

Green Agenda: Climate Change Adaptation in the Western Balkans (WB Adapt)

WHERE WE WERE AND WHERE WE ARE NOW

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2020-2025

- 28 SUMP/SUM solutions out of 50 in total
 - 60 EMW permanent or soft measures
 - 40 pilot projects
 - 12 policy papers, roadmaps, studies
 - Advisory Boards of the Mayors
 - 19 new organisational structures
 - Regional capacity-building sessions
 - Trainings – SUMP Boot Camp, PCM
- Engagement with national parliaments through Green Parliamentarian Groups, opening dialogue on sustainable transport obligations
 - 8 initiatives – Amendment of the LSG laws and proposal for development of Integrated Transport Law
 - 4 SUM webpages of AoMs
 - Framework for Integrated SUM



2020-2025 ProSUMP

2024-2026 WB Adapt

Joint Declaration for Green Mobility with annexes (Clean Bus/Fleet, Cycling), endorsed at the Green Mobility Summit and aligned with EU policy (Chapter 14 of the Acquis) – TCT, GIZ contribution



Green Agenda - Supporting Western Balkans in Adapting to Climate Change (WB Adapt)



Duration

01/2024 to 12/2026



Volume:

5 Mio. EUR (BMZ funded)



Political Partner

Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) for South East Europe

Implementing Partners

SWG RRD, Transport Community, NALAS, Odraz as a technical secretariat of CIVINET Slovenia, Croatia, SEE

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Sector

Climate adaptation, agriculture, transport



Climate Adaptation in the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans

Green Agenda, Sofia Declaration Actions

4. Prepare and implement climate adaptation strategies.

6. Increase opportunities for the deployment of nature-based solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

25. Develop and implement climate resilience plans for Western Balkan economies' transport networks.

26. Promote preparation and implementation of the SUMP for urban areas in Western Balkans.

50. Support investments in renewable energy production and technologies as well as GHG emission reductions and adaptation to climate change measures in agriculture

Sustainable
Development
Goals



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WB Adapt: Objective and Project Components



Objective

Implementation of climate adaptation measures in line with the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans is more efficient and effective.



Climate Adaptation (general)
Regional implementation partner: RCC

- Adaptation strategy
- Regional knowledge exchange



Climate Adaptation in Agriculture
Regional implementation partner: SWG-RRD

- Mainstreaming adaptation in agriculture
- national action plans for adaptation in agriculture
- Local demonstration projects



Climate Adaptation in sustainable urban mobility/ transport
Regional implementation partner: Transport Community

- Mainstreaming adaptation in urban transport
- Regional knowledge exchange
- Local demonstration projects



Key focuses

- Developing decision-making tools and **strategies** so that adaptation measures can be better planned and implemented
- Implementing scalable **demonstration projects** for agriculture and urban transport, with due consideration for gender equality and nature-based solutions
- **Promoting regional knowledge** sharing and running **training courses**



