

Integrated Reporting and Transparency System

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

9966

Countries

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Project Name

Integrated Reporting and Transparency System

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

3/7/2019

Review completed by PM

7/9/2019

Program Manager

Milena Vasquez

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

PIF

CEO Endorsement

Project Design and Financing

1. If there are any changes from that presented in the PIF, have justifications been provided?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

MGV/JDS, 3/31/19: Minor changes from the PIF have been sufficiently justified.

Response to Secretariat comments

2. Is the project structure/ design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request MGV/JDS, 3/31/19: Yes

Response to Secretariat comments

3. Is the financing adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request MGJV/JDS, 3/31/19: Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments

4. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, and describes sufficient risk response measures? (e.g., measures to enhance climate resilience)

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request MGJV/JDS, 3/31/19: Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments

5. Is co-financing confirmed and evidence provided?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request MGJV/JDS, 3/31/19: Yes cofinancing letters have been provided.

Response to Secretariat comments

6. Are relevant tracking tools completed?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

MGV/JDS, 3/31/19: Indicator 2 in the results framework suggests very modest gains from this project (a “2” to a “4”). An outcome of “4” suggests very limited and ad hoc verification, which suggests the MRV system that is to be created from this project will not be fully functional (despite piloting and roll out). Given the nature of support received to date and the support from this project, we ask that the agency and country re-evaluate this indicator.

MGV, 7/9/2019: Indicator 2 has been adjusted. Comment cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

UNDP, 04/11/19, Indicator 2 in the results framework has been increased to a “6” on page 31 of the CEO ER. This reflects the support received to date and the anticipated support from this project but also factors in the unique administrative and political complexities of MRV activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

7. Only for Non-Grant Instrument: Has a reflow calendar been presented?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

8. Is the project coordinated with other related initiatives and national/regional plans in the country or in the region?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

MGV/JDS, 3/31/19: Please provide additional information on prior GHG transparency efforts and lessons learned from capacity-building projects funded by the EC (e.g. BiH's participation in the Environment and Climate Regional Accession Network (ECRAN), the Regional Implementation of Paris Agreement Project (RIPRAP), etc.) and how this project builds on these efforts.

MGV, 7/9/2019: Additional information on coordination has been provided. Comment cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments UNDP, 04/11/19: The project development team met with the EU Delegation and reviewed previous and planned projects involving BiH in the field of climate change as part of the PPG phase. Both ECRAN and RIPAP covered MRV topics in their scope of work. Their focus, however, was primarily on high-level awareness-raising among government stakeholders and the development of government support for and understanding of the importance of climate change MRV. As such, they have contributed to a willingness in the government and an understanding of potential requirements that is conducive to improving and expanding climate change MRV, while the proposed CBIT project will develop concrete MRV systems. The text of the CEO ER has been edited on pages 16 (Table A.3.1: Stakeholder Overview) and 22 (Table A.6.1: Overview of Coordination with Related Programs and Projects) to reflect this.

9. Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request MGV/JDS, 3/31/19: Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments

10. Does the project have descriptions of a knowledge management plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request MGJV/JDS, 3/31/19: Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments

Agency Responses

11. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments at the PIF stage from:

GEFSEC

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Response to Secretariat comments

STAP

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

GEF Council

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

Convention Secretariat

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

Recommendation

12. Is CEO endorsement recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

MGV/JDS, 3/31/19: Not yet. Please address comments above. In addition, please fill in the appropriate Rio Markers for this project (now has its own space, not under the taxonomy section). We would recommend Mitigation 2 and Adaptation 1.

MGV, 7/9/2019: Rio Markers have been added and other comments have been addressed.

7/22/2019: After review by PPO, we have found that UNDP will perform some executing functions for the project as quoted from UNDP's project document and as shown in the Project Organization Structure in page 51 of UNDP's project document. In accordance with the Guidelines on the Project and Program Cycle Policy, the procedures for a GEF Implementing agency to perform executing functions require that the documentation presented at CEO Endorsement include an explicit request signed by the GEF OFP(s) of the participant country(ies) indicating the specific roles and responsibilities of all partners, including any execution activities provided by a GEF Agency. The request should provide a sound justification for the execution activities that the GEF Agency may perform. Agency should obtain such a letter

and submit to GEFSEC for review. Once the full documentation is presented, the GEF Program Manager needs to assess the justification and consult with GPU Management on whether to approve it or not.

9/26/2019: Thank you for the submitted letter from the OFP providing an explanation for the need to have another executing agency; however, we did not find it to be sufficiently justifiable as to why these executing functions need to be performed by the implementing agency, as opposed to another entity. Utilizing the same agency should be only a last resort -- if and when governments do not have the capacity to execute certain functions, the provision is to consider other options, which include other entities to take on EA roles that can support the government as needed. The implementing agency can perform certain execution roles only if no other option is available or viable. Please reconsider executing arrangements to ensure all other options have been exhausted.

12/19/2019: Execution arrangements were further discussed with the OFP during COP 25 in Madrid. Alternative execution arrangements will be sought by the government.

6/29/2020: Execution arrangements have been changed. The government will execute this project through the Ministry of Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology of Republika Srpska. Comment cleared. PM Recommends CEO endorsement.

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Response to Secretariat comments

UNDP, 04/11/19: The appropriate Rio Markers will be entered in the new designated area as CCM 2 and CCA 1.

UNDP, 09/11/19: The executing functions of UNDP in this project, project implementation arrangements as Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) and CO support services which are identified in the project document are confirmed as per the letter of OFP for GEF review.

UNDP, 10/25/2019: Justification Letter regarding Direct Implementation Modality, signed by the GEF OFP has been provided.

UNDP, 05/18/2020: The execution arrangement of the project will be NIM.

Review Dates

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Response to Secretariat comments

	Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief Reasoning for CEO Recommendations

The objective of this project is to develop Bosnia and Herzegovina's capacities to meet the requirements of the transparency framework under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the Paris Agreement on March 2017. Its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) includes an unconditional greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of 2% by 2030 and a conditional reductions target of 3% compared to 1990, which compared to the business as usual scenario, represents a possible reduction of 23%. The project will focus on establishing an overarching structure across sectors and key institutions to respond to the transparency requirements through an inter-ministerial coordination committee, as well as on creating the capacities to foster improved adoption of data related to Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) for policy decisions.

The project is aligned with the CBIT programming priorities to support activities that strengthen national institutions for transparency-related activities, to provide relevant tools, training, and assistance for meeting the provisions stipulated in Article 13, and to assist in improving transparency over time. The project is also aligned to capacity needs identified in the International Consultation Analysis of its first biennial update report (BUR).

The project aims to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Strengthening institutions to improve monitoring and reporting praxis and to establish a domestic MRV system;
2. Improvement of GHG inventories and NDC information

The project also aims to improve the MRV of different key sectors through the generation of new data and data flows to monitor mitigation actions and policies, coupled with specific training in data analysis and QA/QC procedures. This project is aligned and will coordinate with the activities under the recently approved Fourth National Communication/Third BUR project.

Co-financing of \$250,000 is provided by the national government in-kind.