

Environment

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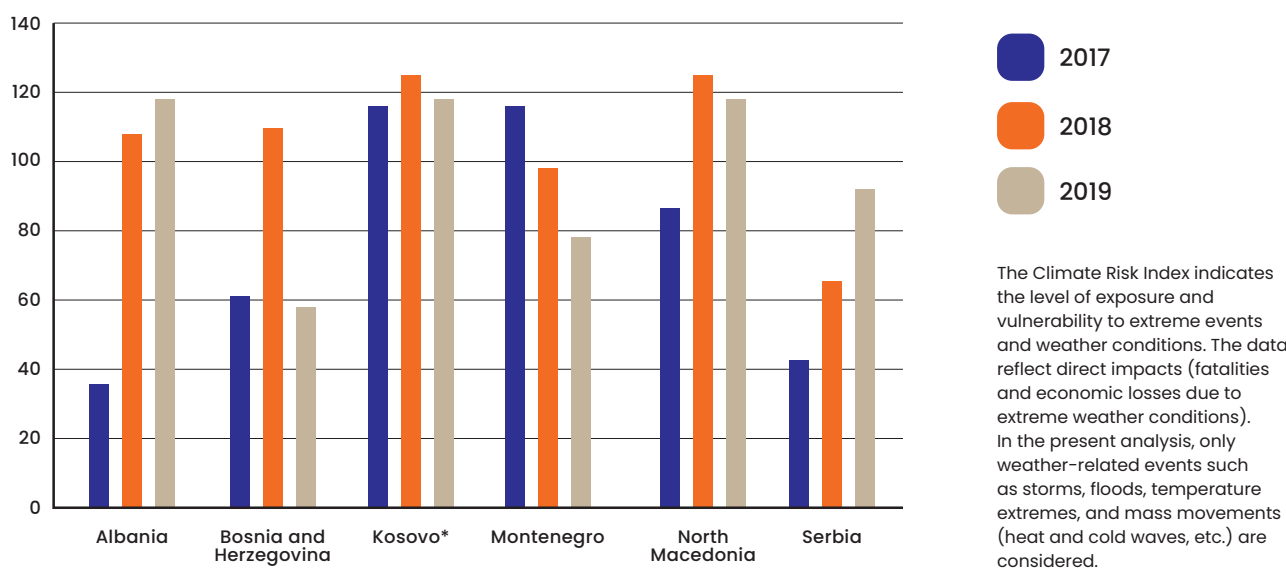
The Western Balkans Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport is a long-term strategy from the EU and the Western Balkans (WB) for cooperation with the region. It will contribute to the region's economic and societal development and builds on three main pillars: Political, Thematic, and Regional.

The implementation of the Western Balkans Agenda is monitored by the project POLICY ANSWERS, and the wider context, progress and achievements are summarised in regular reports. In this brief report card, you find the results of the second round of data collection during 2023 and the first months of 2024 and a comparison with the baseline data collected in the previous round.

In terms of Environment, the monitoring focuses on the context indicator "Climate Risk Index" and on a variety of achievements outlined in the WB Agenda (see next page).

Achievements in a wider context of the Western Balkans Agenda

Climate Risk Index



Sources





























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Regional Indicators

Thematic soil pollution database for the Western Balkans 	Including the region in pan-European depollution-related networks 	Implementing a regional agreement on the prevention of plastic pollution 
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Western Balkans Economy Indicators

	Western Balkans Green Agenda implemented		Counteracting climate change & environmental degradation	
	Transition to sustainable transport 	Transition in the energy sector 	Disaster Risk Management 	EU Mission: 100 climate-neutral and smart cities 
Albania	Only one public initiative in place, no new initiatives 	No new projects/initiatives in the field 	Disaster Risk Management Centre (DRMC) not in place yet 	Participating in the Mission 
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Increased number of public initiatives 	New projects and initiatives in the field 	DRMC not in place yet 	Participating in the Mission 
Kosovo*	Information not provided 	Information not provided 	DRMC in place 	Not participating in the Mission 
Montenegro	Information not provided 	Information not provided 	DRMC in place 	Participating in the Mission 
North Macedonia	Information not provided 	Information not provided 	DRMC in place 	Not participating in the Mission 
Serbia	No new hubs established Increased number of partnerships 	No new projects/initiatives in the field 	DRMC in place 	Not participating in the Mission 

Legend:  On track or maintaining achievement |  Moderately improving, Challenges remain |  Stagnating, Significant challenges |  Decreasing, Major challenges |  Information not available

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Highlights

JRC regional summer school organised on the evaluation of air, soil and water pollution in support to the European Green Deal

Publication of a comprehensive study in the Environment International Journal about the impact of air pollution on health (mortality and morbidity) in 30 Western Balkans cities

