

## TAIEX TRATOLOW Workshop on Urban Adaptation

*Organised in co-operation with*

*Transition towards Low Emissions and Climate Resilient Economy in the Western Balkans and Turkey (TRATOLOW)*

**21 - 22 September 2022**

**Venue:**

*Day 1: Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, Pristina, Kosovo\**

*Day 2: Municipality Vushtrri, Kosovo\**

**Beneficiary:**

*Kosovo\**

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# TAIEX

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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 urban areas through sharing knowledge and good practices on local vulnerability, impact and risk assessments, Cost/benefits of adaptation solutions, local adaptation planning and implementation of solutions. The key objective is to strengthen capacities in flood risk management in the light of a changing climate and the projected to increase the frequency and magnitude.

The domestic event will support urban adaptation in terms of promoting climate change adaptation actions at municipal level and fostering efforts on flood risk management in the light of climate change in Kosovo.

The overarching objective of the workshop is to raise the awareness for the need for adaptation in the field of flood risk management and provide a platform for exchanging experience and taking stock of recent developments on, and potential for future increased urban adaptation, specifically flood risk.

## EU Member State Speakers:

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- **Mr. Ingo SCHNETZER**  
Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management, Austria
- **Mr. Darko BARBALIĆ**  
Hrvatske vode, Water Management Institute, Croatia

## Guest Speakers

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- **Mr. Markus LEITNER**  
TRATOLOW Expert
- **Mr. Sylejmon LATIFI**  
Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, River Basin Authority, Kosovo\*
- **Mr. Abdullah PIRCE**  
Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, Kosovo\*
- **Mr. Ferit IDRIZI**  
Major of the city of Vushtrri, Kosovo\*

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## Day 1: Wednesday 21 September 2022

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

**Venue: Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, Pristina**

| Local time    |  |
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| 13:30 – 14:00 | <i>Arrival of participants</i>   |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | <b>Welcome, opening remarks and workshop objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Markus <b>Leitner</b></li></ul>  |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | <b>Welcome on behalf of DG CLIMA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Markus <b>Leitner</b></li></ul>   |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | <b>European overview</b><br>Overview of Adaptation and Flood Risk Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Markus <b>Leitner</b></li></ul>   |
| 14:45 – 15:15 | <b>Activities in Kosovo regarding Flood risk management in the light of climate change</b><br>Brief overview on the current activities Kosovo is implementing in the area of adaptation to climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Abdullah <b>Pirce</b></li></ul> Challenges in the field of water management and rivers and efforts towards flood protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Sylejmon <b>Latifi</b></li></ul> Q&A |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | <i>Comfort break</i>   |
| 15:30 – 16:15 | <b>Exchange with two expert from EU Member States, namely Austria and Croatia, on the issue of flood risk management along a catchment and urban flood risk mitigation in the light of climate change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Ingo <b>Schnetzer</b></li><li>• Mr. Darko <b>Barbalić</b></li></ul> Q&A  |
| 16:15         | End of day 1   |

## Day 2: Thursday 22 September 2022

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

**Venue: Municipality Vushtrri**

| Local time           |   |
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| <b>8:45</b>          | <i>Departure to the Municipality Vushtrri</i>   |
| <b>9:00 – 9:30</b>   | <i>Arrival of participants</i>  |
| <b>9:30 – 09:45</b>  | <p><b>Welcome and workshop objectives of day 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ferit <b>Idrizi</b>, Mr. Markus <b>Leitner</b> and Mr. Abdullah <b>Pirce</b></li> </ul>   |
| <b>09:45 – 10:15</b> | <p><b>Challenges in the field of water management and rivers and efforts towards flood protection general and specific for the catchment region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Sylejmon <b>Latifi</b></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>   |
| <b>10:15 – 10:30</b> | <i>Comfort break</i>  |
| <b>10:30 – 11:50</b> | <p><b>Examples and approaches from EU Member States on flood risk management – e.g. mapping, risk zoning, deriving flood mitigation measures and experiences gained</b></p> <p>Experience in developing flood risk management in the light of climate change from Austria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ingo <b>Schnetzer</b></li> </ul> <p>Experience in developing flood risk management in the light of climate change from Croatia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Darko <b>Barbalić</b></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <p>Interactive group discussion</p> <p>The project team together with the previous speakers will collect and compile what is needed and next steps to further progress on flood risk management along the catchment in the light of climate change along the following guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the approaches used and what needs to be used?</li> <li>• Possible approaches for Kosovo along the catchment?</li> <li>• What is still missing in order to fully manage flood risk in the catchment area?</li> </ul> |
| <b>11:50 – 12:00</b> | <b>Summary of the Workshop discussions</b>  |
| <b>12:00 – 13:30</b> | <i>Lunch break</i>  |
| <b>13:30 – 16:00</b> | <p><b>Field trip</b></p> <p>Visit to relevant points along the catchments and overview about past events and efforts to decrease flood risk</p> <p>Discussion with participants for the needs and next steps</p>  |
| <b>16:00</b>         | <b>End of the Workshop</b>  |

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