

Selected projects



Albania

Environmental monitoring system

Official title of the project

Strengthening of the environmental monitoring system

Country

Albania

Region/ City

the whole country

Budget/EC contribution

1 773 600 euro

Implementation period

30 months, 5 December 2005-5 June 2008

Expected results

The project is aimed at building capacity within the Albanian institutions involved in monitoring activities, and to establish an Integrated Environmental Monitoring System (IEMS) for Albania in line with the requirements and guidelines from the EU, and in particular the reporting requirements of the European Environmental Agency (EEA).

Coordinator

Project Management International Limited

Beneficiary

The Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Water Administration and its related institutions

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Tirana is estimated to be one of the most polluted cities in the world, behind New Delhi and Beijing.

Experts claim that deaths due to illnesses caused by pollution have increased by 20 percent in Tirana in the past two years. According to the Institute for Statistics, respiratory system diseases came third on the list of causes of death last year.

As Albania gears up to join the European Union, pollution troubles get in the way. Albania is facing a humanitarian catastrophe due to growing pollution, 10 times above the tolerance level set by the World Health Organizations (WHO), according to experts in the country.

To the extent that the quality of data affects the quality and formulation of policies, the importance of reliable data is clear. The issue of ill-informed policies in the environmental ambit of Albania is addressed by the EU-funded project "Strengthening of the Environmental Monitoring System in Albania".

The project vastly contributes to Albania's adoption of the environmental acquis, and thus consequently to the success of the Stabilisation-Association process.

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