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Vienna, Austria

**BUILD
THE FUTURE**

Programme Overview & implementation approach

Budget:

- NOK 87m or ca. USD 9.2m

Scope:

- Implementation period between April 2021 and December 2025

Outcome:

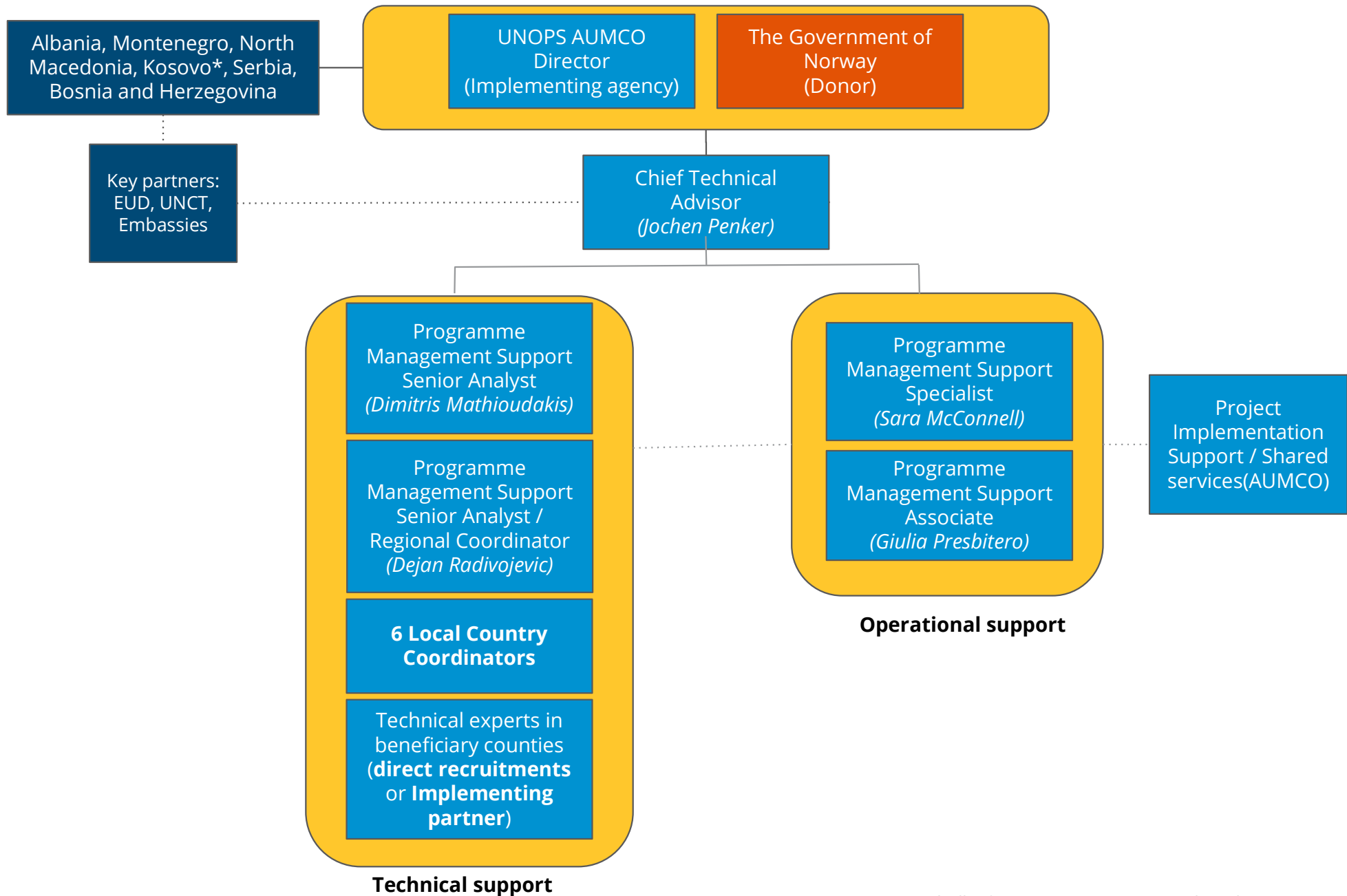
- The Western Balkan partner governments have strengthened capacity to accelerate progress on their respective national reform agendas

Programme characteristics:

- Demand-driven - evidence-based manner, focusing on areas where it can achieve a significant impact
 - Horizontal support
 - Chapter-specific
- Unbalanced country requests based on progress on national agendas
- Thematic focus on Clusters 3 (competitiveness & inclusive growth), 4 (Green agenda & sustainable connectivity) and 5 (resources, agriculture & cohesion)



Programme Team organisation



* All references to Kosovo are made in the context of UNSCR 1244.

