

Montenegro

The partnership programme between the Italian Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea and the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Montenegro started in 2004 with the Memorandum of Understanding "Cooperation for the Protection of the Environment".



The objective of the programme is to reinforce the rational use of natural resources, to prevent and reduce environmental pollution, and to promote sustainable development. At the same time, different additional programmes have started in cooperation with Montenegro's Ministry of the Economy. The programmes aimed to provide the necessary technical assistance to implement the environmental policies required by Kyoto Protocol. The main activities developed in this framework are the following:

- Technical and legal assistance for the reception of the "Acquis Communautaire", for the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol, the implementation of "Clean Development Mechanism" Projects and the institution of the Designated National Authority (DNA) for the Republic of Montenegro. The Parliament of Montenegro has approved Kyoto Protocol's ratification law on 21st March 2007.

- Assessment of the potential to generate carbon credits from projects related to the sectors of renewable resources, energy efficiency and forestation, within Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism. The results of this activity was presented to Italian companies in Milan in May 2007.

- Technical assistance to implement an Air Quality Management Plan, in order to provide Montenegro with all the necessary instruments for air quality foremost assessment. In this context, it is very relevant to underline the

support provided to realize national inventories for greenhouse gases and other gaseous pollutants emissions in the atmosphere, which are necessary for drafting the First National Communication (UNFCCC).

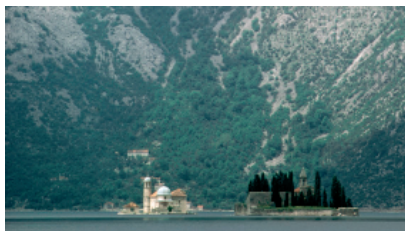
- Mapping of the renewable energy sources' potential (solar, wind and biomass energies), officially presented in February 2007.

- Support the preparation of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development (NSSD) and definition of the National Action Plan for its implementation.

- ADRICOSM-STAR is a project aiming to the development of a monitoring system for the coastal area of Montenegro and Bojana river to support the sustainable development of this area. The activities of the project have begun in April 2007 and involve research institutes of Italy, Montenegro, Albania and Serbia. This project is part of a partnership that includes other activities for the whole Adriatic coast: ADRICOSM-EXTension to manage the Adriatic coastal areas and the water resources of the river basins; ADRICOSM-PULA BAY, focusing on the situation of the Pula bay in Croatia; ADRICOSM and NERES, for the assessment and management of river Neretva's Delta area.

- Participation in projects related to water sector. Particularly through the technical support of the activities of the "Water Revolving Fund" project, launched by USAID (United States Agency for International Development).





- Identification and promotion of possible projects for the sustainable development of tourism and eco-tourism in relevant environmental areas of Montenegro.
- Design and construction of an environment friendly and energy efficient building in Podgorica, that will become the new premise of Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Montenegro.

