

CONCEPT NOTE

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT ON CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY

1. Title

Please insert a title that summarises the specific topic of the support request.

Support of Serbia's National team to prepare for the TER of the 1BTR

2. Expected (desired) time of support

Please insert a suitable time for support provision.

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3. Contact data

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4. Support requested

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)

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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 **TER** process
☐ Hands-on expert support ☐ Consultancy services ☐ Other (please specify)

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Objective	<p><i>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?</i></p> <p>The main objective of the requested support is to strengthen institutional and technical capacities necessary for the preparation of Republic of Serbia's national team to better understand and prepare for the upcoming Technical Expert Review process for their 1BTR.</p>
Expected outcome	<p><i>Please describe the expected outcome of the support requested.</i></p> <p>Enhanced capacity to prepare for and effectively respond to the upcoming Technical Expert Review (TER) process for the First Biennial Transparency Report (1BTR). This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a well-prepared team. • Gaining a thorough understanding of the TER process. • Ensuring the ability to address all questions in a clear and transparent manner. • Maximizing the benefits and opportunities provided by the TER process.

5. Current context and reason for requesting the support

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).

The Government of the Republic of Serbia has made significant progress in its climate reporting efforts. It has submitted two National Communications (NC1 in 2010, NC2 in 2017 and NC3 in 2024) and two Biennial Update Reports on Climate Change (BUR1 in 2016 and BUR2 in 2023). In November 2023, a new project, approved by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), commenced for the development of Serbia's First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) and Fourth National Communication (NC4)/Second Biennial Transparency Report (BTR2). This project builds upon the achievements of previous National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs), as well as the Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system and institutional frameworks established under the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) project.

In December 2024, Serbia successfully submitted its first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1), alongside the National Inventory Document (NID) and corresponding Common Reporting Tables (CRT) for the period 1990–2022, thereby meeting the submission deadline. However, due to time constraints, the submitted reports did not undergo a third-party quality review.

The next phase within the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) involves the Technical Expert Review of the BTR. At this stage, the country team requires additional support to enhance the clarity and transparency of its submission, ensuring a successful review process. Since the Serbian team underwent a last technical review within the ICA process in 2016 (almost ten years ago) the Ministry of Environmental Protection seeks support to ensure a thorough understanding of obligations under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, as well as the application of relevant ETF requirements for the technical review.

6. Proposed activities and estimated budget

Please provide a description of the proposed activities and the estimated budget for the requested support, including country's co-financing.

An online Technical Expert Review (TER) simulation will be conducted for representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbian Environmental Protection Agency and other relevant stakeholders. The simulation will include the following key components:

1. A desk review of the First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1), including the provision of questions and comments to the national team.
2. A desk review of the First National Inventory Document (NID1), including the provision of questions and comments to the national team.
3. An online TER simulation session with the national team, providing recommendations and guidance on how to effectively prepare for the official review process.
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Table 1.: Estimated budget for the requested support

<i>Item/activity</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Cost (USD)</i>	<i>Subtotal (USD)</i>
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