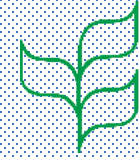


BALKAN NATURE TALKS

UNEP biodiversity conservation activities in the Western Balkans

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UNEP WB Pillars

Western Balkans Economies

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification



United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



Albania

- GEF6 Project: Ecosystem restoration and sustainable land management
- GEF7 PAs project
- GEF8 transboundary project with North Macedonia (under development)



Bosnia and Herzegovina

- GEF5 Project: Expanding the PAs' network and enhancing BD conservation
- Creating an enabling environment for LDN
- Contaminated sites and air pollution
- Early Action Support



Montenegro

- GEF6 C/MPAs project
- Early action support



North Macedonia

- GEF STAR5 PAs project
- GEF6 SLM project
- GEF7 PAs/Landscape project
- GEF8 transboundary project with Albania
- Early Action Support



Serbia

- Preparing the groundwork for cleaner soil
- Ambient and indoor air pollution and health – review
- EU Green Agenda for Nature
- Early Action Support



Development/Updates of NBSAPs , CBD National Reports and alignment with GBF

Regional: CMS Balkan Lynx, ClimaProof, CABAMCA, Air pollution factsheet UNRCs, including Kosovo (UNSCR 1244/99)





Achieving biodiversity conservation through effective management and enhanced resilience to climate change in the existing protected area of the North Albanian Mountainous Region (2023-2026)

- Component 1: Enabling environment for effective management of the Albanian Alps National Park
- Component 2: Strengthening the practical experience and “know-how” of the Albanian Alps NP stakeholders to address threats
- Component 3: Support to national level adoption and upscaling of sustainable PAs management best practices





Achieving Biodiversity Conservation through Creation, Effective Management and Spatial Designation of Protected Areas and Capacity Building in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2016-2021)

- Component 1: Establishment and effective management of protected areas and biological diversity
- Component 2: Management effectiveness of the national protected areas system (capacity building and awareness raising)
- Component 3: Biodiversity monitoring system in BiH addressing the important obstacles in nature conservation



Poljovari upravljaju zaštićenim područjima u Bosni i Hercegovini!

Dobrodošli u četvrti izdanje biltena za zaštićena područja u Bosni i Hercegovini!

Ovaj broj izlazi tokom obilježavanja Dvadesetog dana zaštite okoliša (5. juna - World Environment Day), datuma kada se intenzivno promovira pozitivno djelovanje i napori koji se ulažu širom svijeta u cilju zaštite životne sredine.

Nađamo se da će i vijesti i aktivnosti u zaštićenim područjima u Bosni i Hercegovini biti naš doprinos obilježavanju 5. juna 2021., koji se ove godine obilježava na temu revitalizacije ekosistema.

