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Energy Community Methane Emissions

Report prepared by the ECS

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Trigger for the report

Article 16 of the Governance Regulation:

“given the high global warming potential and relatively short atmospheric lifetime of methane, the purpose of reducing the short- and middle-term impact of methane emissions on Contracting Parties’ greenhouse gas emissions, as well as taking into account the circular economy objectives as appropriate, the Contracting Parties assisted by the Energy Community Secretariat shall consider policy options for rapidly addressing methane emissions and shall put forward a strategic plan for methane at Energy Community level”.



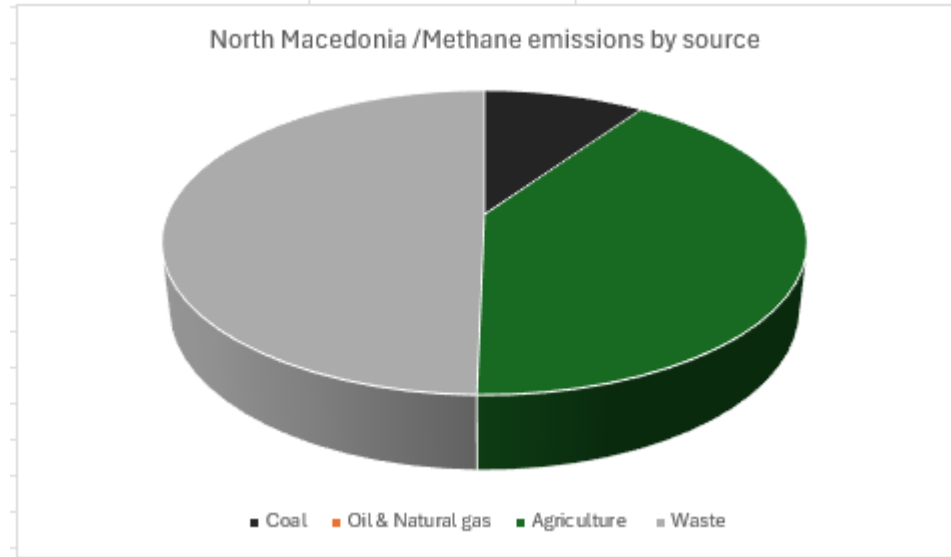
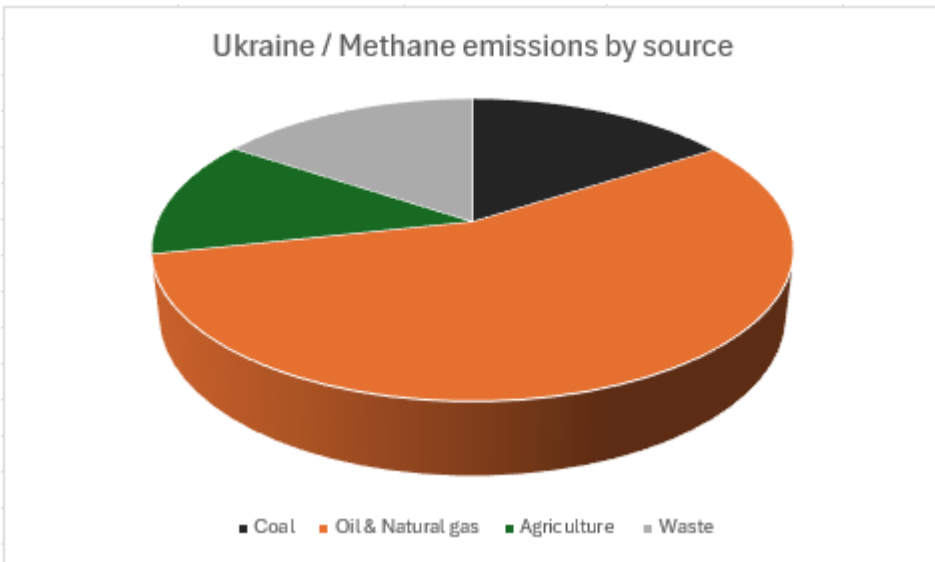
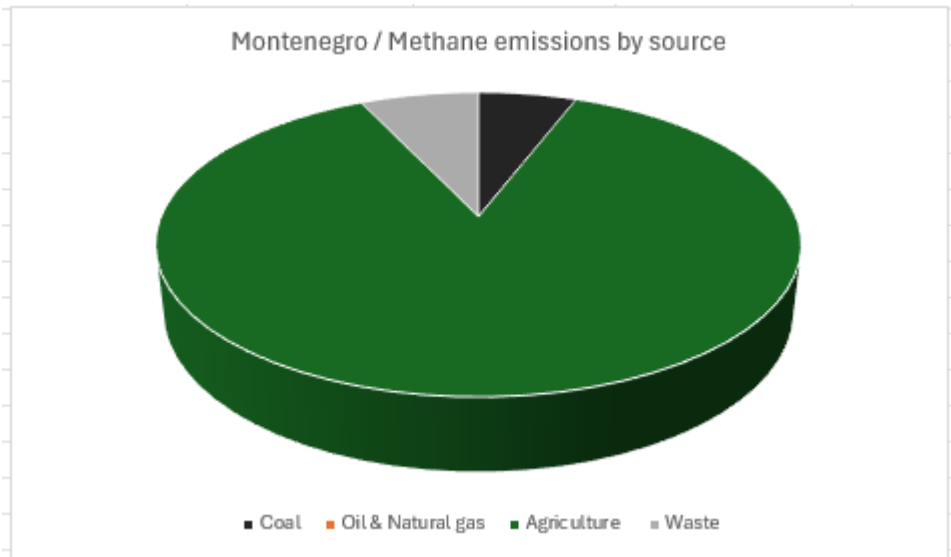
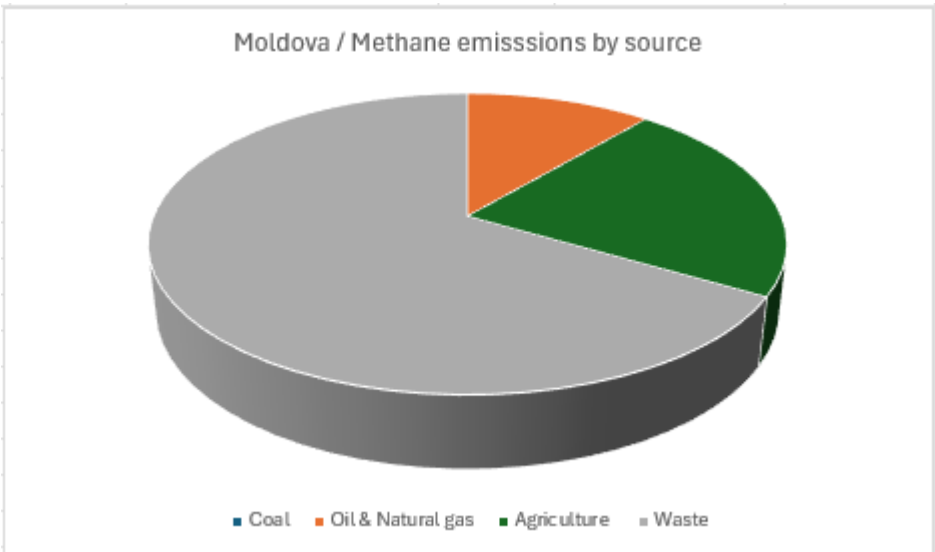
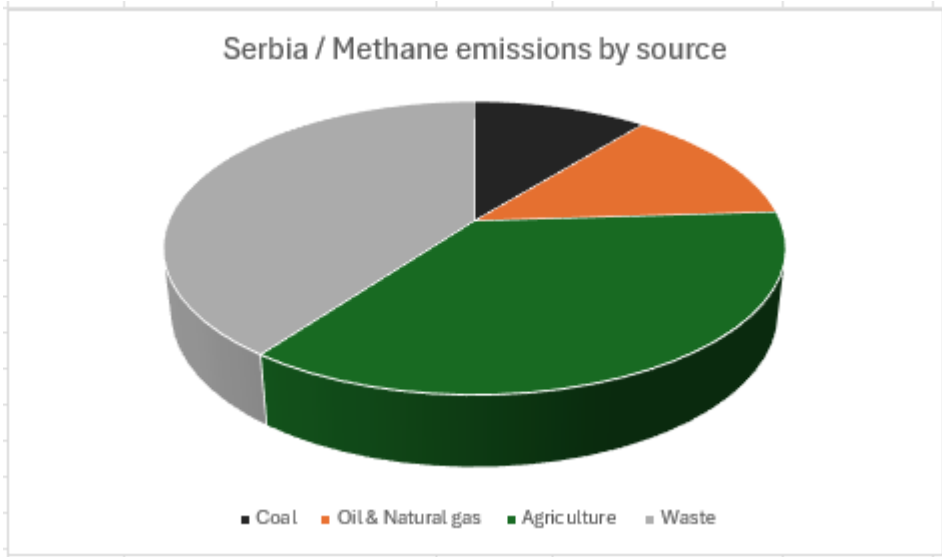
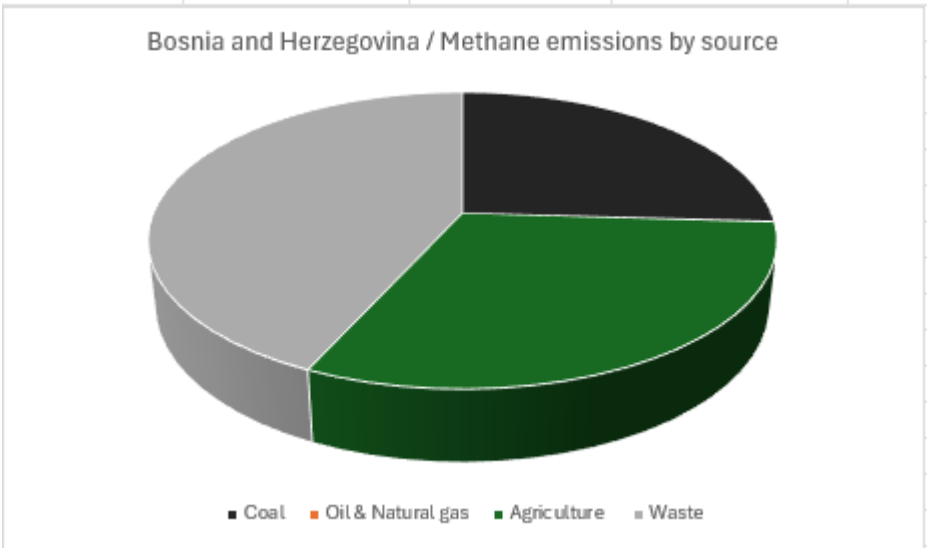
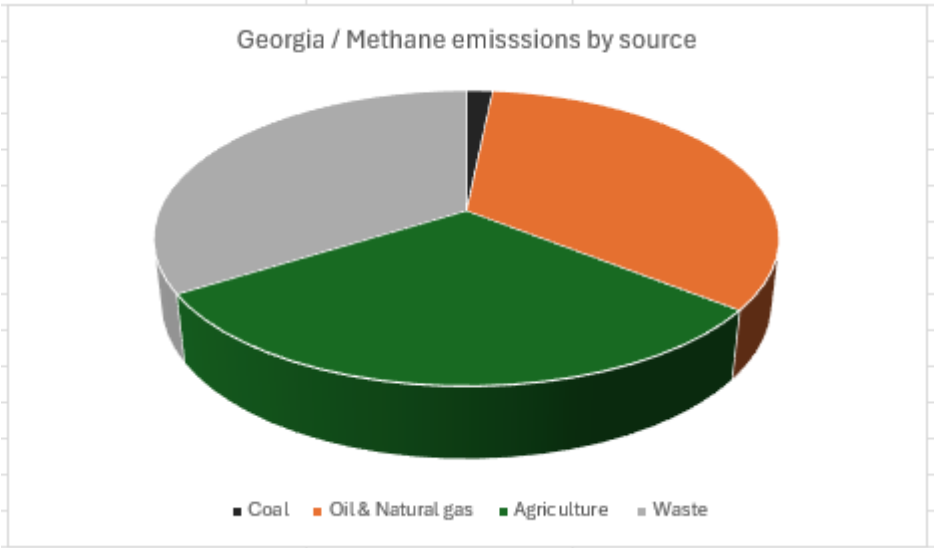
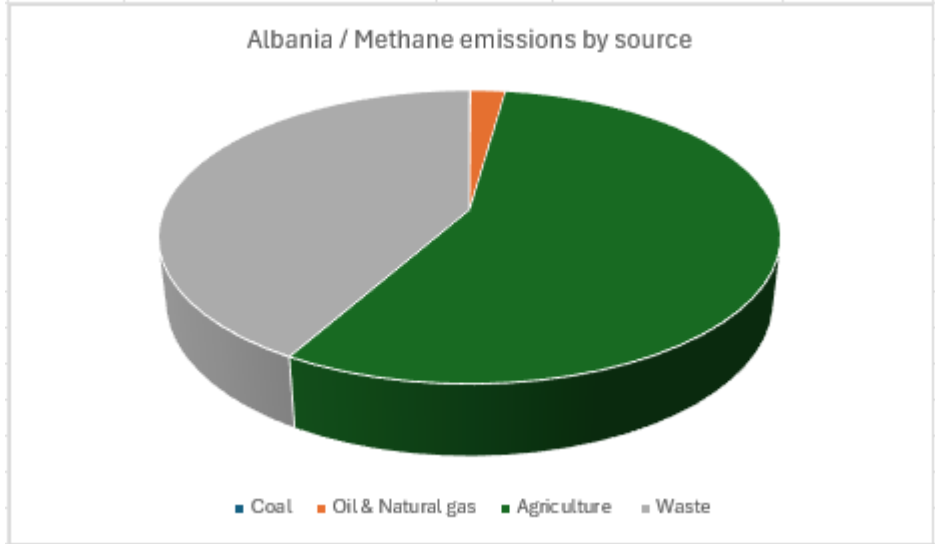
Basis for the report



