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Policy recommendations, proposal for UNFCCC Loss and Damage Focal Point

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State of climate governance and Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system in North Macedonia

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- MRV - the key requirement in the field of climate change
- Functional MRV system:
 - ✓ demonstrate clear and reliable information regarding the work that is already done and the support that is still required and build trust in its climate actions; meet reporting obligations to the Paris Agreement, EnC and EU;
 - ✓ enhance credibility of decision makers and promote good governance;
 - ✓ improve national policy and development planning; and
 - ✓ unlock new sources of finance and support.
- MRV financial support (received and needed) - precondition for financing
Starting point - a clear definition of "climate finance"
- **Is not purely for international reporting, it is vital to inform decision makers and the national public and improve climate and sectoral policy planning.**



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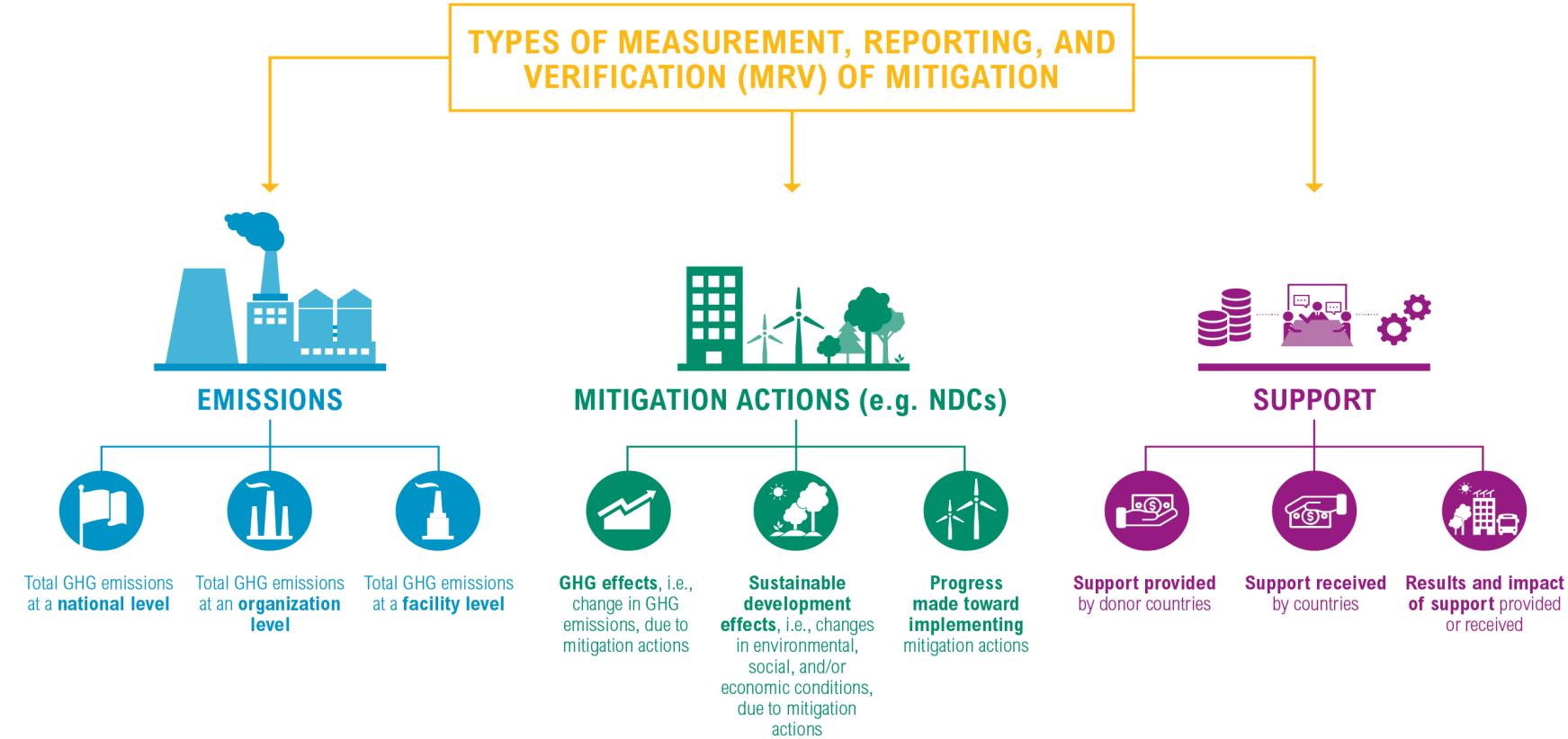