Albania

**Tirana
Vlora
Shkodra**



**Bosnia and
Herzegovina**

**Sarajevo
Banja Luka
Zavidovici**



Kosovo

**Pristina
Gracanica
Prizren**



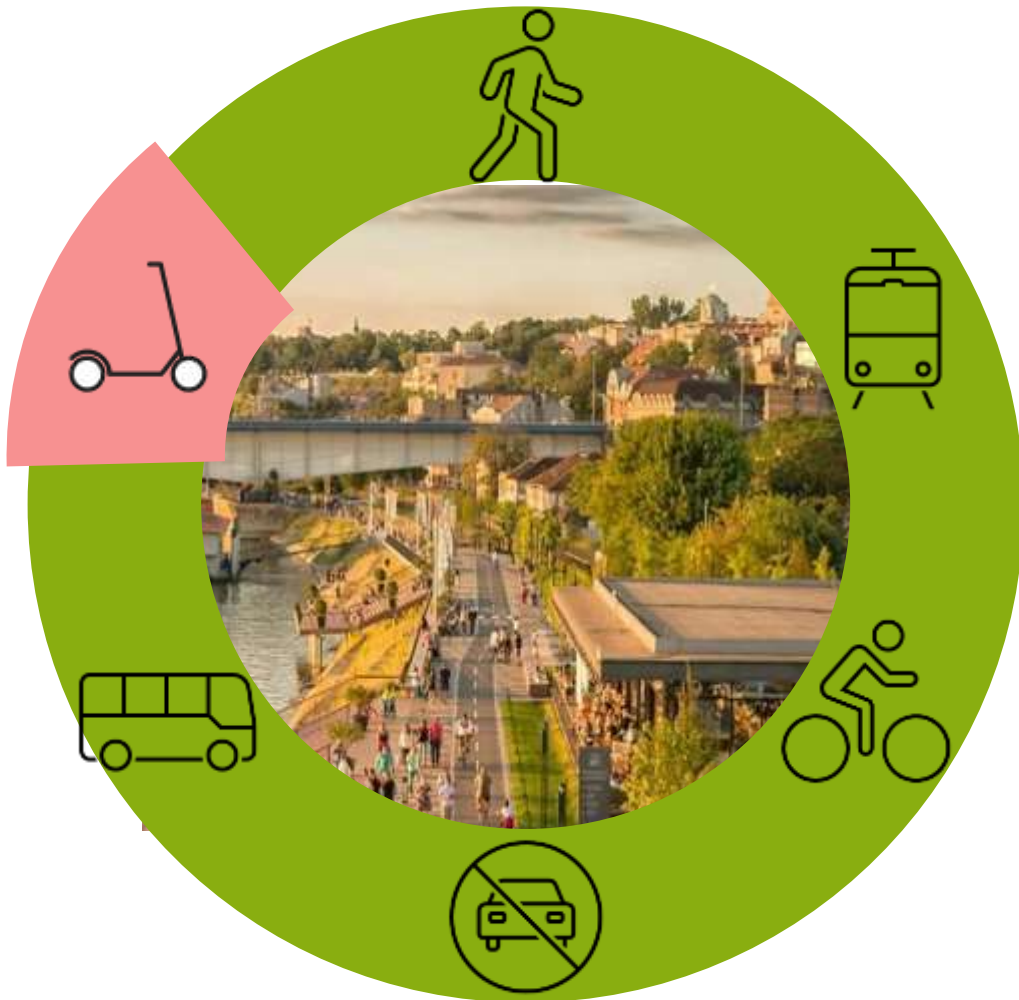
Montenegro

**Podgorica
Tivat
Berane**