**NECPs submitted in line with the Governance Regulation /
Decarbonisation Dimension / GHG emissions targets**

**The latest National Inventory Reports submitted under
the UNFCCC**

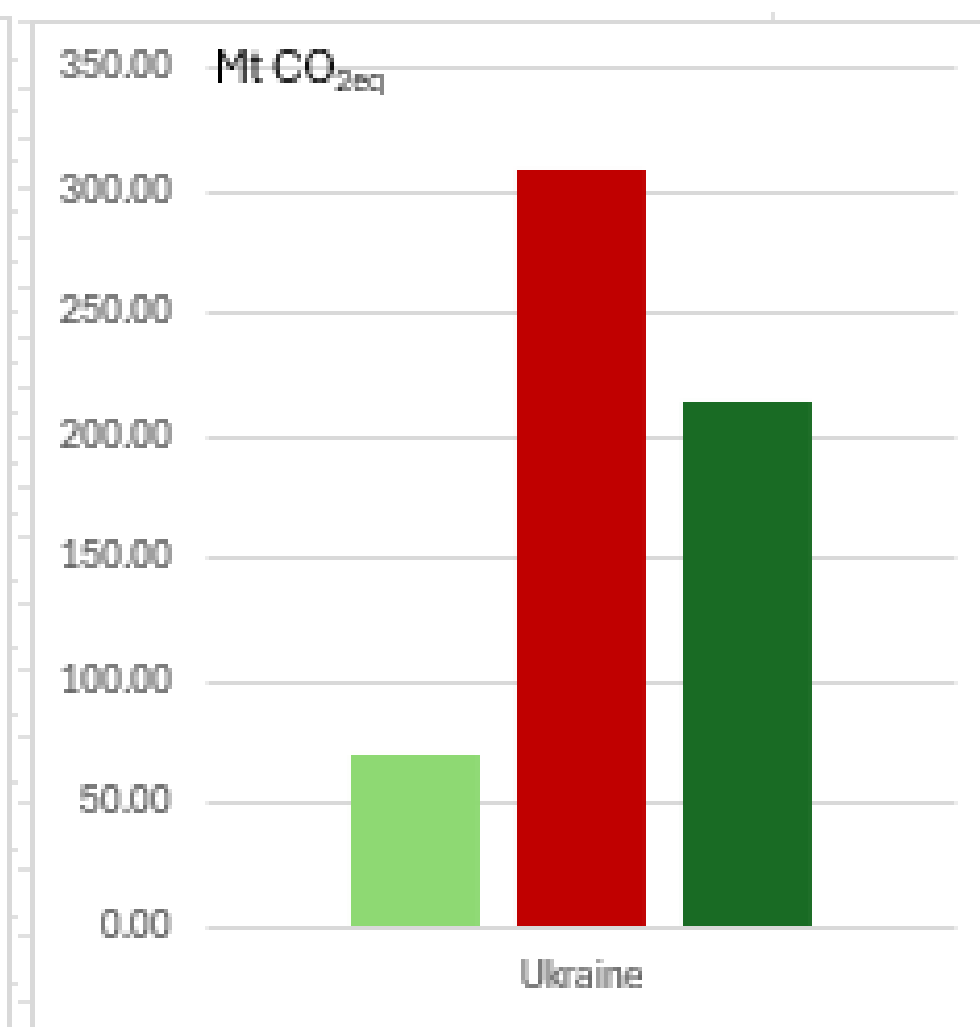
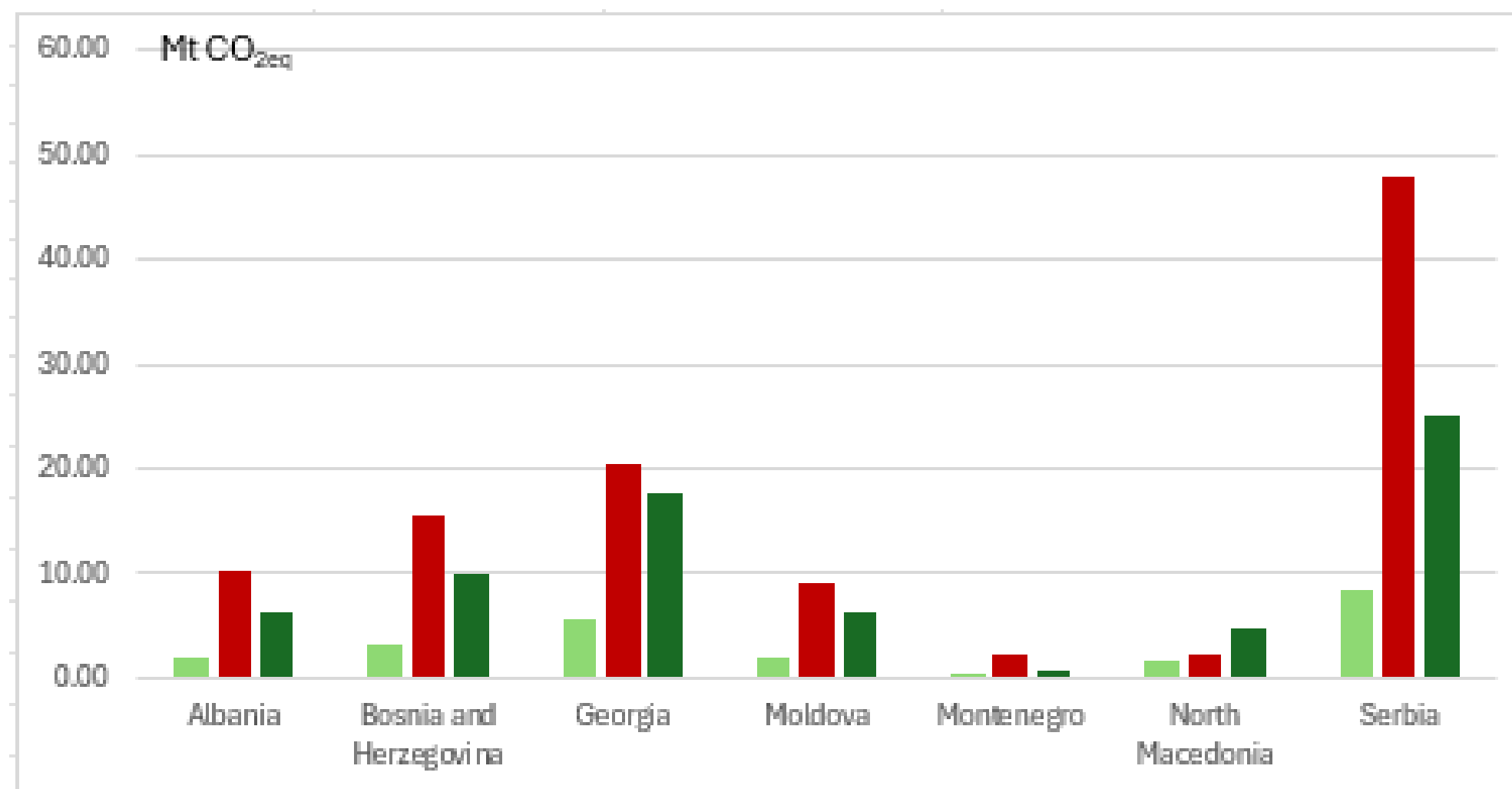
Results of the Report - Snapshot 2026



First Recommendations

- Improving methane emissions quantification
- Joining to international methane mitigation initiatives - using the existing knowledge of methane emissions mitigation
- Developing circular economy

Main message: Focus on methane



GWP (100)
1t CH₄ = 28 t CO₂

GWP (20)
1t CH₄ = 82-87 t CO₂



	Methane emissions - in CO _{2eq}	GWP (100)				
					NECP 2030 target - in CO _{2eq}	
	Methane emissions - in CO _{2eq}	GWP (20)				



THANK YOU!



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