

# ***Arab Regional Environmental Enforcement Networking Meeting***

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## ***Improving the Implementation of Environmental Law Through Networking and Exchange of Experience***

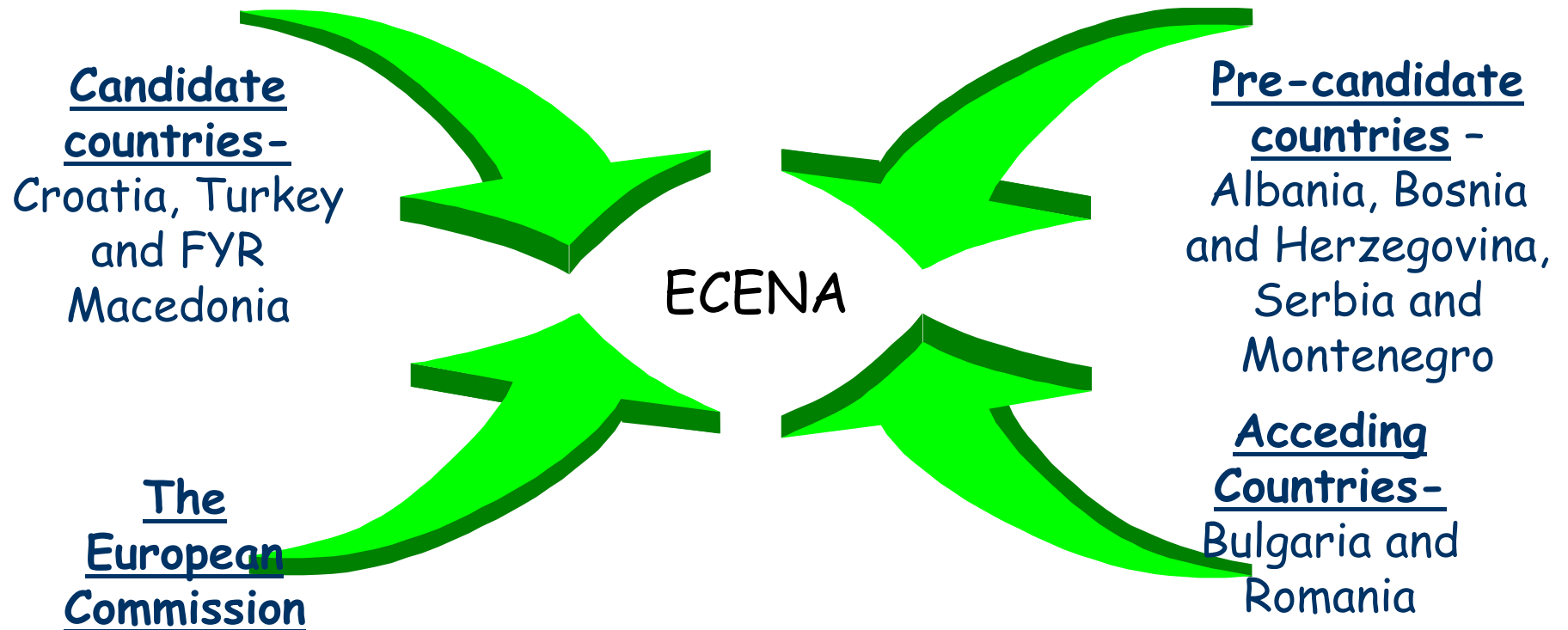
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**Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network for Accession**

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## Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network for Accession

- **An informal network** of enforcement authorities and environmental inspectors
- **Established** with joint agreement of the countries committed to co-operate and supported by donor governments
- **Country driven network** with shared obligations and responsibilities , aimed to find joint solutions for common problems
- Network with **number of successful** regional projects with transparent and visible results
- Network where **exchange of experience** and cooperation is acknowledged as a successful mechanism for achieving significant results in implementation of environmental legislation



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# ECENA Objectives

## ECENA Aims at :

- **Increased effectiveness** of enforcement agencies and inspection bodies and compliance with environmental legislation;
- **Greater understanding** of the steps and measures needed to improve implementation of environmental acquis;
- **Well trained environmental inspectors** and permit writers, capable of performing their tasks of enforcing the environmental acquis;
- **Improved exchange of experience** and knowledge through stronger cooperation with IMPEL, INECE and other networks, as well as through training and exchange programmes; and
- **Taking a consistent approach** among pre-candidate, candidate and acceding countries in implementing the environmental acquis



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# How does ECENA work?

- **Informal Network**
- **National/Network Coordinators**
- **Plenary Meetings**
- **Multi-Annual Work Programme**
- **Strong Secretariat within the REC**
- **Multiply and Sustainable Funding**



# ECENA Activities

- **Network Plenary Meetings** as a forum for strategic discussions and decision making on issues related to the objectives and activities of the network
- **Cluster Projects** aimed to achieve the network objectives and implement PM decisions :
  - **“Train the Trainer” Programmes** for Environmental Inspectorates and Permits Writers
  - **Exchange Programmes** for Environmental Inspectors;
  - **Study Tours** in more advanced countries for Environmental Inspectors;
  - **Assessments** on the legal status and resources available for enforcement and compliance;
  - **Peer Reviews** of the national enforcement and compliance systems
  - **Participation** of ECENA inspectors in other networks work (IMPEL, INECE, REPIN, AECEN)

# Benefits of Networking

- **Enhanced regional cooperation** provided strong political background for increased donor support in solving common problems. The viable and transparent results justifies the donor assistance and provides grounds for further support
- The network of enforcement experts and inspectors results with establishing a **core group of trained personnel** that can further distribute the knowledge on national level;
- **Exchanging knowledge and lessons learned** have significant impact on the improvement of the national permitting systems
- The enforcement agencies backed by Network get **better understanding** from their governments in issues related to the enforcement
- Significant regional training sessions results with **rapid improvement** of the level of enforcement on national level
- **Maintained database** of information and strong secretariat provides permanent place for advice and consultation
- **Participation of ECENA inspectors** to international projects and events results with application of gained knowledge and further improving the capacities.

# Lessons Learned

- **Definition of objectives** and needs based on national priorities and level of development
- **Clear understanding of the benefits** of networking. Networking is a powerful tool.
- **Strong political commitment** to cooperate. Environment is politically neutral issue.
- **Countries ownership** of the network and joint decision making
- **Regular monitoring** and reporting on the progress and developments
- **Country acceptance** and ownership of the results
- **Transparent and visible** results
- **Strong secretariat** that has regional presence , sustainable funding for the network operations and wide cooperation with donors
- **Focus on** capacity building, exchange of experience and implementation of environmental law. **Always have indicators for measuring results**
- **Cooperation and communication** with similar international networks and partners



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**ECENA Member Countries Wish You Success In Your Activities and are  
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