



PROJECT INFORMATION

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

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Open pit coal mine and thermal power plant Pljevlja Montenegro

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Background

Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) are important for safeguarding the public's right to environmental information and for improving access to information on pollutants and waste. Since 2011, BMUKN and UBA have been supporting partner countries in implementing the Kyiv Protocol on PRTRs under the Aarhus Convention, enabling integrated reporting on E-PRTRs and large combustion plants (LCPs). This integrates the EU Register of Industrial Sites and the EU Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) into their data registers.

Enhancement of Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers in the Western Balkan countries and Rep. of Moldova The project supported the partner countries in setting up databases and registers to record PRTR data on pollutants and industrial waste. The project team developed numerous national and regional training courses, international workshops and guidelines and provided training for the relevant authorities, companies and Civil Society Organisations in the participating countries. In addition, technical experts from Serbia and North Macedonia provided advice to the countries. All countries have now planned or improved their national PRTR registers and are able to collect the necessary data. Thus, all the prerequisites are now in place for high-quality and technically accurate reporting to the national PRTR registers. These serve as the basis for fulfilling reporting obligations to the UNECE and the EU, in particular regarding PRTRs under the Kiev Protocol (UNECE). They also form the basis for reporting to the EU Industrial Sites Register under the IED, including the integrated E-PRTR and LCP reports. The project thus supported an important aspect of the European integration of the partner countries and empowered civil society, operators and decision-makers to monitor and prevent emissions and to meet European environmental standards.

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

Duration: 05/2021 – 03/2026

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

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