



- EU candidate country since 2012
- Contracting party to the Energy Community Treaty since 2006
- The Stabilisation and Association Agreement entered into force September 2013
- Sofia Declaration on Green Agenda for Western Balkan signed in 2020
- Negotiating Cluster 1 "Green agenda" and sustainable connectivity opened in 2021

Road to the MRVA Legal and Institutional Setup – History and Support

- Preparation was <u>time consuming</u> (started in 2013):
 - Two IPA projects "Establishment of an MRV system for EU ETS" (2013-2015) & "Establishment of the MMR in Serbia" (2015-2017)
 - ➤ Main outputs draft of Law on Climate Change and by-laws, institutional set-up defined, start of capacity building
- Challenge to keep up with the evolution/revision of EU climate acquis
- Support needed and received for further revision of by-laws from multiple donors (AFD, WB, UNDP, PLAC), with outsourced expertise:
 - Team of international (EU) and national legal and technical experts outsourced
 - Support from UNDP/EUD project EU4GreenAgenda in Serbia for establishment of the IT system for issuing GHG permits; option chosen due to large number of operators





- Legal basis for MRVA
 - ➤ Law on Climate Change (OG RS 26/21) transposes relevant aspects of ETSD
- Adopted by-laws (operationalization of LCC)
 - ➤ Rulebook on Verification and Accreditation of Verifiers of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reports (transposes AVR) adopted first to support Accreditation Body in establishment of the accreditation scheme in Serbia
 - > Regulation on Types of Activities and Greenhouse Gases (transposes Annex I of ETSD)
- To be adopted (full operationalization):
 - ➤ Rulebook on Monitoring and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (transposes MRR) developed, passed the inter-ministerial consultation process; currently under legal-technical revision as a process ahead of adoption that is expected in forthcoming period)

MRVA Institutional Setup



- Ministry of Environmental Protection
- Issuing GHG permits
- Serbian Environmental Protection Agency
- Approval of Monitoring Plans for stationary installations
- Accreditation Body of Serbia
- Accreditation of verifiers
- Civil Aviation Directorate
- Approval of Monitoring Plans for aircraft operators (not operational on the national level)

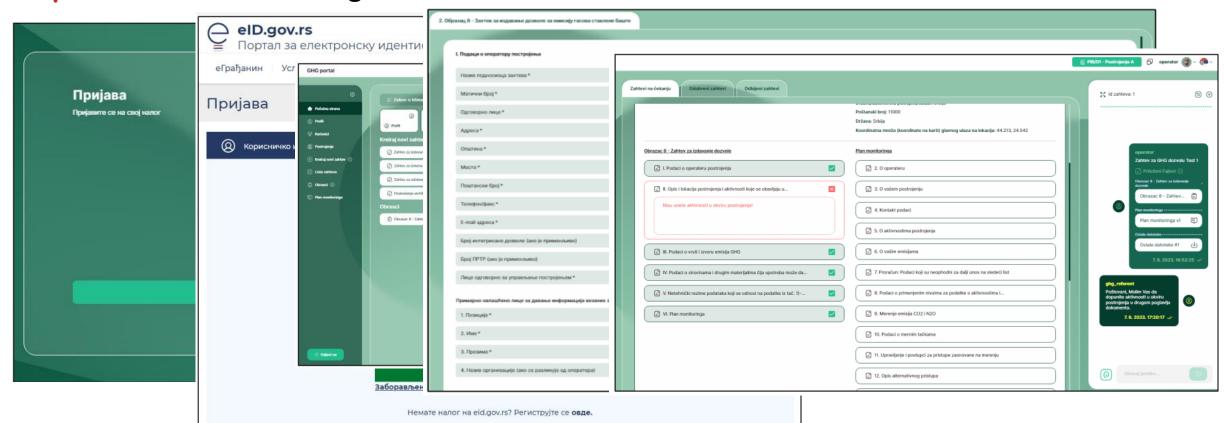
Activities related to MRV setup (1)



- Preliminary list of operators prepared (approx. 150)
- Translation and adaptation of EU Guidance/Templates ongoing but very challenging as all the information are related to EU MS context; will be published together with MRR
- Accreditation Body of Serbia is developing scheme for accreditation of verifiers
- Capacity building/study tours for competent authorities, operators, ABS, verifiers etc. past and planned/ongoing – through the support of TRATOLOW/TAIEX, EU4GA
- Partnering with Serbian Chamber of Commerce on capacity building to ensure outreach

Activities related to MRV setup (2)

- IT tool for issuing GHG permit eGHG one-stop-shop communication platform between operators, CA/SEPA, verifiers
 - Developed and tested with CA and operators, some adjustments
 - Will be launched together with MRR



Challenges and needs

- Strengthening of capacities from installation level to national level
- Exchange of experience in implementing MRV in defining procedures, formats, competences especially for matters not specifically defined by the acquis
- Identification of further needs and gaps to be able to understand what needs to be done (applies especially for trading aspects of ETS)
 - DSIP for EU ETS currently under preparation
- Understanding implications of certain options on the economy and society as a whole before making decisions on any mechanisms (impact assessments)

Thank you for your attention.

