Law Enforcement in the Field of IPPC, the Prevention of Chemical Accidents, and EMAS

The aim is to assist the Serbian Ministry of Energy, Development and Environmental Protection (MERZ) in the implementation of environmental legislation related to the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) Directive/Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), the Seveso III Directive and the EMAS Regulation

Activities
- Analysing legal gaps
- Assisting in drafting Serbian legislation and permits
- Elaborating training materials, procedure manuals and guidance documents
- Organising workshops, training courses and study visits
- Developing a communications strategy and visibility actions
- Proposing IT solutions for data management and reporting

Impacts
- Further harmonisation of Serbian national legislation with EU legislation
- Improved environmental law implementation
- Strengthened capacity of the national and local environmental authorities for compliance
- Increased public awareness and proactive public participation

Duration: 2012–2014 (to be extended)
Donor: European Commission
Total budget: EUR 2,500,000

IN NUMBERS:
- 1 training needs assessment
- 1 SWOT analysis of the MERZ
- 520 experts trained on IPPC Directive/IED and Seveso III Directive
- 3 EMAS-certified companies
- 100 private operators involved

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE
Serbia

Themis Network — Managing Natural Resources and Combating Environmental Crime

The Themis Network is a beneficiary-driven regional cooperation initiative in South Eastern Europe for authorities responsible for the environment and justice sectors

Activities
- Managing the Secretariat
- Contributing to the EU approximation process
- Designing capacity-building for officials on natural resources management, including forestry and the combating of environmental crimes
- Providing technical assistance for authorities
- Supporting stakeholder networks for environmental law implementation
- Networking and cooperating with international partners
- Creating synergies
- Elaborating training materials and guidelines

Impacts (up to 2014)
- Enhanced capacities in the region for nature protection
- New/reinforced links among national stakeholders
- Improved regional understanding and cross-border cooperation
- Exchanges of experience with EU countries

Donor: Austrian Development Agency (ADA)
Budget: EUR 1,700,000

IN NUMBERS (up to 2014):
- 8 regional training events
- 6 national training events
- 1 technical assistance workshop
- Over 200 officials directly trained
- Approximately 800 officials indirectly benefiting from trainings
- 2 publications

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova (Phase 2), Montenegro, Serbia

* The designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

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