

# **TAIEX TRATOLOW Regional workshop on “Urban adaptation, resilience and SECAP adaptation component” – focusing on the climate risks heat and pluvial flood in urban areas and its surrounding**

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**22.-23. February 2023**

**Venue: Sheraton Istanbul Levent  
Istanbul, Türkiye**

**Beneficiary: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Türkiye**

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## Aim of the Workshop:

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The overarching objective of the workshop is to support and further promote the exchanges between Beneficiaries and urban areas through sharing of experience and good practices on especially adaptation efforts in Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP). The focus will be on the climate risks of heat and pluvial flood, especially on local vulnerability, impact and risk assessments, cost/benefits of adaptation solutions, local adaptation planning and implementation of adaptation solutions.

The regional event will support the development of SECAPs and focus on the issue of adaptation and resilience in the urban, peri-urban and rural context in terms of promoting climate change adaptation actions at municipal and city level and fostering cooperation with the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

The workshop aims at strengthening beneficiary's efforts toward regional and local adaptation planning and seize linkages to disaster risk reduction and local to regional development. It also aims at facilitating inter-regional and transnational exchange on urban adaptation and resilience activities, providing guidance, highlighting emerging best practices, and showcasing examples and case studies. Knowledge, experiences and approaches will be presented that support policymakers, governmental and administrative officials as well as experts at the relevant sub-national level of cities and municipalities.

## Speakers:

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- **Ms. Ine Vandecasteele**  
Expert Urban Adaptation  
European Environment Agency
- **Mr. João Dinis**  
Office Coordinator  
Municipality/City of Cascais, Portugal
- **Mr. Miljenko Sedlar**  
Assistant managing director  
North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency
- **Ms. Petra Pomper**  
Construction and Spatial Planning Advisor  
City of Križevci, Croatia
- **Ms. Cinzia Davoli**  
Head of Sustainable Development and Decision Support Systems Service  
Metropolitan city of Milan
- **Ms. Celsa Monrós**  
Director General for Climate Change  
Valencian Regional Government

- **Ms. Jole Lutz**  
Officer for Urban Resilience and Climate Adaptation  
ICLEI Europe
- **Ms. Aysen Erdinler**  
Head of Environmental and Climate change directorate  
Istanbul metropolitan municipality
- **Ms. Sibylle Strahl**  
Coordinator Energy and Climate Cluster  
GIZ
- **Ms. Dubravka Bosnjak**  
Regional Project Manager for Western Balkans  
GIZ
- **Ms. Daiva Matonienė**  
Project Team Leader in Türkiye  
EU4Energy
- **Mr. Tuncer Demir**  
Professor  
Akendiz University, Antalya, Türkiye
- **Ms. Anja Margetić**  
Deputy Mayor  
City of Sarajevo, BiH
- **Mr. Strahilo Moconja**  
Advisor  
City of Laktasi, BiH
- **Ms. Violeta Philippitsch**  
TRATOLOW Team Lead  
Environment Agency Austria
- **Mr. Markus Leitner**  
TRATOLOW Expert  
Environment Agency Austria

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## Travel day: Tuesday 21 February 2023

	<i>Arrival to Istanbul, transfer to Sheraton Istanbul Levent Hotel (addr. Büyükdere Cad. No: 3-4 Kagithane)</i>
20:00 – 23:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome networking dinner, hosted by EU4ET project</b></li> <li><b>Levantino Restaurant, Sheraton Istanbul Levent Hotel</b></li> </ul>

## Day 1: Wednesday 22 February 2023

**Chair: Mr. Markus Leitner, TRATOLOW expert**

**Venue: Sheraton Istanbul Levent**

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
09:00 – 09:15	<p><b>Welcome, opening remarks and workshop objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Markus <b>Leitner</b> and Ms. Dubravka <b>Bosnjak</b>/Ms. Sibylle <b>Strahl</b></li> </ul>
09:15 – 09:30	<p><b>Welcome on behalf of DG CLIMA &amp; TRATOLOW project and City of Istanbul</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Violeta <b>Philippitsch</b></li> <li>• Ms. Ayşen <b>Erdincler</b>, Head of Environmental and Climate change directorate of Istanbul metropolitan municipality</li> </ul>
09:30 – 10:15	<p><b>European overview – state of play urban adaptation</b></p> <p>Urban adaptation in Europe: how cities and towns respond to climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ine <b>Vandecasteele</b></li> </ul> <p>Implementation of Urban Adaptation – Examples from Europe focusing on the climate risks heat and pluvial floods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Jole <b>Lutzu</b></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Comfort break</i>
10:45 – 12:00	<p><b>Covenant of mayors and SECAP development, focusing on the adaptation components</b></p> <p>Key requirements of the Covenant of Mayors and SECPAs, specifically Adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Miljenko <b>Sedlar</b></li> </ul> <p>EU4ET Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye – state of play and way forward in adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Dubravka <b>Bosnjak</b></li> <li>• Ms. Daiva <b>Matonienė</b></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break and time for group pictures</i>

