

PROJECT INFORMATION

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



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Target countries: Western Balkan
countries and Moldova

Duration: 03/2015 – 05/2017

Beneficiaries: Ministries of Environ-
ment and environmental agencies,
operators and civic society organisa-
tions in the project countries

Implementing organisation: The Re-
gional Environmental Center for Cen-
tral and Eastern Europe (REC)

Project number: 53202

Background

Within Western Balkan countries (WB), Albania, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYRM) are Parties to the UNECE Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR Protocol). 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. However, until recently only Serbia operated a register and regular reporting. The FYRM was in preparations for the launch of a reporting procedure. Albania and BiH, Montenegro, Kosovo and Moldova undertook some early steps towards setting up the legal, institutional and technical conditions for PRTR.

Project details

The project gave specific advice to each involved country, meeting their individual needs. It strengthened the transparency of PRTR decision-making by integrating key stakeholders in the implementation of a PRTR Protocol and E-PRTR Regulation. BiH, Montenegro and Kosovo agreed to measures for the establishment of PRTRs, in Moldova the project supported the development of an operational PRTR. Albania, the FYRM and Serbia improved the efficiency of existing PRTRs by updating, expanding and/or launching reporting tools and web portals. The project enhanced the capacities of responsible authorities and operators for an efficient reporting and provided methodological guidance materials on priority sectors. The advisory assistance led to user-friendly public access to PRTR information and increased public awareness on PRTR and the important role of civic society organisations. Best practices of WB and EU countries were shared in regional and international workshops. The project was implemented in close cooperation with the National Focal Points to PRTR Protocol of the involved countries and the PRTR Protocol's Secretariat.

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