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# Social Responsibility and ABB Operations in South-Eastern Europe



#### ABB Group About ABB

- ABB is one of the world's leading power and automation groups, and one of the best known brands in its markets
  - Power Products: key components to transmit and distribute electricity, transformers, switchgear, circuit breakers, cables, etc.
  - Power Systems: turnkey systems and services for power transmission and distribution grids, and for power plants
  - Discrete Automation and Motion: products, solutions and services that increase industrial productivity and energy efficiency
  - Low Voltage Products: circuit breakers, switches, etc. to protect people, installations and electronic equipment from electrical overload
  - Process Automation: products and solutions for instrumentation, automation and optimization of industrial processes
- Around 117,000 employees
- Operates in around 100 countries



### ABB Group Sustainability

- Sustainability is about balancing economic success, environmental stewardship and social progress to benefit all stakeholders
  - Environment
    - Policy and performance, covering sites, products and suppliers.
  - Occupational Health and Safety
    - Policy and performance, covering employees and contractors worldwide.
  - Corporate Responsibility
    - Policies and performance covering human rights, community engagement and the supply chain.
  - Crisis Management
    - Policies and programs to safeguard employees and assets worldwide.
- www.abb.com/sustainability



#### ABB Group Corporate Responsibility

- Environment
  - Environment Policy
  - Group Directive "Environmental Standards and Guidelines"
  - increased energy efficiency
  - curbing climate change
  - product innovation
  - renewable energy sources

- Social responsibility
  - Human Rights Policy and Statement
  - Group Directive
     "Social Standards and Guidelines"
  - health and safety
  - working in the community
  - access to electricity
  - sustainability in the supply chain

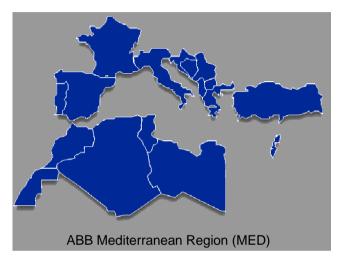


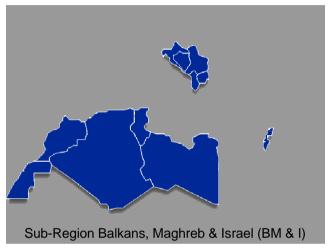
### ABB Group Participation in global SR initiatives

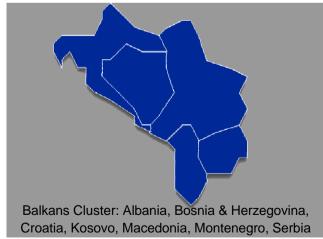
- United Nations Global Compact
  - one of the 50 companies that supported the launch in 2000
- Global Business Initiative on Human Rights
  - member of the core group of companies
- Global Reporting Initiative
  - issues annual Sustainability Reports based on GRI templates
- International Committee of the Red Cross
  - founding member of the ICRC Corporate Support Group in 2005
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Amnesty International
- Transparency International
- ... and others



### ABB Group Introducing the region











#### ABB in the Balkans Cluster Overview

- ABB Ltd. in Croatia
  - includes Representative Offices in Bosnia & Herzegovina and Macedonia
  - 240 employees
  - ISO 9001 and 14001 certificates, OHSAS 18001 in preparation, ISO 27001 in perspective
- ABB Ltd. in Serbia
  - 53 employees
  - ISO 9001 certificate
- ABB Representative Office in Albania
  - 4 employees
  - so far no certificates



### ABB in Croatia Status and recent changes

- No large-scale manufacturing; large part of the on-site activities performed by the subcontractors
- Until spring 2010, most operations were carried out in the field of Power Systems and Power Products
- The operations were geographically limited to the territory of Croatia and to other Balkans Cluster countries
- So, basically:
  - environmental issues were few and not particularly demanding
  - social, cultural and legal environment was rather uniform and familiar
- In May 2010, ABB acquired a Croatian company with considerable know-how in the automation of the metals industry
  - the market is being significantly extended, in some areas worldwide
  - new social, cultural and environmental aspects must be addressed



#### ABB in Croatia New SR challenges

- Strict compliance to legislation in all territories
- Increase in domestic manufacturing will mandate improvements in product design for increased productivity, energy efficiency and decreased environmental impact
- Regionally, striving to stay a true equal opportunity employer, and to be perceived as such by the stakeholders
- Continual improvement of social, OH&S and environmental performance and closer supervision of the respective subcontractors' performance
- Due diligence when operating with local subcontractors in countries with differing social, cultural and legal systems
- The sound SR foundations already laid out by the ABB Group are expected to be of significant help in meeting these challenges



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