Programme Team



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UNOPS team guiding principles:

- Independence
- Impartiality
- Highest quality/state of the art expertise

Programme methodology

Deployments	Stakeholders	Communication	Programme Management
Pre-deployment	Deployment	Post-deployment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Country Needs Assessment formulation ● Terms of Reference drafting ● Experts sourcing (multiple tools) ● Expert identification ● Deployment Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kick-off meeting ● Work Plan ● Progress Report ● Reception of deliverables ● Closure meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assignment Summary ● Visual material ● Visibility 	

- Crucial role of National Focal Points
- Stakeholders (Donor, EUD, beneficiaries) consulted across the implementation

Major achievements

- Top Quality Rosters in the areas of European integration, Climate, Energy and Transport
- Scaled-up deployment rate of experts
- Horizontal support for EU accession provided to all beneficiary countries
- Expertise provided for all Clusters related to EU accession (apart from Cluster 6)
- Technical expertise for a total of 12 chapters provided (all beneficiary countries combined)
- Establishment of strong partnerships with the beneficiary countries and relevant UN and EU entities
- Establishment of Local Country Coordinators network

Technical Assistance Experts Deployments



51 Deployments up to now

- Experts providing technical assistance to the six partner Governments in the Western Balkans on all Clusters

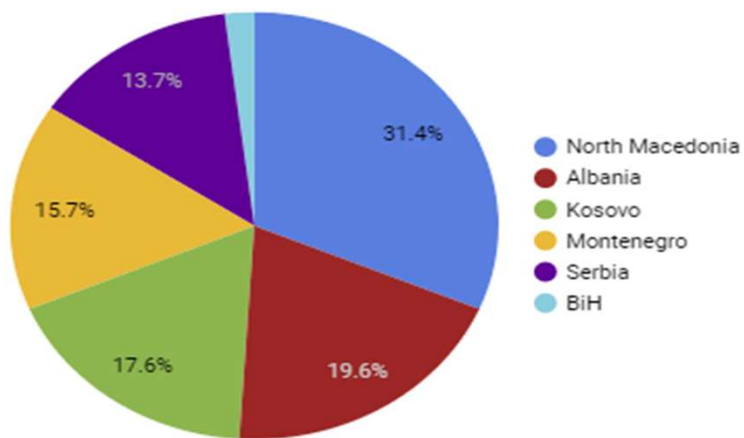


5 Top Quality Rosters

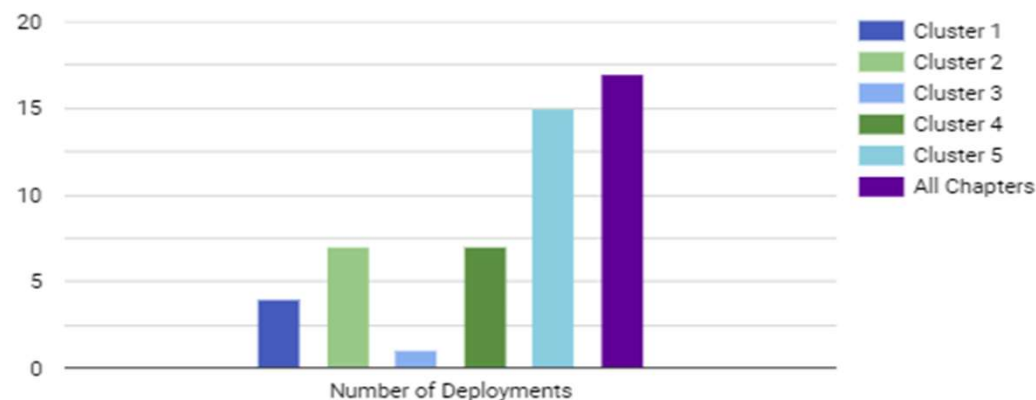
- Technical Specialist on EU Integration
- Senior Advisor on EU Integration
- EU Climate and Environmental Law
- EU Energy Law
- EU transport Law

