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The connection between the Green Agenda and the Circular Economy Strategy: in general and on the example of Serbia/Albania/Montenegro/Bosnia and Herzegovina/North Macedonia

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1.Green Agenda

- Possible definition:
 - Green agenda is a participatory method for developing and implementing **local** sustainable development strategies and plans with active involvement of different sectors in the local community where the process is conducted
- Green vs brown agenda
 - While the **green agenda talks about choice – use less, recycle more** – the **brown agenda, for those directly affected, is about a lack of options. Poor communities poisoned by toxic pollution have no where to go, no one to turn to. They cannot afford to move. They cannot afford to clean up the pollution.**

Green Agenda have to be focused on particular region, country, subregion, town....

This presentation is focused on countries:
Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Montenegro, Albania, Serbia and North Macedonia

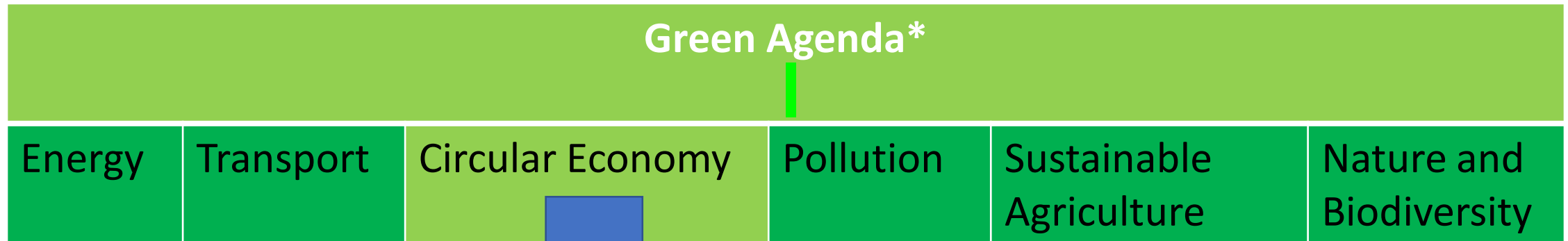


The Green Agenda and sustainable connectivity (Cluster 4)

Transport (Chapter 14)	Energy (Chapter 15)	Trans-European Networks (Chapter 21)	Environment and Climate Change (Chapter 27)
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1.1. Green Agenda from EU angle (for accession countries)

For those countries:



Green Agenda is not equal Circular Economy

Doing activities in accordance with Green Agenda do not mean *a priory* that these are activities within Circular Economy

*ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOFIA DECLARATION ON THE GREEN AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS 2021-2030

Circular Economy



	Action	Indicative timeframe	
1	Improve sustainability of primary production of raw materials	2030	
2	Apply an industrial ecosystem approach to attain environmentally sound balanced economic recovery	2025	
3	Develop circular economy strategies looking at the entire lifecycle of products	2023	
4	Make further progress in the construction and maintenance of waste management infrastructure for cities and regions	2025	
5	Design and implement consumer-targeted initiatives to raise awareness of citizens on waste prevention, separate collection and sustainable consumption	2022	
6	Conclude and implement a regional agreement on the prevention of plastic pollution , including specifically addressing the priority issue of marine litter	2022	
7	Further implement Smart Specialization Strategies , place-based, innovation-led transformation agendas for sustainability	2024	

3. Snapshot examples for countries*:

3.1.Serbia

Green Agenda	Circular Economy
Cluster opened for negotiation	<p>The process is continuing with some (small) steps and good example cases, primarily at company level.</p> <p>In 2020, an Ex-ante analysis of effects related to the (future) circular economy policy is completed, as well as “A Roadmap for circular economy in Serbia” published</p>
<p>More details in presentation https://webdosya.csb.gov.tr/db/dongusel/icerikler/7-andjelka-m-hajlov-11th-may-tr-20220613144901.pdf</p>	

<http://env-net.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Circular-Economy-2020.pdf>

3.2. Albania

Green Agenda	Circular Economy
Moderately prepared in most areas related to Green Agenda....	the concept of 'circular economy' is still at an early stage The revised Integrated Waste Management Strategy is developed over the vision or perception of the concept of "zero waste"; In the Strategy Policy Paper and Integrated National Waste Management Plan 2020-2035, the main aim, mentioned at the very beginning of the document is the transition from linear economy to circular economy, The term 'circular economy' can be found for the first time in an official document, but without any defined targets.

3.3. Montenegro

Green Agenda	Circular Economy
Cluster opened for negotiation, with closing benchmarks	Developed Roadmap - Towards the Circular Economy in Montenegro , presented in April 2022 https://www.circularchange.com/projects-1/2022/5/3/roadmap-towards-the-circular-economy-in-montenegro

3.4. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Green Agenda	Circular Economy
Some limited progress in the most areas	Circular economy is considered through waste management Some programs on circular economy are at early stage of development

3.5. North Macedonia

Green Agenda	Circular Economy
Limited progress	The set of laws on waste management and special waste streams incorporating the circular economy principles are adopted

4. Concluded remarks i.e. possible recommendations

- The circular economy concept in **Serbia**/Albania/**Montenegro**/Bosnia and Herzegovina/North Macedonia remains in its early stage.
- From signals on selected countries seems (to me) that it is good chance to be lost in terms, may be by purpose, in nexus green agenda-circular economy strategic actionsThe concept of circular economy usually/still is identified with green economy and green agenda (Green Agenda is not equal Circular Economy; Doing activities in accordance with Green Agenda do not mean a priori that these are activities within Circular Economy)
- **In developing country Circular Economy Strategy it is advisable to be focused on goals, as well as to make prioritization.** A clear strategic direction of the state is needed for the transformation of the economic model in the direction of circular economy



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