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Information sessions on the upcoming call for applications for small-scale projects implementation in the field of energy, transport and climate

Estimated members,

The ***EU4 Energy Transition - Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Turkey project***, jointly co-financed by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and implemented by GIZ in the Western Balkans, will provide **financial and technical support to municipalities in the region for the implementation of small-scale projects** contributing to mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

These pilot projects should use innovative and local approaches in the fields of energy, transport and climate protection, with a clear focus either on reducing greenhouse gas emissions (through decreasing energy consumption and/or increasing clean energy generation), or on increasing the resilience of municipalities to the impacts of climate change. They should be in line with commitments expressed in the municipalities' Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP), or similar strategic document.

A call for applications will be open from mid-June until the end of July to select the projects which will receive support. In that context, and in order to provide all interested municipalities with general information and a space to clarify any question or comment, a **series of information sessions is organized prior to the launch of the call**, according to the following schedule:

Date and time	Agenda
<i>Thursday 02/06/2022</i> 10:00-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background information on the EU4ET project • Objectives of the project output - SECAP implementation • Q&A
<i>Wednesday 08/06/2022</i> 10:00-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the categories of eligible projects • Examples from the region and beyond • Q&A
<i>Thursday 16/06/2022</i> 10:00-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the call for applications process • Selection criteria • Q&A

The sessions will be hosted by the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS) and are co-organized with the Associations of Municipalities in each country. The event will take place on the Zoom platform through the following link:

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Meeting ID: 860 1533 4087

Passcode: 704635

Sessions will be in English with simultaneous translation to BCMS, Albanian and Macedonian languages. A recording will be shared with members afterwards for those who are not able to attend.

If you have any questions regarding this call for application or the information sessions, please contact the project team at ORF-ETC@giz.de.

Best regards,

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