- The main MRV requirements - track and report:
 - ✓ greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
 - ✓ progress towards NDC/NECP mitigation and adaptation targets
 - ✓ policies and measures (PAMs) – planned and implementation
 - ✓ types of support received or still needed/provided or mobilized
 - ✓ action and support to advert, minimize and address climate related loss and damage
 - ✓ MRVA of GHG emissions - cornerstone of the EU ETS
- Measurable indicators (current and values to be achieved)
- BTR - UNFCCC submission portal
- NECP progress report - Reportnet 3, e-Reporting platform
- ***Lack of legal framework, institutional set up and data collection systems in North Macedonia***



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*For simplicity, this graphic uses the term "emissions" as shorthand for "emissions and removals."

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- Operational MRV system in North Macedonia:
- ✓ intersectoral task and a common need and challenge (e.g. Energy Ministry reports on NECP, State Statistical Office on SDGs)
- ✓ collaborative efforts for: legal basis and governance/coordination structure, capacity building
- ✓ mid-term - integration of climate and MRV frameworks into sectoral policies and decision-making processes



- Based on existing system(s) or build a new separate MRV system
 - ✓ MRV Platform designed in 2021 - not aligned with the Reportnet 3, without climate finance, adaptation and climate-driven L&D and not operational
- Preconditions for functional MRV/LCA implementation:
 - ✓ Clear mandates and sufficient number of employees and qualified staff (e.g. in MOEPP, Macedonian Environmental Information Center, sectoral ministries)
- National Coordination Committee on Climate Action - basis for improvements (insufficient number of employees and qualified staff, particularly in MOEPP, and financial constraints could cause a delay in implementation)



▪ **Recommendations:**

- ✓ adoption of the draft Law on Climate Action - the first priority
- ✓ adoption of bylaws, primarily those set by the Growth Plan
- ✓ improvement of national governance system, primarily adequate institutional structure and employees in Climate change unit within the MOEPP, Administration on Environment and MEIC
- Implementation of MRVA – important for potential introduction of **national** carbon tax and CBAM requirements.
- Establishment of coordination mechanisms, NCCC, signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) or data supply agreements (DSAs) among Ministries/data holder highly recommended.
- **Crucial:** Further strengthening of the administrative capacity, **human resources – increase of number and capacity**, in entities involved in MRVA/MRV, and e-Reporting platform.



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AIM

2020

2030

2040

2050

REVOLVE

How

Mirror EU **carbon pricing**
through new mechanism for
imports into EU

Comply with WTO and be fully in
line with international trade rules

Addressed at companies, not
countries, based on **actual carbon
content** of imported goods

Focus on **carbon intensive
sectors**

Prevent carbon leakage to
ensure effectiveness of EU
climate policy

Complements and reinforces
the EU ETS

Contribute to decarbonisation
globally and to reaching climate
neutrality by 2050



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- Climate change adaptation as a typical case
- Devastating floods and heat waves: US\$667m in losses, the past 20 years in North Macedonia
- An investment of **US\$6.4 billion** over the **next decade to protect** against climate change impacts, equivalent to **0.8-1.2% of GDP per year until** 2050. Without such investments, the annual expected **damages will rise to 4% of GDP in the year 2050.**



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- Establishment of NAP - convergence of CC and DRR - and multi-hazard early warning system urgent need
- GCF - funding and scaling up Early Warning Systems (EWS)
- ✓ invested approx. USD 933 million in early warning projects
- ✓ ALBAdapt – Climate Services for a Resilient Albania, 40,4 m,
approved: 18 Jul 2024



Financial



Opportunities for
Adaptation Planning Support



GREEN
CLIMATE
FUND



Guidance & Knowledge Sharing



NAP
Global
Network



United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate Change



and many more...



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- Synergy of DRR and CCA - the common risk-reduction and vulnerability-reduction objectives
- ✓ Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030)
- ✓ Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, that shall contribute to overcoming of financing gaps in the field
- Frequently the governance evolved in parallel (global and national level)
- DRR strategies and national adaptation plans developed in isolation from each other - suboptimal utilization of resources (human, financial..)