Deployment figures

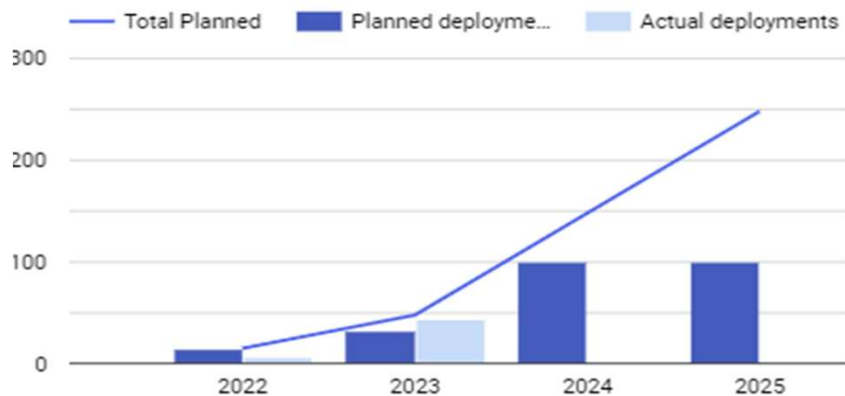
Deployments by Country



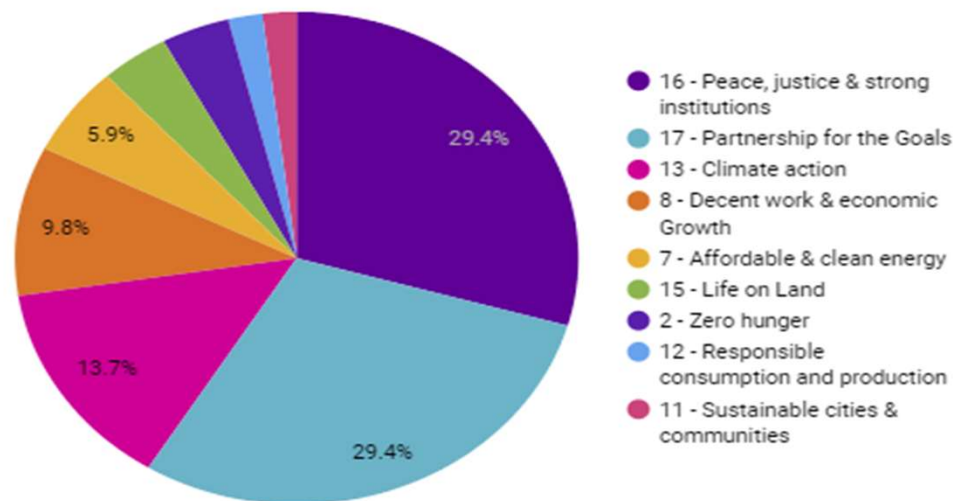
Deployments by Cluster



Planned Deployments



Deployments by SDG



Flagship projects on transport

Alignment with EU's regulatory framework on motor vehicles homologation (ongoing)

Montenegro

- EU acquis analysis
- Draft Law
- Table of Concordance
- Regulatory Impact Assessment

EU negotiations on competition rules in transport (ongoing)

North Macedonia

- By-law on the rules of competition to transport by rail, road and inland waterway

EU negotiations and alignment on road safety (upcoming)

North Macedonia

- Comparative methodological document in EU and WB

Uninsured & unregistered vehicles (upcoming)

North Macedonia

- Legal assessment on Road Traffic Safety
- Screening & strategy preparation
- Training workshops

Vehicle register (upcoming)

North Macedonia

- State of play assessment
- Guidance/recommendations document
- Training workshops

Flagship projects on energy

EU negotiations on biofuels and bioliquids (ongoing)

Kosovo*

- Administrative instructions
- Table of Concordance
- Trainings

EU negotiations on Chapter 15 - energy (ongoing)

Kosovo*

- System of training and certification of RES technology installers

EU negotiations on Chapter 15 & 21 - energy & TEN (upcoming)

Serbia

- Recommendations on closing benchmarks
- Negotiation positions
- Trainings

Support to participation to the Energy Community (upcoming)

Serbia

- Guidance for Energy Community alignment

Development of energy infrastructure and energy efficiency measures (upcoming)

Serbia

- Data collection
- Energy initiatives evaluation
- Plan preparation

Action Plan in the field of solar and wind energy (upcoming)

Serbia

- Solar resources assessment
- AP for the development of wind and solar

Regional cooperation to reinforce policy reform

**Regional thematic
flagship events**

2 Multi-Country Flagship Events on key topics

Regional Trainings

Western Balkans Energy and Climate Academy: 3 Training Sessions

Q2 2024

**Regional Training Session
(#1)**

Q3 2024

**Regional Training Session
(#2)**

Q4 2024

**Regional Training Session
(#3)**



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