



Project Details

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Contracting Authority:	The Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro
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The project objective:

The overall project objective was to ensure that sustainable development of the country will be achieved in concomitance with the implementation of European Community waste management legislation and to support the government of Montenegro, in particular the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism and the municipalities to prepare a National and Local Waste Management Plan, including an Implementation Action Plan that meets the objectives and standards of the environmental and waste policies of the EU, that meets the needs of the country to implement these EU policies and provides a short term, medium term, and a long term perspective on the activities and the institutional and legal arrangements to ensure effective implementation.

Main Project Stakeholders:

- Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism (MSDT);
- Line-ministries (Agriculture, Economy, Finance etc.);
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
- Project Implementation Unit (PROCON);
- The Union of Municipalities (UOM);
- Chamber of Economy and private companies working in the field of waste management;
- NGOs;
- Donors and IFIs;
- Municipalities and related Public Owned - and Regional Enterprises;
- Universities and educational institutions;
- Design and Research institutes of public and private nature;

Main Beneficiary:

- The entire population of the Republic of Montenegro

The project main actions:

This project contributed to strengthening the capacity of all relevant stakeholders in waste management in Montenegro and to better understanding of importance of proper waste treatment. In order to achieve overall and specific objectives, the project carried out the following main actions:

- **Trainings:** the project conducted more than 40 different trainings and workshops for various waste management stakeholders in Montenegro that involved more than 500 participants from Ministries, relevant Institutions, Municipalities and utility companies and media representatives. Trainings and workshops were focused on following areas: planning process, regionalization/commercialization of public services, bankable project and project management/organizational development, waste analyzing, data collection and forecasting methods, management information systems (MIS – STAN/SWIS), PR and communication, Media training, covering a total of 10 training modules.
- **PR and communication:** the actions had two objectives – to raise public awareness about waste management and to inform the general public about project aims, actions and results. For this purpose the project organized special events for children from elementary and secondary schools, study tours for municipal and local PUC representatives and press conference and meetings with media representatives. Proper information dissemination was ensured through the project web site.
- **Institutional strengthening:** support in establishing and management of local/regional and national waste management working groups on waste was provided in order to improve cooperation at all levels and communication among all stakeholders. The National Waste Management Advisory Working Group body was established and specific taskforces formed.
- **Data collection and waste streams analysis:** the project was carried out detailed researches and analysis on the source and type of solid waste, data on the composition and generation factors as necessary information and tendency calculations for set up sustainable waste management system.
- **Technical support** to Ministry on sustainable development and tourism as a direct project beneficiary in development of harmonized planning documents, following bottom-up, top-down approaches; identifying further technical assistance needs, elaborating the NWM Strategy as well NWM Plan (2014-2020) with focus on short, as well medium and long-term activities; Institutional and legal harmonization requirements, biodegradable waste study, study on recycling situation in Montenegro and the organization of related stakeholder consultation and promotion meetings;





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The project main outputs:

- **The National Waste Management Strategy 2014 – 2020** as Montenegro waste management policy paper with clear short, medium and long term objectives to meet the objectives and standards of the environmental and waste policies of the EU;
- **The National Waste Management Plan 2014 – 2020** with associated working and investment plans represents road map for compliance with the EU waste management legislation and establishment of sustainable national waste management system. This plan should ensure effective implementation of new national waste management system foreseen public awareness and training activities (incorporated in the Plan) will secure required level of understanding of proper waste management importance and contribute to changes in public behaviour regarding waste;
- **Local/Regional Waste Management Plans** that have to ensure sustainable waste management on local/regional level, will meet national legislation, be a main tool for implementation of NWM plan, meet EU Acquis and will serve as a basis for improvement of inter-municipal and inter- regional cooperation;
- Additional Technical Assistance
 - o For implementation of waste management plans on local and national level
 - o For the inventory and identification of solutions for hazardous waste storage and handling;
 - o For the identification of the most appropriate technology and location for energy recovery (WTE) facilities;
- Establishment of regional waste management companies (RWMC) to achieve economy-of-scale through inter-municipal cooperation schemes;
- Implementation investment-, needs- and budget streamlining (via Eco-Funding mechanism) and increased transparency;
- Harmonisation of project applications;
- Streamlining of waste management related information and PR activities on a country-wide level;

Recommendation for achieving project sustainability:

In order to ensure project sustainability, following main actions are recommended:

- Institutionalizing National waste management advisory working group (also known as PIU) to become official monitoring and advisory body for implementation of National waste management plan;
- Setting up of new financial mechanism – “Eco fund” on local and national level for budgeting and budget earmarking purposes;

Related documents:

All documents can be downloaded from the project webpage until October 2014

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