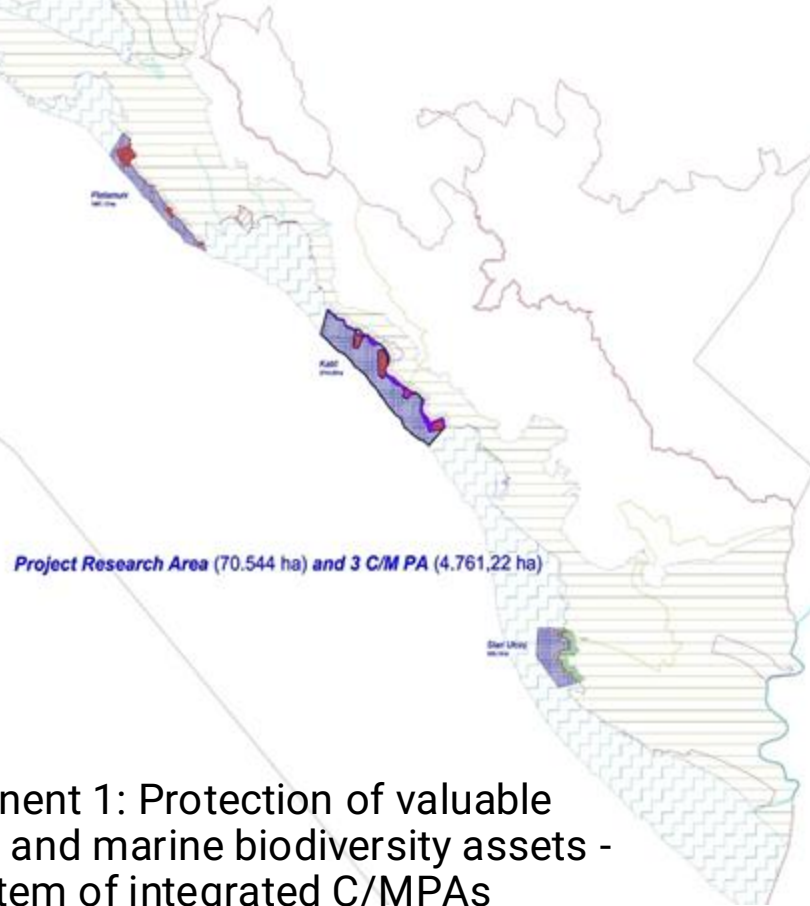


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Tu smo za vas!
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Promoting Protected Areas Management through Integrated Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Protection in Coastal Area of Montenegro (2017–2022)



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22 April 2021



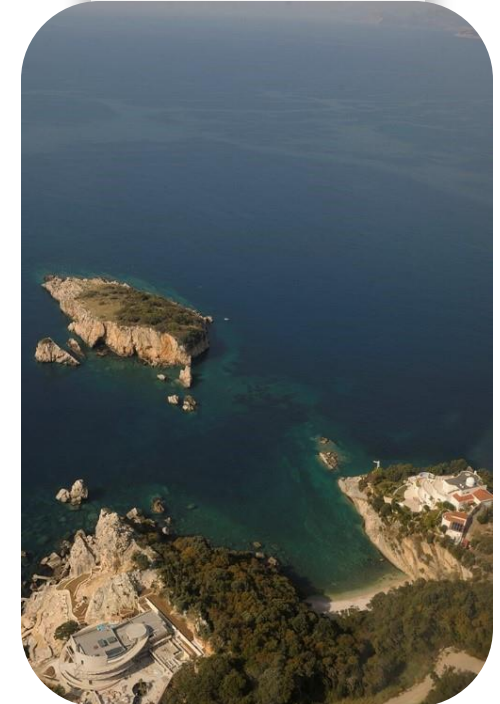
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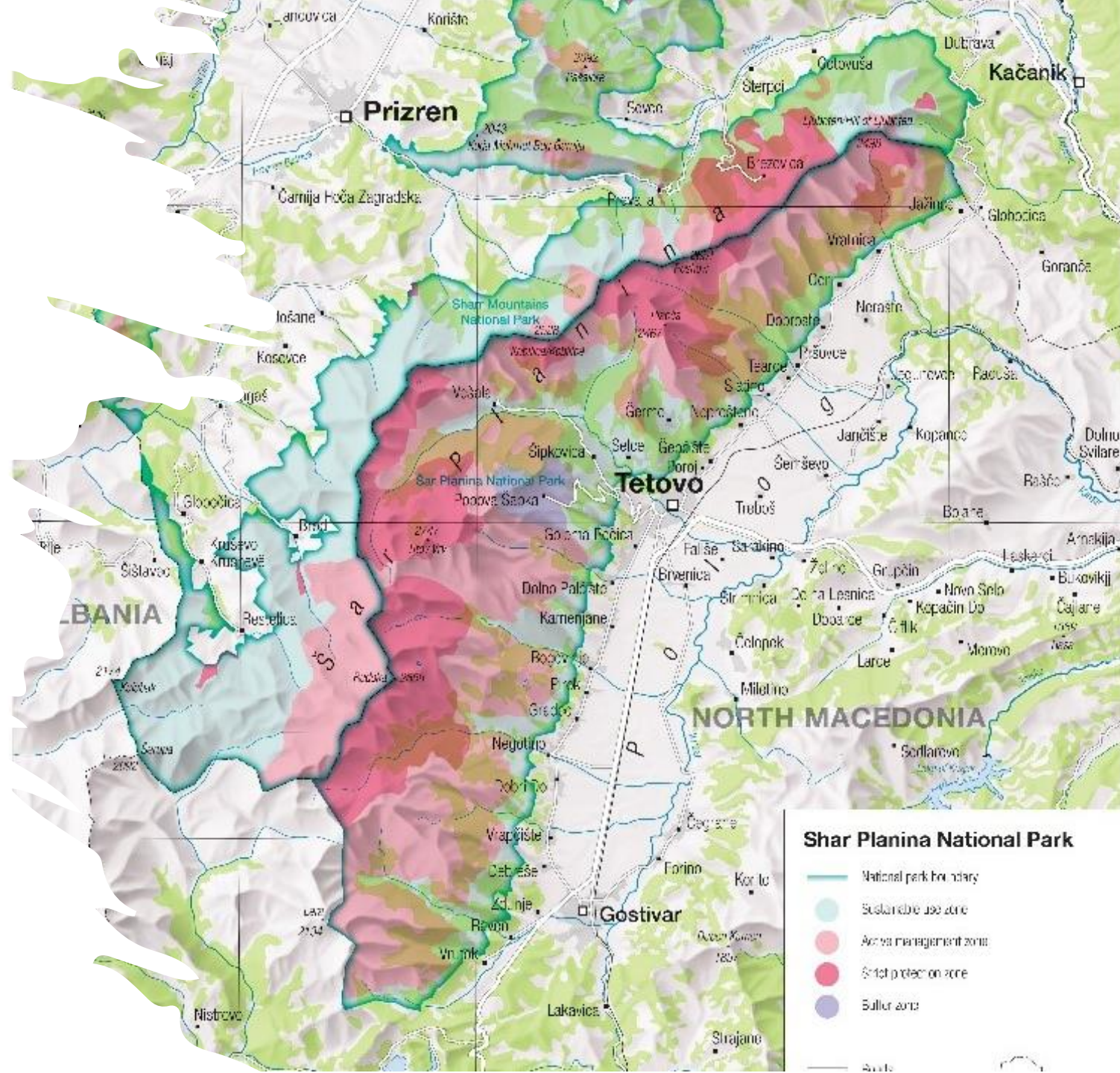
Component 1: Protection of valuable coastal and marine biodiversity assets - subsystem of integrated C/MPAs (Platamuni, Katič, Stari Ulcinj)