- Paris Agreement - averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage
- System to track ***climate-driven economic and non-economic L&D***
- Certain improvements in Macedonia: creation of the new Sendai Framework and SDG 13 Reporting Module within the Crisis Management Centre's E-Assessment platform (Protection and Rescue Directorate - prevention, preparedness, response and early recovery, MoEPP – responsible for the UNFCCC/Paris agreement)
- ✓ Collected data will be imported by: National Coordinator for DRR, CMC, PRD, MoEPP, municipalities, etc. aiming to establish the National Disaster Loss Database within the E-platform maintained by the CMC
- ✓ Doesn't recognize climate-induced loss and damage
- Parties are invited to appoint L&D contact point - 66 countries nominated



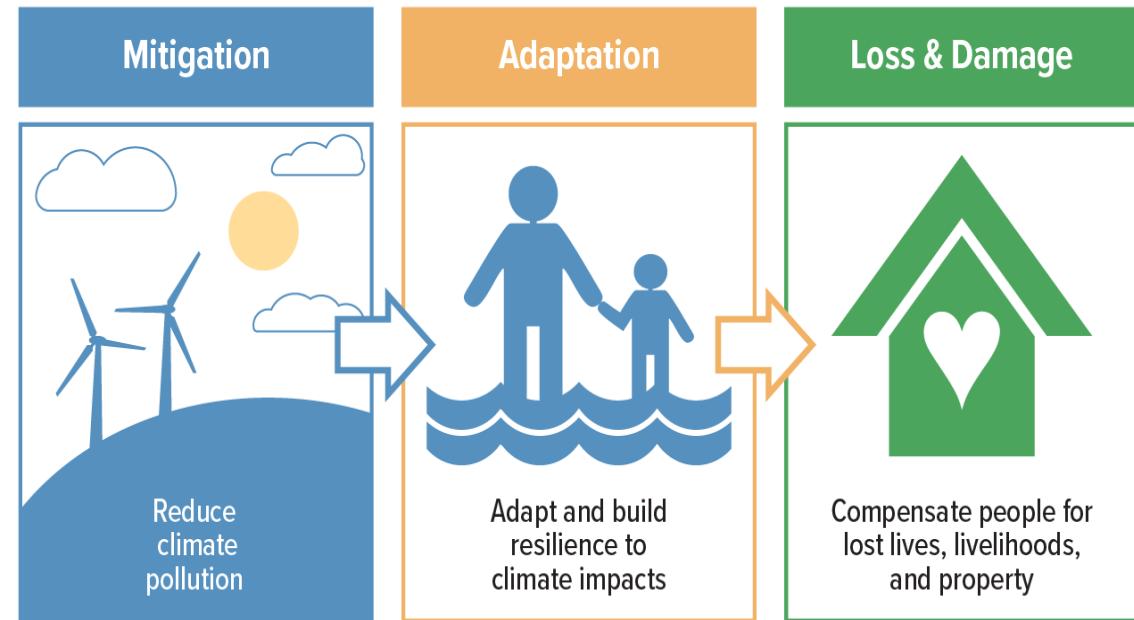
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- Loss and damage can be averted by reducing greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) and minimized by taking preemptive action/prevention to protect communities from the consequences of climate change (adaptation)
- Climate plans and policies should account for loss and damage alongside mitigation and adaptation

The Three Elements of Climate Action Are Mitigation, Adaptation, and Loss & Damage



Source: Policy Basic: Advancing Racial, Economic, and Health Justice Through Climate Action.



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- MoEPP as the L&D NFP/Contact point:
 - ✓ The most common globally
 - ✓ Mainstream and coordinate policy planning in mitigation and adaptation
- North Macedonia:
 - (1) MoEPP senior professional staff supported by technical staff:
 - ✓ Adaptation unit within the Climate change unit in the MOEPP;
 - ✓ Adaptation working group within the NCCC, as an independent advisory body, led by MOEPP, HMS, and CMC by rotation
 - ✓ Responsible person for adaptation reporting in the MEIC
 - (2) Head of Adaptation unit/Climate change unit – close cooperation with the NCC



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- CMC E-Assessment platform - a repository on loss and damage data.
- The CMC - the key L&D data collection and storage authority
- Methodologies and approaches - developed in cooperation with the Adaptation working group
- **Appoint L&D NFP when establish institutional structure and to add responsibility for the NAP development**



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General recommendations:

1. Strengthen data collection and exchange to generate evidence of the nature and scale of loss and damage
2. Establish a Multi-Hazard Integral Early Warning System (MHEWS) – GCF
4. Strengthen CMC data collection to provide a deeper, more extensive view on climate-related loss and damage, including slow-onset events and non-economic losses (see www.unrr.org/L-Tracking)
3. Streamline and significantly scale up funding mechanisms



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Q&A

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Thank you for your
attention!