

Support climate policy cooperation with the EU's Eastern partners

DG Climate Action contract 071201/2013/666454/SER/CLIMA.C.1
Geographic focus: Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia
Duration: 2014-2016
Contractor: Zoï environment network, Geneva, Switzerland



Objectives



Analysis

help DG Climate Action analyse country-specific information about the institutional set-up, current momentum, trends and future development of climate-related policies in the Eastern partner countries to establish a firm basis for further dialogue and cooperation.



Policy

assist DG Climate Action in developing a coherent approach to the Eastern partner countries to promote the European approach and position related to climate change, and to support the development of low-carbon policies.



Communication

provide Eastern partners with easily accessible information about EU climate policies and cooperation opportunities; provide EU institutions with up-to-date visual information about climate-related issues, policies and plans of the Eastern partners.

Activities

Dialogue with European and international actors in the climate field (interviews and discussions over plans, actions and possible synergies in the region)

Dialogue with the Eastern partners (interviews and discussions over status, plans, needs and opportunities for climate cooperation; in-depth missions to the countries – focus on Central Asia in 2014)

Development of concrete suggestions for strengthening longer-term cooperation with the EU over climate change

Creative communication on climate policies (east > west and west > east)

Some questions to be answered

- What are the Eastern partners' climate-related issues and grievances?
- How far are the countries prepared to go to reduce their impact on the global climate?
- What are the best ways for the EU to help them make this happen?
- Who are EU's natural allies within the region and internationally, and how to build or strengthen cooperation with them?
- How can regional cooperation over climate change be strengthened and supported among EU's Eastern partners?

Important milestones

Climate Summit 2014 (New York)

UNFCCC negotiations: Conference of the Parties 2015 (Paris), interim meetings

EU association talks 2014+

Programming of EU's extended foreign assistance on climate change 2015+

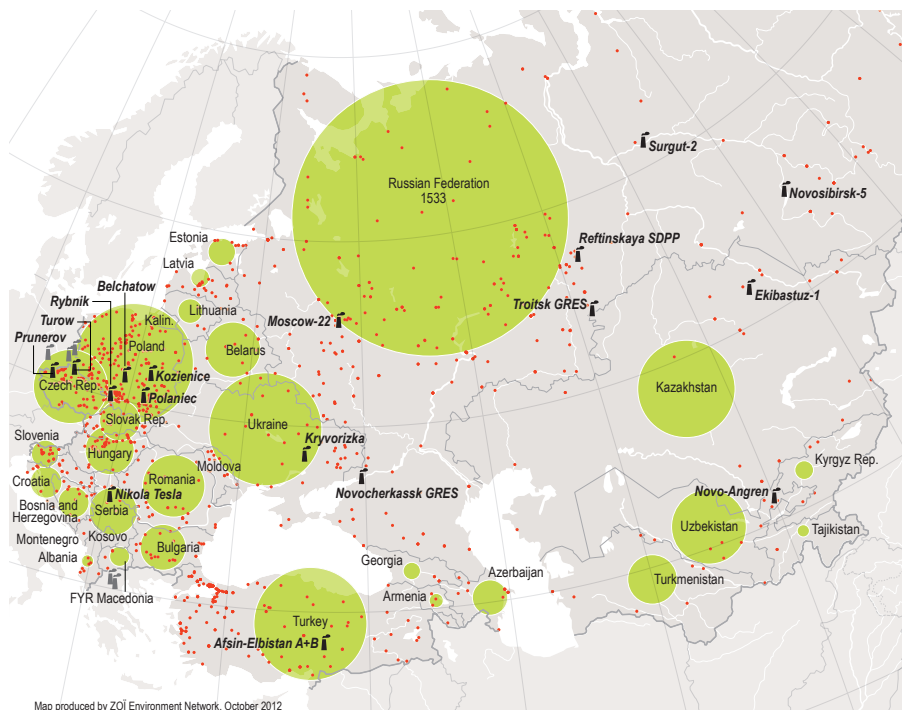
Major national and regional events (e.g. EXPO 2017 in Kazakhstan)

and synergies

Climate-related activities in the Eastern region supported by the EU

Other players and processes – multilateral and bilateral

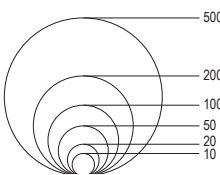
Country-scale institutions and processes, governmental and not (academia, private sector, civil society, media)



Map produced by ZOI Environment Network, October 2012

Power

Carbon dioxide emissions 2009 (mio t)



••• Major powerplants with carbon dioxide emissions

■ Thermal powerplants (coal/oil) with more than 10 million tonnes carbon dioxide emission per year

Source: Carbon Monitoring for Action (CARMA),
Center for Global Development, Washington D.C., United States (→ <http://carma.org>);
IEA World Energy Outlook 2011 (→ www.worldenergyoutlook.org)

Contacts

European Commission / DG Climate Action ec.europa.eu/clima/
Torsten Wöllert, deputy head of unit, Low-Carbon Technologies
torsten.woellert@ec.europa.eu +32-2-299 89 21

Zoi environment network, Geneva, Switzerland www.zoinet.org
Nickolai Denisov, project leader, nickolai.denisov@zoinet.org +41 22 917 8281
Nina Saalimaa, activity coordinator, nina.saalimaa@zoinet.org +41 22 917 8483

*This is an overview of the approach, activities and milestones per March 2014.
The content will be regularly updated in line with evolving priorities and progress.*