CLEAN FLOW WB6

From Wastewater Practice to Policy

17-18 November Budva, Montenegro

Day 1 – 17/11/2026, Tuesday		
09:00 - 09:30	Opening • Iven Schad, Head of Section for Development Cooperation at the German Embassy in Tirana • Ivana Markovic Boskovic, Senior Expert on Green Agenda/Coordinator of the Green Agenda at the Regional Cooperation Council • Jacqueline Schmid, Regional Thematic Advisor for the WB6, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO	• Importance of regional cooperation under the GAWB framework • EU water acquis requirements
09:30 - 10:30	Why CLEAN FLOW – From Regional Commitments to Operational Reality	• Context, objectives & expected results • Why now – EU requirements, GAWB and implementation challenges • Voices from the Plants – operational realities • Compliance pressure & shared challenges
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 - 12:00	From Plant Reality to the CLEAN FLOW Agenda	• Reflection on the Voices from the Plants • What can be addressed at utility level and what requires policy/institutional action? • Common challenges & domestic-level specificities • Link to the three CLEAN FLOW topics

12:00 - 13:00	When Policy Misses the Plant – And When Plants Miss the Public	• Policy gaps • Test the cases from different perspectives: authorities, utilities and CSOs • What is a policy/institutional barrier and what is a management/operational issue? • Who bears the cost and consequences? • Identify different or contested explanations
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 - 16:15	Dialogue Labs – Turning Frustration into Structured Recommendations *including coffee break*	• Financial Sustainability (Tariffs and Investment) • Sludge Management • Human Capital
16:15 - 17:00	Joint Findings Day 1 – What Do We Take Forward?	• Main findings from the three thematic discussions • Areas of convergence and shared concerns • Different or contested explanations that should remain visible

Day 2 – 18/11/2026, Wednesday		
09:00 - 10:30	EU Rules, Regional Approaches, Domestic Systems – Policy Reality Check	• EU wastewater obligations • Actions under the GAWB • Domestic-level implementation • Reality check of Day 1 findings against EU / GAWB priorities and implementation needs
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 - 12:00	From Joint Findings to the Regional Position	• Review the main positions emerging from the three topics • Agree what should be reflected in the Regional Position Paper • Distinguish shared regional positions from domestic-specific issues • Confirm areas where further evidence or qualification is still needed
12:00 - 13:00	Agreement on CLEAN FLOW Advocacy Messages and Follow-up	• Agree which messages can be taken forward regionally, and which require domestic follow-up • Identify realistic follow-up routes and responsible actors, without assuming unagreed institutional ownership
13:00 - 13:30	Wrap-up & closing	
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