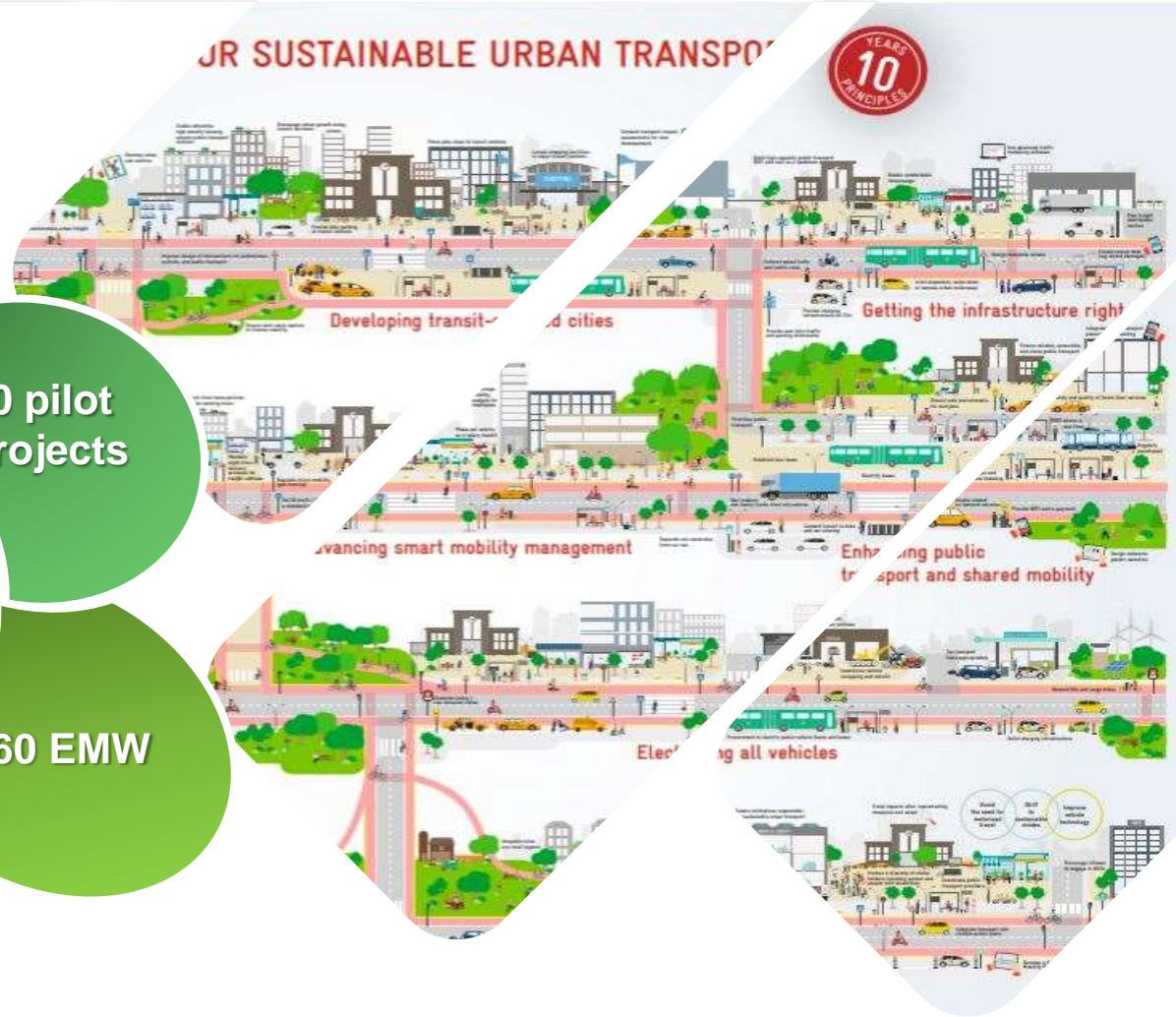
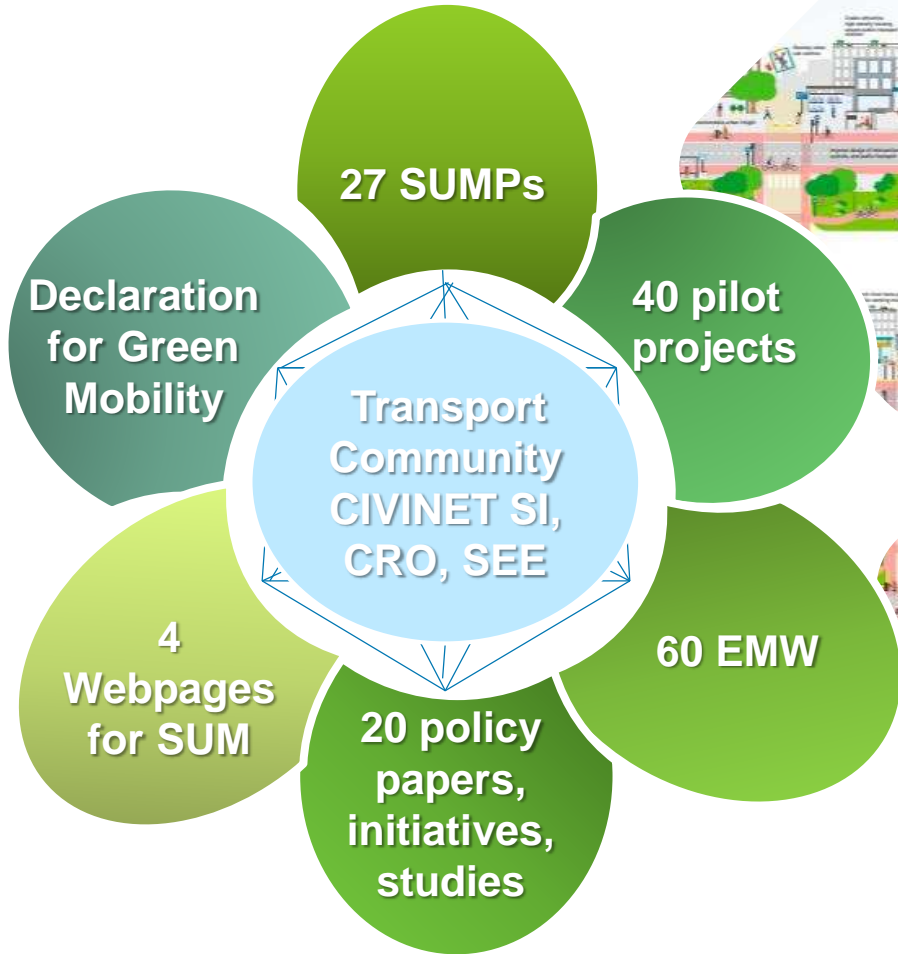
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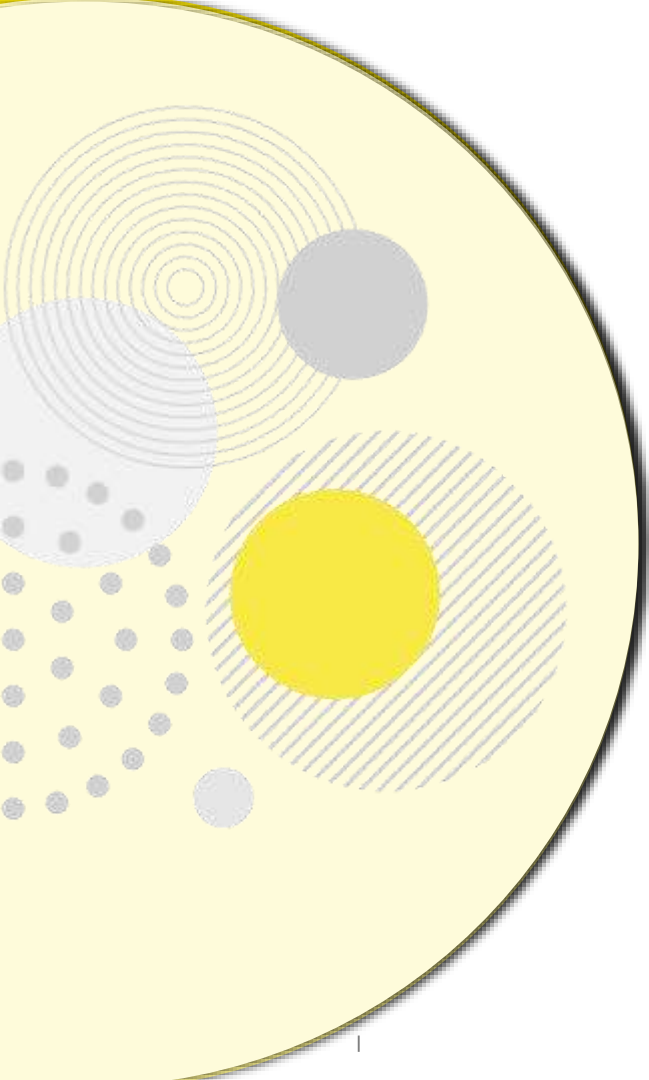
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Bitola
Ohrid**



