

BiH ESAP 2030+

Development of the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina has started the preparation of an environmental strategy and action plan.

The BiH Environmental Strategy and Action Plan 2030+ will:

- provide BiH environmental authorities with strategic goals, thematic objectives and feasible actions that are clearly defined, agreed and adopted
- help to align BiH's legal and institutional frameworks with the European Union environmental policies and procedures
- identify priorities for domestic financial allocations as well as assist BiH in accessing international financing
- raise the awareness around environmental issues among the general public and the business sector in BiH.

In the long-term, the project will contribute to the process of BiH becoming a member of the European Union. The document will also be a critical tool for relevant authorities to improve the state of the environment in BiH and improve overall citizen health and well-being for current and future generations.



Winter landscape in Bosnia and Herzegovina © Adnan Bubalo



Garbage truck in Bosnia and Herzegovina © Adnan Bubalo

The content of BiH ESAP 2030+ will cover seven important EU environmental policy areas:



Water



Waste



Biodiversity
and nature
conservation



Air quality,
climate and
energy



Chemical
safety and
noise



Sustainable
resource
management



Environmental
management

Planned activities for the preparation of the BiH ESAP 2030+

Stockholm Environment Institute (www.sei.org) will support Bosnia and Herzegovina to collaboratively develop the BiH ESAP 2030+. The development follows a participatory approach, meaning it will include all relevant institutions, the general public, private sector and civil society organizations, as well as the environmental expert community in BiH. The process also promotes mutual respect and equality in terms of gender, nationality, and religion, irrespective of living and income.

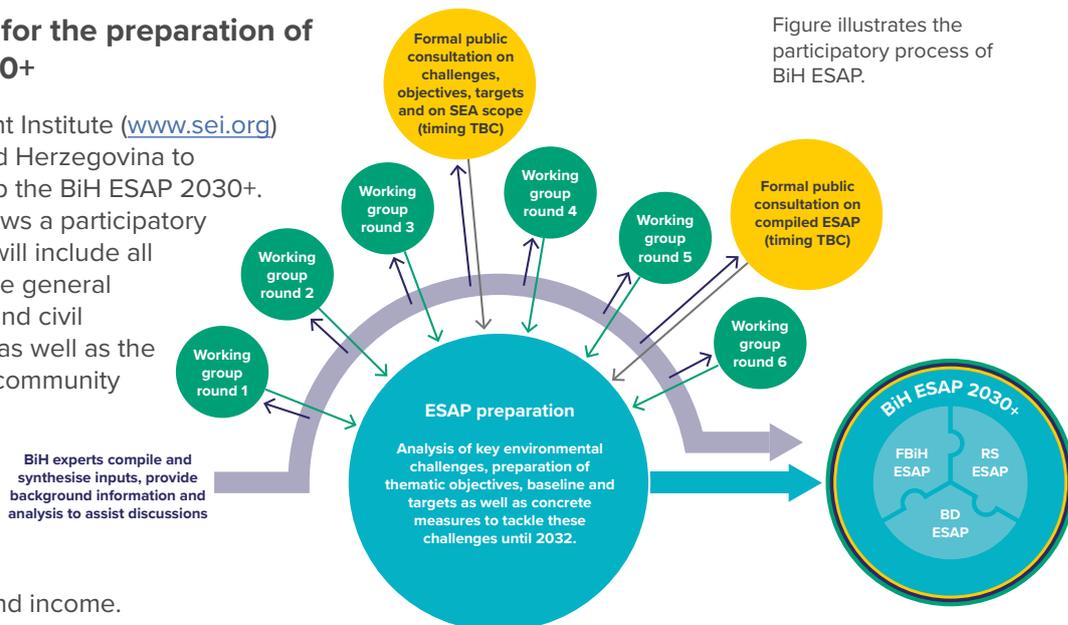


Figure illustrates the participatory process of BiH ESAP.

The preparation of the strategy is carried out between September 2019 and spring 2022. The BiH ESAP 2030+ will comprise of four jurisdiction strategies and action plans (BiH level, the Federation of BiH (FBIH), Republika Srpska (RS) and Brčko District (BD)).

ESAP preparation involves several actors and meetings. In each BiH jurisdiction, there are seven thematic working groups aligned with the seven EU environmental policy areas. In total there are 28 working groups who will meet six times during the project period. Also, two rounds of public consultations will be held.

BiH ESAP 2030+ preparation also includes:

- Assessing the current environmental situation in BiH.
- Supporting the definition of environmental policy in BiH and helping to identify challenges, gaps and opportunities in environmental policies.

- Strengthening the capacities of environmental authorities in BiH and ensuring that public officials and public institutions participate in project-related activities.
- Cooperating closely with relevant NGOs in BiH to ensure their significant contribution to the development of the BiH ESAP 2030+.
- Raising awareness of the general public around environmental issues in BiH and informing the press and media of important processes in the project.

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Read more here:

www.esap.ba



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