

## State of play of climate policy action in the Republic of North Macedonia

The Government of the Republic of North Macedonia adopted the following documents<sup>1</sup>:

- Enhanced Nationally Determined Contribution to the Paris Agreement (eNDC)-in April 2021
- Third Biennial Update Report (3<sup>rd</sup> BUR) on climate change-April 2021
- Long term strategy on Climate Action and Action Plan-August 2021

By adoption of this documents, the country set it medium- and long-term goals

In response of the COP decision at Paris, reiterated by 2018 decision at COP24 in Katowice, and in line with the Decision of the Government from its 65th session held on April 13th 2021, the Republic of North Macedonia communicates the following enhanced nationally determined contribution to the global efforts for GHG emissions reduction: In 2030, 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions compared to 1990 levels. Expressed in net emissions, in 2030, 82% reduction compared to 1990 levels. The enhanced NDC is focused on mitigation area, with a vision to include adaptation component in the subsequent submissions, once the relevant national strategic and planning documents are prepared and adopted. The main components of NDC enhancement<sup>1</sup> are realized in the following areas: Mitigation ambition, Implementation and Communication. In additional to these goals, the results from the analyses of the potential to decrease the greenhouse gas emissions in non-energy sectors were incorporated, i.e. a total of 63 policies and measures for alleviation in the following sectors were analysed: Energy (including: procurement of energy, housing and non-specified, industry, transport); Agriculture, Forestry and other land use (FOLU), Waste and Additional Measures (enablers of alleviation measures).

A Long-term Vision the Republic of North Macedonia is, by 2050, a prosperous, low carbon economy, following sustainable and climate resilient development pathways, enhancing competitiveness and promoting social cohesion through action to combat climate change and its impacts.

A long-term objective quantifying North Macedonia's contribution to the global effort Reduction of national net GHG emissions (including Forestry and Other Land Use and excluding MEMO items\*) of 72% by 2050 compared to 1990 levels (or GHG emission reduction of 42% by 2050 compared to 1990, excluding FOLU and MEMO items) and increased resilience of North Macedonia's society, economy and ecosystems to the impacts of climate change (\* MEMO items include emissions from aviation and electricity import)

The enhanced NDC is strongly connected to the preparation of the Integrated Energy and Climate Plan, the Long-term Strategy and draft Law on Climate Action.

Several documents were developed as a supporting tool for the implementation of enhanced NDC<sup>2</sup>:

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<sup>1</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> BUR

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eNDC

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Long term strategy and Action Plan

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<sup>2</sup> Supporting eNDC documents

<https://klimatskipromeni.mk/article/30#/index/main>

- Financing Strategy for the Macedonian enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions to Climate Change
- De-risking Macedonian Renewable Energy Finance and Policy Landscape Investments  
Financial and policy de-risking of the enhanced NDC
- Carbon Tax Roadmap and relevant technical analysis
- Circular Economy Roadmap on mitigation of Macedonian GHGs emission in the waste sector
- Socio-Economic Assessment, including COVID-19 impact assessment

As a result, a *Roadmap for implementation of the Macedonian enhanced NDC* has been developed<sup>3</sup>, following the framework of undertaking and communicating ambitious efforts in GHG mitigation as indicated in Article 3 of the Paris Agreement. The goal of the roadmap is to provide a pathway for the implementation of specific mitigation actions in North Macedonia. As such, the Roadmap is a tool that can be used to:

1. Increase awareness and provide guidance for key stakeholders on the actions necessary to achieve the eNDC target.
2. Set out a pathway with concrete mitigation actions and interventions leading to emission reductions and transformational change in the energy, agriculture, forestry and land use change (AFOLU) and waste sectors.

Third BUR has undergone UNFCCC Technical Analysis (TA) in the last quarter of the year. TA report is expected in 2022 Q1, however, initial feedback from the revisors was very positive. They commended the Macedonian team for the progress and quality of the report.

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<sup>3</sup> Roadmap on eNDC implementation

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