Serbia

**Belgrade
Aleksinac
Kruševac**





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**TRANSPORT
COMMUNITY**

01

**Regional
Cooperatio
n and
Coordinati
on**

02

**Technical WG
Transport +
Climate
Regional
exchanges,
capacity
buildings**

03

**Support in
preparation
of the
policy
papers,
Studies, or
Roadmaps**





01

**Regional
coordination
AoMs**

02

**Task force
(expert group)
capacity
building
and
disemination**

03

**Training -
Project
proposals
development
and
mobilisation
of funds**

04

**E-learning
Academy +
Odrasz coord.**





01

**Coordination
+
dissemination
/replication of
the EU
practices**

02

**Four
Regional
Exchange
WSs/Conf.**

03

EMW

04

**Academy
on Climate
resilience
in SUM**

05

**SUMP
template**

Pilot Projects

City of Zavidovići - Green Urban Core -
Strengthening Climate Resilience through
Sustainable Redesign of the Zavidovići City
Core

Municipality of Vlora (E) -
Heat in the city's urban
systems

City of Prizren
Green Corridor Connecting
ITP and City Center

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Reference tools

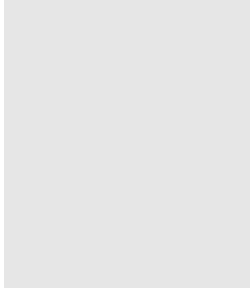
1. Climate resilience study: Pristina, Tirana, Shkodra
2. Assessment of Urban Traffic Network Resilience –
A Case Study of the City of S
3. SUMP Templates – climate r
4. Revision of the Framework
Integrated SUM
5. Organisational structures,



A young woman with long, dark dreadlocks is standing in the center of a busy city street. She is wearing a light purple t-shirt, a bright green jacket, and tan cargo pants. Her hands are in her pockets, and she is looking slightly to her left. The background is filled with blurred pedestrians and green trees, suggesting a lively urban environment.

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