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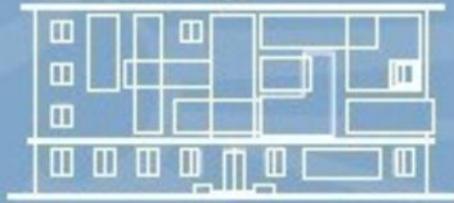
# **Regional Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Western Asia on the Clearing-House Mechanism**

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# 1. Current situation



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**If your country has a national CHM, what is its current status in terms of institutional structure, capacity to maintain it, information services, and challenges faced?**

*Albania is in the process of establishing a new CHM page. It was designed in the context of the NBSAP revision GEF funded project. The page is planned to be active by the end of June 2016 and it will be hosted at the MOE website.*



# **If your country had a national CHM in the past that is no longer active, what happened?**

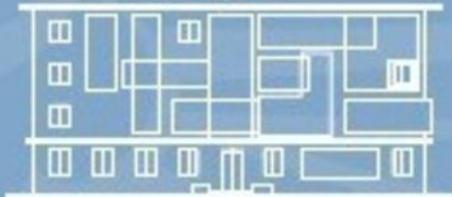
*Albania had a CHM page in the period 2003-2005 in the frame of a EEA initiative. The page after a couple of years was not maintained and updated due to human and financial resources therefore it was frozen and was no longer kept alive.*



## 2. Strategic vision

### **What are the major issues related to your national CHM, and how do you think they could be resolved?**

- Til the NBSAP revision project started, the major challenge was the lack of financing to open and maintain a webpage. Lack of experience on setting-up such kind of web page was another limiting factor.
- The financing issue is resolved for design phase by the project. The maintenance will be covered by the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Directorate in cooperation with the IT unit at the MoE. A small budget for the page to be kept alive will be planned at the medium term budget starting from 2017 (PBA).



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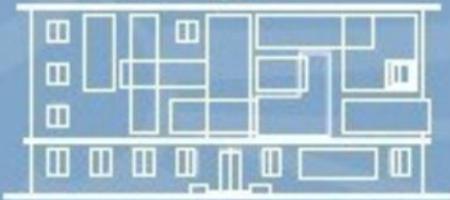
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## How the national CHM could be established or improved to support the implementation of your NBSAP?

The national CHM can for sure support the NBSAP implementation, by providing the up to date information on biodiversity in Albania and by providing an easy access to the legal framework, biodiversity database (BIONA), the Protected areas portal etc.

This will enable all the stakeholders to have the information and data needed for their respective policies by conserving biodiversity values of the country. The national CHM will also contribute to the awareness raising of the decision makers on biodiversity issues.

National CHM by being linked to global CBD CHM page can help to harvest best practices and exchange information as well as lessons learned.



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**How is the future of your national CHM being considered in the context of your NBSAP and its next revision?**

*National CHM is planned to be operational first and later maintained and updated regularly.*

### 3. Cooperation and support

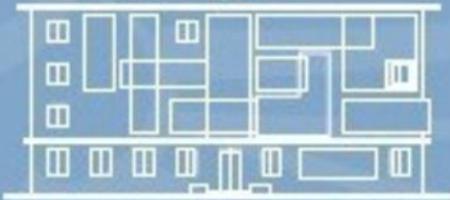


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**What kind of (national, regional or international) support would be most beneficial to develop your national CHM?**

- We have used national CHMs of countries to look at potential formatting and tools used. linking the national CHM with the MoE website is also planned during the designation phase.
- Other support can be the development in existing CHMs.

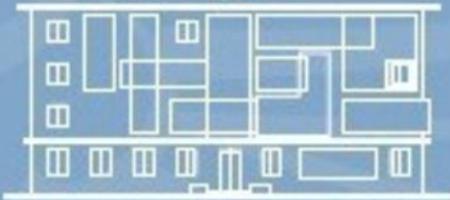


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**How would you like the CBD Secretariat to guide your country in the establishment or further development of your national CHM?**

*CBD Secretariat can contribute by advising on best setting up models and also to provide continuous on any news related to CHM content*



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