Component 2: Effective management of C/MPAs



Achieving Biodiversity Conservation through Creation and Effective Management of Protected Areas and Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Land Use Planning (2016-2022)

- Component 1: Increased national PAs network
- Component 2: Increased effectiveness of BD management
- Component 3: Land use planning and BD mainstreaming





Shar Mts. National Park

Shar Mts. Management plan

Ohrid Lake valorization

Ohrid Lake Management Plan

MAK-NEN Bio-corridors

Valorization study/SES
Public consultation
Supporting
Proclamation
30 June 2021

Development
Public consultation
SEA procedure
Adoption

Re/valorization study
Public consultation
MoU between 3
municipalities

Development
Public consultation
Feasibility study
Land use planning

Large carnivores
Two sites piloting
Recommendations



Shar promo video:
<https://youtu.be/GKNxgnbX4W4>



Bio-corridors video:
<https://youtu.be/v3HZaPU-uRI>



Red Lists and Red Books

Reptiles
Amphibians
Priority list – plant species
RB update – 2023/24



High Nature Value Forests

Identification
Suggested management guidelines for Bukovikj and Belasica pilot areas



Bearberry video:
<https://youtu.be/S-lfXqZM16o>



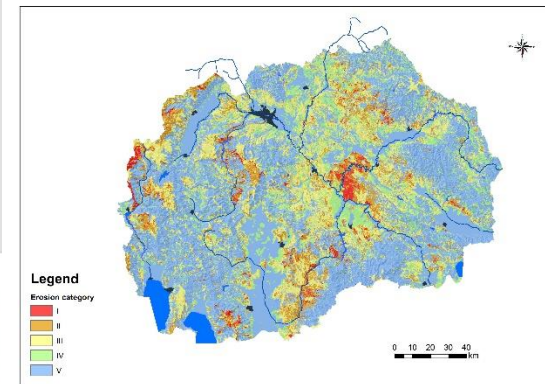
Quotas for Non-timber forest products

Analysis of status
Collection and use
Testing methodologies
Bearberry legal protection



Soil Erosion Map Soil sealing rate database Forest vegetation maps

Soil erosion map; SOM database: Ohrid, Prilep, Strumica; Maleshevo FVMs



SLM/LD materials:
<https://bit.ly/3E84SfM>
<https://bit.ly/3A4njAA>



Capacity building Awareness

Trainings
Study visits
Public campaigns
Gender equality



Shar proclamation promo story
700,000,000 potential readers



Biodiversity conservation, sustainable land management and sustainable tourism development in North Macedonia (2023-2027)

- Component 1: Practical application of integrated landscape approach to achieving LDN (Land Degradation Neutrality) and BD (Biological Diversity) targets in the pilot area of the Shar Mountains and dependent ecosystems service area (peripheral productive landscape)

Natural Capital Accounting; Sustainable tourism/local livelihoods; BD/LD-N monitoring and reporting system; Effective management of forests and pastures within NP Shar.

