



## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Support Establishment and Advancement of Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR) in Western Balkan Countries and in Moldova



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**Target country/region:** Western Balkan countries and Moldova

**Duration:** 03/2015 – 02/2017

**Beneficiary:** Ministries of Environment and environmental agencies, operators and CSOs in the project countries

**Implementing organisation:** The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)

**Project number:** 53202

## Background

Albania, Serbia and the FYR of Macedonia are Parties to the UNECE Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR Protocol) in Western Balkans (WB). Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and Montenegro are Signatories interested in its ratification. The Republic of Moldova is the first country in the EECCA region that ratified the Protocol.

Currently, only Serbia operates a register with regular reporting. The FYR of Macedonia prepares for the launch of a reporting procedure. Albania and BiH, Montenegro, Kosovo and Moldova have undertaken different early steps towards setting up the legal, institutional and technical conditions for PRTR.

## Project details

The project aims at strengthening the transparency of decision-making on PRTR development and operation, by increasing public awareness and knowledge on PRTR to use PRTR data and be involved in the implementation of PRTR Protocol. It will support the development of functioning PRTRs in WB countries and Moldova and improve the efficiency of PRTR reporting in Serbia and the FYR of Macedonia. The project will build capacities of responsible authorities and operators and enable their reporting and work with emission and waste data. It will provide user-friendly public access to PRTR information and will lead to a better understanding of reporting obligations, procedures and practices. Best practices of WB and EU countries will be shared in a regional workshop, the PRTR Protocol Working Group and other international meetings. The project activities will be implemented in close cooperation with the National Focal Points to PRTR Protocol and with an advisory support from the Protocol's Secretariat.

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