



Project News – December 2015

The Project for Strengthening Capacities for Implementation of Environmental Legislation at Local Level commenced on 20th January 2015 and will run for 18 months until 20th July 2016. The Project has passed its halfway mark and is moving toward completion of its second implementation period at the end of January.

This is the third project newsletter aimed at keeping stakeholders informed concerning Project activities. This newsletter covers the period September to November 2015.

The Project Team during the period consisted of:

Iain Maclean – Team Leader

Fana Hristovska – Deputy Team Leader

Lothar Guending – Legal Expert

Biljana Jadrovska – Legal Expert

Elena Stefanoni – Institutional Expert

Carlos Cisneros – Financial Expert

Michael Lavelle – LEAP Expert

Slavjanka Pejcinovska Andonova – LEAP Expert

Marionaka Vilarova – Air Expert

Dame Dimitrovski – Air Expert

Thomas Jorgensen – Training Expert

**Bojana Stanojevska Pecurovska–
PR/Communication Expert**

Zoran Velichkov – Database Expert

Ana Despodovska– IPPC Expert

Veton Palloshi – Environmental Expert

Marina Cvetkovic - Office Manager

Elena Gavrilova the project coordinator left the project at the end of October for personal reasons and will be replaced shortly. The Project Team would like to thank Elena for all her commitment and to take the opportunity to wish her every success in the future.

During the period, much of the work by the Contractor, the MoEPP and the CFCD continued to focus on strengthening the Project Team. The recruitment of two waste experts, two water experts and a noise expert is expected to be completed shortly bringing the team to its full strength.



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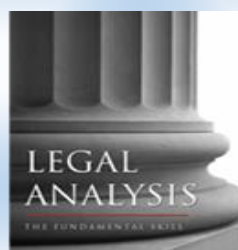


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Environmental Protection Agency



The highlight of this period was the study tour to Denmark when 15 participants from the Project Beneficiaries visited the Municipalities of Copenhagen and Roskilde, met with the Danish Environmental Protection Agency as part of the Ministry of Environment and the European Environment Agency. In addition, a modern "State of the art" receiving station for recyclables Gentofte Civic Amenity was inspected. The participants obtained a useful insight to how environmental protection is implemented in Denmark.

The Project main deliverables that have been produced in this period are:



Legal Analysis of
environmental
competences of
municipalities



Draft Institutional
Analysis of
municipalities and the
environment



Training Needs
Assessment Report



An outline of the
Programme of Reform



Short Term Training
Programme



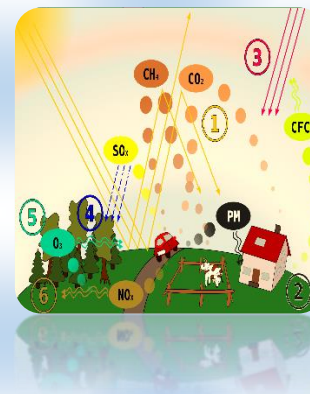
Review of Air Quality in
Tetovo



Guideline on assessment
of Elaborates



Draft review of existing
LEAPs



Manual on control of Air
Emissions in B
Permitting



Updated methodology
for LEAPs



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A **Project Steering Committee** was held on 29th September at which the Interim Report was agreed. The next Project Steering Committee is planned for 3rd December.

The **legal analysis** reviewed eleven major laws and identified almost 160 competences that have been placed on LSGUs in relation to environmental protection.

The **institutional analysis** is nearing completion and will be submitted to the MoEPP in early December.

An outline of the **programme of reform** has been agreed with MoEPP. A draft programme is under preparation using recommendations from the institutional and legal analyses are being incorporated. A workshop to discuss the draft is planned for 15th December.

The **review of air quality in Tetovo** identifies limitations in the current availability of data and the need to improve knowledge concerning all sources of emissions. Nonetheless indications from current data point towards the significance for air quality of emissions arising within the city.

A **review and update of the methodology for preparation of LEAPs** has been completed. In addition, the **review of the existing LEAPs** is near completion and points to inadequate involvement of the public in relation to implementation of the LEAPs. In a recommendation for future LEAPs much greater community involvement is proposed.

A **short term training programme** has been prepared based on the training needs assessment which is being finalized with the last questionnaires collected. The focus of the programme is towards practical implementation of a range of environmental legislation and activities.

Two documents aimed at providing guidance in practical implementation of existing legislation have been prepared for elaborates and for control of emissions to air from B Installations.

The Project Team would very much like to thank all the Beneficiaries for their willingness to give of their time particularly as the Project has intensified and hope that the output from the project that are starting to flow will provide assistance particularly to the municipalities.