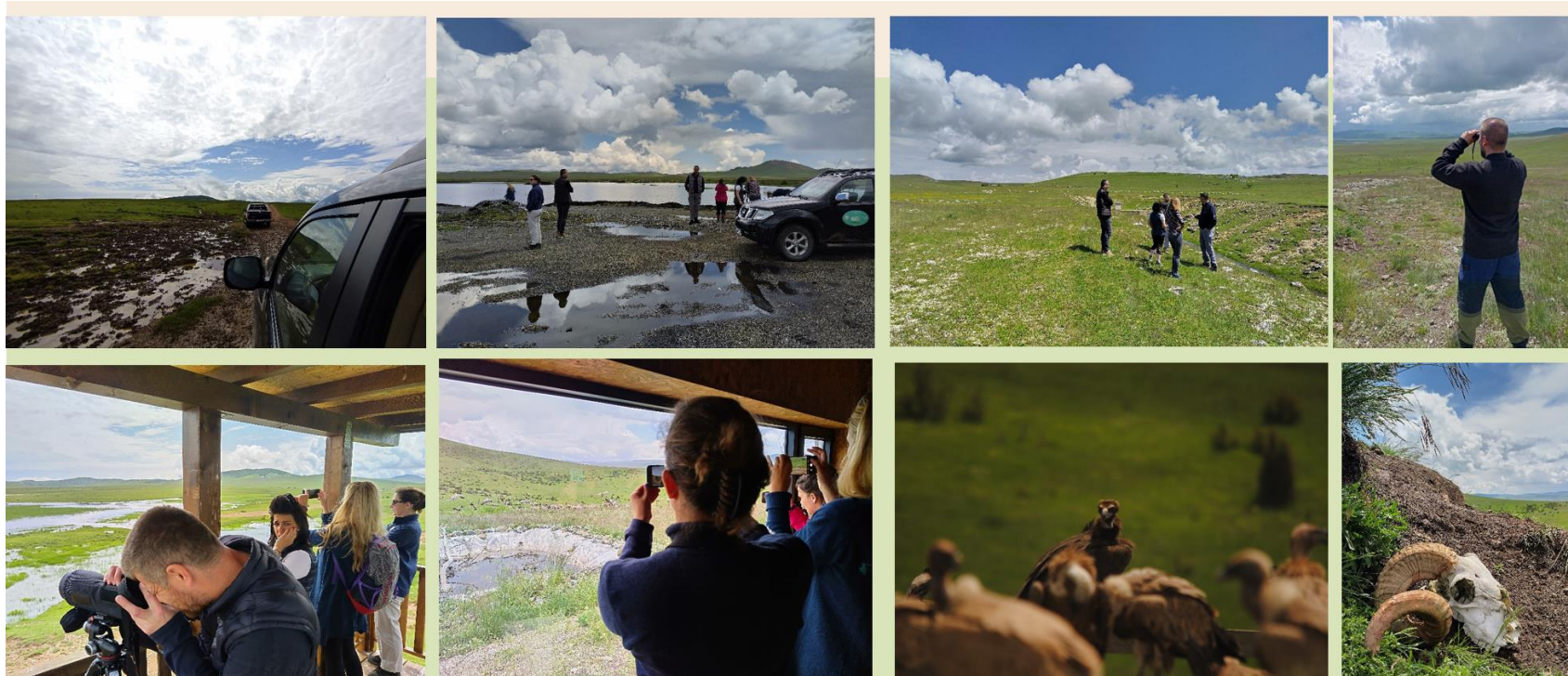
- Component 2: Support to national level adoption and upscaling of ILM and related LD and BD best practices





Protecting and investing in biodiversity and water for enhanced climate resilience

- Role of wetlands in achieving CC adaptation and mitigation goals
- Pilot Wetland Restoration Action Plan & Road map for gender mainstreaming in nature, water, and climate policies, building on earlier efforts
- Identify pilot sites with high potential for CA through implementation of Nature-based solutions

