

Development of the First Biennial Transparency Report and the combined Fourth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report of Serbia under the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11069

Countries

Serbia

Project Name

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Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

3/7/2023

Review completed by PM

3/20/2023

Program Manager

Esteban Bermudez Forn

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)

Section I - Enabling Activity Summary

Funding elements.

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF funding elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF-8 Programming Directions? Is the General Enabling Activity Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/30/2023:

This project is aligned with the GEF-8 climate change focal are strategy. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Cost Ranges.

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/30/2023:

The project has no deviations in the cost range. The costing is in line with the [information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15](#).

Agency's Comments

Enabling activity summary.

Is the enabling activity summary clear? Are the components in Table B and as described in the enabling activity request sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 4/14/2023: Cleared.

EBF 3/30/2023: Please address the following comment:

1. Regarding abbreviation words, to avoid confusion, please explain what CMA (Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement) stand for the first time it is mentioned.

Agency's Comments

14/04/2023:

1. Thank you for the GEF SEC comment. The abbreviation ?CMA (Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement)? is clarified in a footnote in the EA request form.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 4/14/2023:

1. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.
2. Cleared.
3. Cleared.

EBF 3/30/2023: Please address the following comment:

1. In line with Decision 9/CMA.1, the country plans to submit an Adaptation Communication

as a component of NC4/BTR2. Please clarify if the country also intends to include its Adaptation Communication as a component or in conjunction with its BTR1.

2. According to the [UNFCCC](#), the first Biennial Update Report (BUR) of Serbia was submitted on March 28, 2016 and not in 2013. Please correct.
3. Considering that the third National Communication (NC3) and second BUR (BUR2) are yet to be submitted to the UNFCCC. Please indicate in the project proposal that the resources for the first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1), the combined Fourth National Communication (NC4) and second Biennial Transparency Report (BTR2) will be disbursed to the executing partner after the UNFCCC submission process of the NC3 and BUR2 is confirmed.

Agency's Comments

14/04/2023

1. According to paragraph 11 of Article 7 of the Paris Agreement, the adaptation communication referred to in paragraph 10 of this Article shall be, as appropriate, submitted and updated periodically, as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2, and/or a national communication. Serbia is planning to submit its Adaptation Communication as part of its National Adaptation Plan (NAP) in 2023. Following that, Serbia will submit its Adaptation Communication as a component of the NC4/BTR2 in 2026. As Adaptation Communication will be submitted as part of the NAP in 2023 and as part of the NC4/BTR2 in 2026, Serbia does not intend to submit Adaptation Communication as part of the BTR1 in 2024.

2. The submission date of the BUR1 to the UNFCCC is corrected as 2016 in the EA request form and the ProDoc.

3. Reference has been included in both EA Request Form and ProDoc that resources for the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) and the combined Fourth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report (NC4/BTR2) will be disbursed to the executing partner after the UNFCCC submission process of the NC3 and BUR2 is confirmed.

- Kindly note that the Project Document in English is uploaded to the documents section in the GEF Portal.

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/30/2023:

Yes, institutional arrangements, including the narrative description of the project activities are well elaborated.

Agency's Comments

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/30/2023:

Yes, \$15,000 are budget for M&E related activities.

Agency's Comments

Section 3. Information Tables

GEF resource availability.

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table F (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

EBF 3/30/2023:

Yes, it is in line with GEF policies and guidelines.

Agency Response

**Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):
STAR allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments
Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments
N/A

Agency's Comments
LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments
SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments
Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments
EBF 3/30/2023:

Yes, this is in line with the [information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15](#).

Agency's Comments
Rio Markers.
Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's Comments
EBF 3/30/2023:
Yes

Agency's Comments

Country endorsement.

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point at the time of the EA submission and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database? Are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in Portal

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/30/2023:

Yes, the project has been endorsed by the GEF OFP of Serbia and the endorsed amounts are consistent with the amounts in the Portal.

Agency's Comments

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)

Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Council comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments
CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments
Project Budget Table.

Is the project budget table attached? Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 3/30/2023: Yes. Cleared.

Agency's Comments
Environmental and Social Safeguards.

If there are screening documents or other ESS documents available, have these been attached? (only as applicable)

Secretariat's Comments EBF 3/30/2023: Yes, they have been attached. The overall project risk is categorized as low risk.

Agency's Comments
**GEFSEC DECISION
RECOMMENDATION.
Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?**

Secretariat's Comments
EBF 4/14/2023: The project document in English has been uploaded to the documents section. The PMs recommend the clearance for CEO Approval.

EBF 3/30/2023: Please address the comments above. In addition, please upload the prodoc in English to the documents section of the project.

REVIEW DATE(S)

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	3/30/2023	4/14/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/14/2023	
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