**CONCEPT NOTE**

**REQUEST FOR SUPPORT ON CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY**

1. **Title**

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| *Please insert a title that summarises the specific topic of the support request.*  **Capacity building of for development of BTR1 in the context of the Enhanced Transparency Framework requirements** |

1. **Contact data**

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1. **Support requested**

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| **Area** | *Please choose the relevant area(s) of support that is being requested.*   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ☐ Institutional arrangements for transparency | | | | ☐ GHG Inventory | ☐ NDC tracking | ☐ Mitigation actions | | ☐ Adaptation and impacts | ☐ Loss and damage | ☐ Support needed/received | | ☒ Report development (NC, BUR, BTR, NIR, etc.) | | ☐ Other (please specify) |   Click here to specify. |
| **Type** | *Please choose the type of support that is being requested.*   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ☐ Bilateral cooperation | ☐ Multilateral cooperation | ☐ Webinar | | ☐ In-country workshop/training | ☒ Online workshop/training | ☐ Peer-review or simulation of ICA process | | ☐ Hands-on expert support | ☐ Consultancy services | ☐ Other (please specify) |   Click here to enter text. |
| **Objective** | *Please describe the objective of the support requested, e.g., improving institutional arrangements, developing specific technical capacities, etc. and how the requested support will address the country’s needs in enhanced climate transparency?*  The main objective of the requested support is to strengthen institutional and technical capacities necessary for the preparation of Republic of Serbia’s First Biennial Transparency Report to better understand and apply requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework during the BTR preparation process. |
| **Expected outcome** | *Please describe the expected outcome of the support requested.*  Increased capacity and better understanding of the requirements of the ETF in the context of preparation of 1BTR. |

1. **Current context and reason for requesting the support**

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| *Please shortly describe the current context of transparency in your country in which this support will come in and explain the reasons for requiring support in this specific area. Please also state if you have received or receiving similar support in this area (e.g., CBIT, GEF Enabling Activities, ICAT, UNDP, RedINGEI, GSP).*  Government of the Republic of Serbia has submitted two National Communications (NC1 in 2010 and NC2 in 2017) and two Biennial Update Report on Climate Change (BUR1 in 2016, BUR2 in 2023). Serbia’s NC3 has been adopted by the Government and pending submission to the UNFCCC Secretariat. Project for the development of Serbia’s BTR1 and NC4/BTR2, approved by GEF, started in November 2023, and will build upon the previous NCs/BURs work as well as on the MRV system and institutional structures established within the CBIT project. It will further facilitate its operationalization, collection of data and information of relevance to climate change mitigation and adaptation, tracking of NDC implementation, and support needed and received, while providing a strong gender focus in all relevant report sections. In the area of climate change adaptation, the project will build upon the vulnerability assessments and the climate change adaptation measures as defined by the GCF-NAP project for Serbia. It will also contribute to the implementation and further revisions of the NDC document and advance climate ambition for the next NDC cycle, by ensuring a close cooperation between the policy makers and the science sector. However, since BTR is the first document of its kind, Ministry of Environmental Protection requires support to ensure proper understanding of obligations stemming from Article 13 of the Paris Agreement as well as relevant MPGs. |

1. **Proposed activities and estimated budget**

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| *Please provide a description of the proposed activities and the estimated budget for the requested support, including country’s co-financing.*   * Online training/webinar for representatives of Ministry of Environmental Protection and other relevant stakeholders.   **Table 1.: Estimated budget for the requested support**   | ***Item/activity*** | ***Amount*** | ***Cost (USD)*** | ***Subtotal (USD)*** | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **CBIT-GSP financing** |  |  |  | | Consultancy |  |  |  | | **(1) Total CBIT-GSP financing** |  |  |  | | **Country Co-financing** |  |  |  | | Communication costs |  |  |  | | **(2) Total Country Co-financing** |  |  |  | | **(3) TOTAL (1)+(2)** |  |  |  |   *Note: Table 1 can be completed with support from CBIT-GSP Regional Network Coordinator* |