

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 progress to develop PRTRs in the past years. In 2021 Albania and Moldova aimed at improving their current PRTR-systems, while Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Kosovo and Montenegro intended to establish PRTR. All partners planned to advance their systems towards the implementation of E-PRTR & Large Combustion Plants (LCP) integrated reporting, the EU Registry on Industrial Sites and the EU Industrial Emissions Directive.

Project details

By 2024, partner countries have developed or upgraded their PRTRs and enabled competent authorities, operators and civil society organisations for the prospective implementation of integrated E-PRTR & LCP reporting, reporting to the European Union Industrial Sites Register, the Industrial Emissions Directive and the UNECE Protocol on PRTRs. Based on legal, institutional and technical assessments, new legislation or amendments to existing legislation were proposed by the experts. Training and workshops have increased the capacity of authorities, operators and civil society organisations, and a common software has been introduced or technically improved. Technical assistance and exchange of experience led to progress in the implementation and enforcement of relevant EU legislation and the UNECE Protocol on PRTRs. Partner authorities are now able to collect relevant data through regular online reporting by operators. This will enable civil society to be aware of pollution, operators to reduce emissions, and decision-makers to develop and implement pollution reduction programmes to advance towards European environmental standards and sustainable development goals.

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

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

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