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# GPP Action Plan of South Central Region of Bulgaria

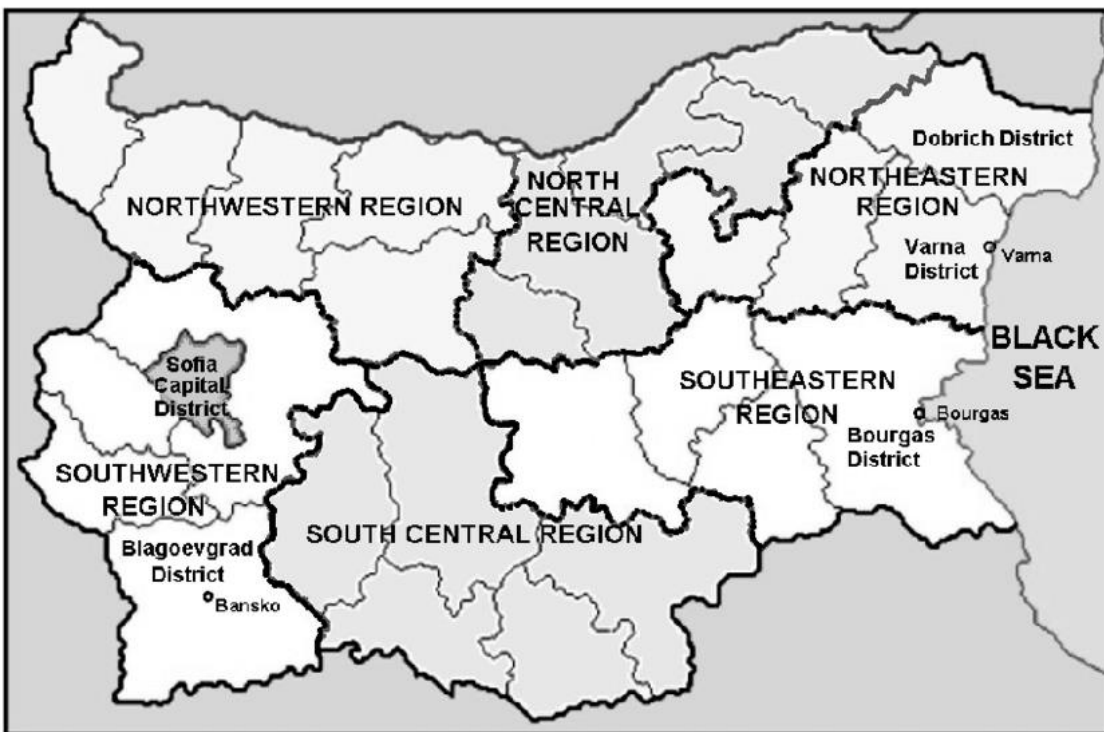
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# Geographical coverage



South Central Region of Bulgaria

NUTS2 region, 5 Provinces: Pazardzhik, Plovdiv, Smolyan, Kardzhali, and Haskovo

58 municipalities

Total area is 22 365,1 km<sup>2</sup>, accounting for 20.07% of the country's territory.

Population: 1 413 840 citizens

Population density is 63.2 people / km<sup>2</sup>

# Policy instruments addressed

**The Regional Development Plan of the South Central Region** with the support of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works

**Local strategies for sustainable energy and environment protection**, which public administrations have to develop as according to the Bulgarian legislation (*Energy Efficiency Act* and *Energy from Renewable Sources Act*)

# Measures in the GPP Plan

## 1. Organization of thematic training seminars to encourage GPP uptake among public authorities

To promote and to larger deploy project outcomes:

- 50 GPP-STREAM best practices, Activity A7 Internal and external GPP best practices;

- GPP Tender Models, A17

- Toolkit for GPP Compliance, A18

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Training sessions with stakeholders:

- On 16 April 2021
- On 29 September 2021
- One more in the next few weeks



# Measures in the GPP Plan

## 2. Set up a Regional Environmental Help Desk

### Activities:

- Provide technical support and expertise to local and regional authorities from South Central Region of Bulgaria in development, improvement, assessment, and monitoring of their sustainable policies, strategies, and bylaws.
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- This activity is ongoing. EHD is fully operational.
- Experts of CSEG are organizing bilateral meetings with stakeholders from the Region
- Topics of discussion: energy planning, policy development in the area of climate change issues and protection of environment, and how local policy by-laws can be developed or where existing - improved.
- CSEG is currently evaluating the possibility to continue this activity beyond the project end; EHD could bring expertise and added value to the local environmental initiatives in the following years.



# Measures in the GPP Plan

## 3. GPP Forum

### Activities:

- Dissemination event with high impact on a specific topic like GPP.
- Try to organize such event each year.

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### Achievements:

- 1 conference organized on 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2021.
- 1 conference organized on 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2021.



# Difficulties

- What has worked out bad in the implementation of your Action Plan?

At the beginning – practically impossible to organize a physical event.

- Which are the main obstacles encountered in the process and how did you overcome them? (e.g., lack of commitment of the stakeholders...)

One large public event = several small bilateral meetings

- Which are the main learnings from this experience?

There are alternatives to large public events: could be online meetings, exchange of e-mails, bilateral meetings, etc.

Establish synergies with other similar initiatives/projects could be the key to success.

# Successes and Lessons learnt

- What has worked out particularly well so far in the implementation of your Action Plan?

Some research desk-based activities have been done at the very beginning of the implementation of our AP – not affected by the pandemic situation at all!

Bilateral meetings with stakeholders.

Small workshop/training session with just 6-7 stakeholders.

Combining AP activities with another initiatives or project events – synergies with other initiatives/projects.

- Which are the factors that contributed the most to such success?

Good planning of activities since the very beginning of the AP implementation.



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