<p><i>13:00 – 14:15</i></p>	<p><b>Examples of urban adaptation and resilience in beneficiaries and Croatia</b>          Cities of the region, focusing on climate risks, specifically heat and pluvial floods of the adaptation component          Adaptation Options for Floods and Overland flows in the Inland and Coastal Regions of Istanbul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Tuncer <b>Demir</b></li> </ul> <p>Experiences from the City of Sarajevo, BiH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Anja <b>Margetić</b></li> </ul> <p>Experiences from the City of Laktasi, BiH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Strahilo <b>Moconja</b></li> </ul> <p>Experiences from the City of Krizevci, Croatia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Petra <b>Pomper</b></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
<p><i>14:15 – 15:30</i></p>	<p><b>Interactive group discussion (4 groups)</b>          The project team together with the previous speakers will collect and compile information from and experiences with (urban and surrounding) climate risks based on the following guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the most relevant climate-driven hazards and risks in your city or municipality?</li> <li>• Which climate risks are likely to increase due to climate change in the future?</li> <li>• What are the most relevant benefits to become active in adaptation?</li> <li>• How can SECAPs contribute to addressing climate adaptation at local level?</li> </ul>
<p><i>15:30 – 16:15</i></p>	<p>Summary of the group work and closing of the Workshop  <i>Feedback from Participants and Closing remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Markus <b>Leitner</b></li> </ul>
<p><i>16:15</i></p>	<p>End of Workshop</p>
<p><i>20:00 – 23:00</i></p>	<p>Networking Dinner <b>hosted by EU4ET project</b></p>

## Day 2: Thursday 23 February 2023

**Chair: Mr. Markus Leitner, TRATOLOW expert**

**Venue: Sheraton Istanbul Levent**

<i>08:30 – 09:00</i>	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
<i>09:00 – 09:15</i>	<p><b>Welcome, opening remarks and workshop objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Markus <b>Leitner</b> and Ms. Dubravka <b>Bosnjak</b></li> </ul>
<i>09:15 – 09:35</i>	<p><b>Guidance along the Urban Adaptation Support Tool (UAST) in supporting urban adaptation from Covenant of Mayors and experienced signatories</b></p> <p><i>Most relevant elements of the UAST, focusing on climate risks and adaptation solutions for heat and pluvial flood</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ine <b>Vandecasteele</b></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
<i>09:35 – 10:45</i>	<p><b>Adaptation solutions and implemented urban adaptation – examples in Europe</b></p> <p>Examples from the municipality/city of Cascais, Portugal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. João <b>Dinis</b></li> </ul> <p>Examples from the city of Zagreb, Croatia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Miljenko <b>Sedlar</b></li> </ul> <p>Examples from the city of Milan, Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Cinzia <b>Davoli</b></li> </ul> <p>Examples of the city of Valencia, Spain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Celsa <b>Monrós</b></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
<i>10:45 – 11:15</i>	<i>Comfort break</i>
<i>11:15 – 12:30</i>	<p><b>Interactive group discussion (4 groups)</b></p> <p>The project team together with the previous speakers will collect and compile adaptation efforts to increase climate resilience. The needs derived from the discussion of day 1 will be of relevance to further progress with climate resilience and feed back into and further strengthen efforts towards progressing city or municipal level adaptation and resilience, based on the following guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are your experiences in urban adaptation?</li> <li>• What is already being done to reduce those risks? (examples)</li> <li>• What are the main gaps, and what is needed to respond to increasing climate-related risks in the future?</li> <li>• What support is needed from the national level? and How to address urban adaptation within the National Adaptation Plan (NAP)?</li> <li>• What is needed to increase the number of cities/urban areas to start working on or further progress on adaptation? and How can more cities become signatories to the Covenant of Mayors?</li> </ul>

<i>12:30 – 13:15</i>	Summary of the group work and closing of the Workshop <i>Feedback from Participants and Closing remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Markus <b>Leitner</b></li></ul>
<i>13:15</i>	End of Workshop
<i>13:15 – 14:00</i>	Networking closing lunch

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