

PROJECT INFORMATION

Enhancement of Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers in the Western Balkan countries and Rep. of Moldova



Open pit coal mine and thermal power plant Pljevlja Montenegro

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Background

Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) are increasingly important registers to ensure the right to know for communities and thus to improve access to information on pollutants, releases and off-site transfers of waste. Several West Balkan countries made good progress to develop PRTRs. Albania and Moldova aim at improving their current systems, while Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Kosovo and Montenegro expressed their need to establish PRTRs. Project partners except BiH and Kosovo are Parties to the UNECE PRTR Protocol. All partners are interested to advance their systems towards the implementation of E-PRTR & Large Combustion Plants integrated reporting, the EU Registry on Industrial Sites and the EU Industrial Emissions Directive.

Project details

The project supports its partner countries to develop or upgrade their PRTRs and to enable relevant authorities, operators and CSOs for the prospective implementation of E-PRTR & LCP integrated reporting, the reporting to the European Union Registry on Industrial Sites, the Industrial Emissions Directive and the UNECE PRTR Protocol. The goal is to achieve more informed decision-making for sustainability. As a result of the technical assistance, capacity building and experience sharing, of the transfer, implementation and enforcement of the relevant EU legislation and the UNECE PRTR Protocol, the responsible competent authorities will have functioning PRTRs in place, with regular online reporting by operators. This offers more information about potential risks, impact of pollutants and off-site transfers of waste to the public and empowers civil society to take actions against polluters in their communities, operators to reduce emissions and decision-makers to develop and implement pollution reduction programmes: leading to progress towards European environmental standards and Sustainable Development Goals.

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Project countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro

Duration: 05/2021 – 05/2023

Beneficiaries: National Focal Points and other officials responsible for PRTR, operators, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)

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