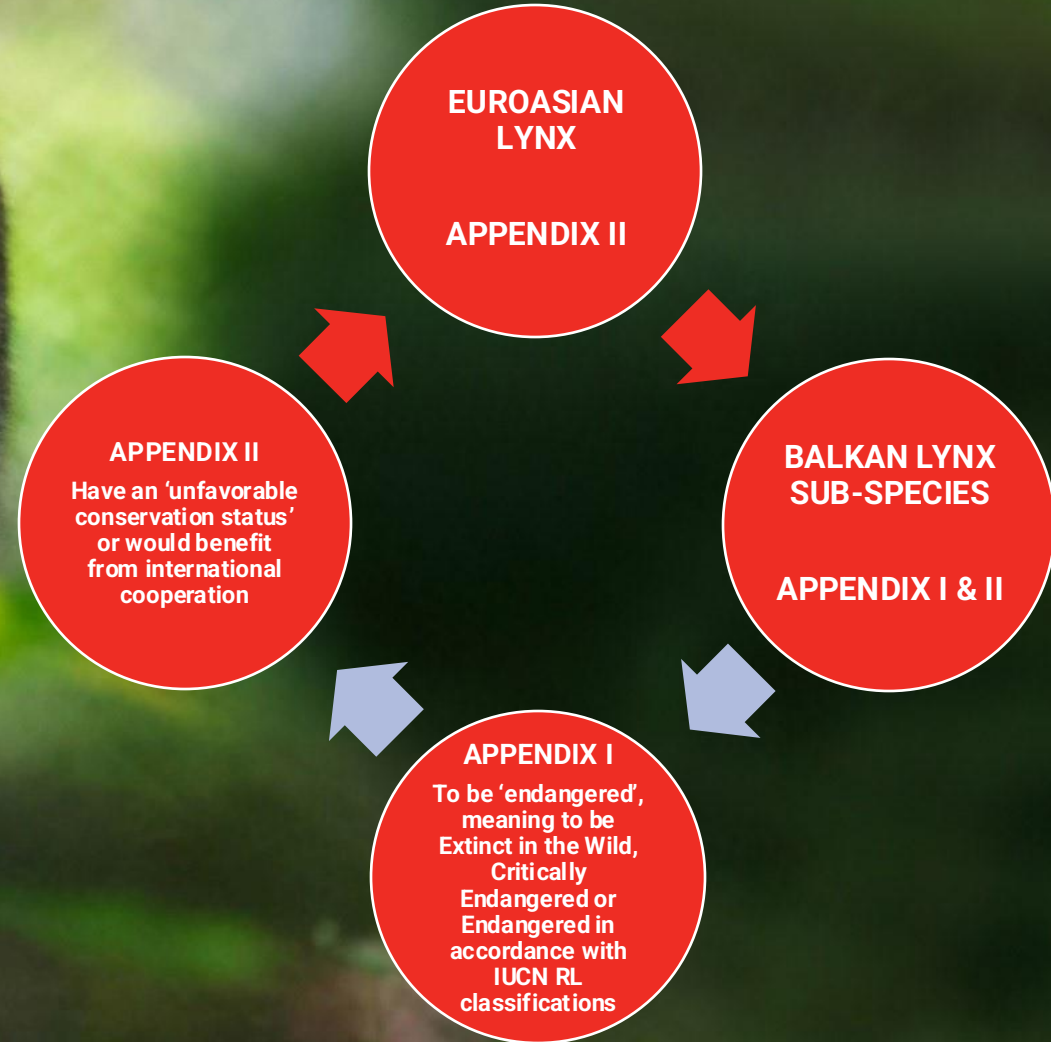


Peštersko polje

Rapid assessment and alignment of the NBSAPs with Global Biodiversity Framework Targets (BiH, MNE, MK, SRB)



Balkan Lynx listing – CMS Initiative



Balkan lynx, *Lynx lynx balcanicus*, Critically Endangered
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ED's and DED's missions to Western Balkans



Deadly floods hit Bosnia and Herzegovina, sweeping away homes



An aerial view shows the area destroyed by a landslide in Donja Jablanica, Bosnia, on 5 October. Photograph: Armin Durgut/AP



Shar Mts. –waste clean up



Thank you for your attention!

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