energy performance in new residential buildings, buildings under renovation and other types of housing buildings (Q2-2017)
- Regulation on the energy performance certificate for new buildings and other buildings (Q2 2017)
- Regulation on inspection of heating system and air conditioning equipment (Q2-2017)

Nuclear safety and security

- To strengthen the capacity of the Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Agency (Q4-2017), and focus on proper and efficient licencing (e.g. x-ray machines) (Q4-2017) and prepare the mitigation plan for the clean-up of possible depleted uranium sites (Q2-2017).