

# Support to MSAs of Western Balkans

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# Summary

- MS Cooperation in Western Balkans
- Project Activities in MS Field
- Development of MS in Western Balkans in CPR and EEE



# Project partners

- AL – Ministry of Economy + State Inspectorate of MS
- BA – Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations + Market Surveillance Agency + Federal Department for Inspection Affairs (Federation of BiH) + Republic Administration for Inspection Activities (Republika Srpska)
- XK – Ministry of Trade and Industry + Market Inspectorate
- MK – Ministry of Economy + State Market Inspectorate
- ME – Ministry of Economy + Admin for Inspection Affairs
- RS – Ministry of Economy + Ministry of Foreign and Internal Trade & Telecommunications



# Project Objectives

- Overall objective: achieve enhanced economic integration with the EU/EFTA and development of market economy
- Project purpose: (harmonised area) full implementation of EU product legislation for **construction products** and **electrical/electronic equipment**; (non-harmonised area) beneficiaries prepared to complete overall action plan and awareness of relevance of Mutual Recognition regulation
- Specific objectives (ACAA):
  - 7. Suitable market surveillance system and suitable safeguard procedures used



# Project Activities

- Expert for MS – Mark Gardiner (UK)
- NE5: Regional MS Workshop (RS, Jul 2016)
- WS6: CPR (ME, Jun 2017)
- WS12: EEE (ME, Jun 2017)
- NE14: Regional MS forum: EEE Sector (ME, Jun 2017)
- NE15: Regional MS forum: Construction Sector (2018)
- HOT15: Practical application of ICSMS and RAPEX (MK, Jun 2017)
- HOT16: Communication and monitoring mechanisms of MS activities in EEE (UK, Sep 2017)
- HOT17: Communication and monitoring mechanisms of MS activities in CPR (2018)
- HOT18: Use of Risk Management and Risk Assessment in MS (BE, Feb 2017)
- HOT19: Technical issues of MS controls and checks in EEE sector (UK, Sep 2017)
- HOT20: Technical issues of MS controls and checks in CPR sector (2018)



# Regional system for exchanging information about dangerous products

- Agreed in Skopje, Jun 2017
- Each MSA has dangerous products database
- Appropriate module should be developed for exchanging information about dangerous product (test reports, risk assessments, check lists etc.)
- Module should be used for publication of regional information of dangerous products which will be available through specific website, which could be compatible with RAPEX system
- Objectives:
  - reduce unfair competition
  - help prevent economic operators from buying or selling dangerous products
  - encourage cooperation between MSAs and Economic Operators (producers, importers, exporters, distributors)
  - improve consumer protection
- Administrator of system and website, could be CEFTA Secretariat
- Aligned with CEFTA Additional Protocol 5 (simplifies inspections related to clearance procedures; exchange data between customs authorities; mutual recognition of national Authorised Economic Operators' Programmes)



# MS Model (May 2017)

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND
2. WHAT IS MS?
3. EEE REQUIREMENTS
4. CPR REQUIREMENTS
5. CURRENT MS LANDSCAPE IN WESTERN BALKANS
6. EUROPEAN CONTEXT FOR MS
7. RECOMMENDED ORGANISATION FOR MS IN WESTERN BALKANS
8. DEVELOPING AN INTELLIGENCE MODEL TO GUIDE MS ACTIVITIES
9. CARRYING OUT MS ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO EEE
10. CARRYING OUT MS ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO CPR
11. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND SAFEGUARD PROCEDURE
12. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS



# Industry

- Industry Survey 2016
- Chambers of Commerce...
- National Standards Bodies...
- Conformity Assessment Bodies...
- Direct access with SMEs...
- Identify national “agents” for change...





# Conclusions

- Ongoing support to MSAs till Dec 2018
- Excellent MS expert
- 2019 onwards?

