

Serbia

The first Memorandum of Understanding on "Cooperation for Environmental Protection" has been signed with the Serbian Ministry of the Environment in 2002. This cooperation has been confirmed in the following years and in 2006 the Ministry of Energy and Mining Resources joined the cooperation. Since 2003 a programme for the recovery of Pančevo, one of the most polluted areas in Serbia has been also included. The following projects have been started so far:



Ratification of Kyoto Protocol and establishment of the Designated National Authority to promote bilateral projects in the framework of Clean Development Mechanism

This project has been divided into three stages. The first one concerns legal assistance in the national ratification of Kyoto Protocol. The second stage regards the realization of an Inventory of greenhouse emissions. The third stage concerns Green Certificates and Clean Development Mechanism, with activities promoting energy efficiency projects and the use of alternative energy sources. In this stage, Serbia defines its modalities for participating in Kyoto Protocol CDM projects.

Recognition of CDM projects potential in the energy field

An analysis of possible CDM projects in the energy field has been started, in particular focusing on small hydroelectric power plants and energy efficiency in civil and industrial sectors and on the mapping of the possible sites for the implementation of wind energy projects. A scouting activity has also been performed in Serbia, where different sites have been identified as possible CDM projects, since they meet the necessary requirements.



Programme for the environment and energy restoration in the industrial area of Pančevo

The objective of this programme is to recover one of the biggest industrial areas in Serbia, contaminated by chemical emissions for decades and worsened in 1999. After an analysis of the present pollution level in the area, several priority areas of intervention have been identified: environmental risk monitoring, training, air and water quality assessment, land reclamation and groundwater draining, clean energy production, and technological re-assessment to control and prevent industrial process risk.

Phase-out of ozone layer-depleting chemicals

This project, realized in cooperation with UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization), led up to the elimination of the chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) used in the manufacturing of home refrigerators and freezers used by OBOD Elektroindustrija (Belgrade). In 2007 a new project, in cooperation with UNIDO, has been scheduled.

International Workshop on Transboundary Water Management in South-Eastern Europe

The Italian Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea has financed the workshop on transboundary water management in the Countries in South and Eastern Europe in order to promote the cooperation on the transboundary basins shared by UE Member States and non-EU Countries.





As a matter of fact, the indications derived from the Water Framework Directive and the UNECE Water Convention have been better understood and the bilateral and multilateral relations for the joint management of transboundary basins strengthened. The Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea intends to finance UNECE Convention's work programme for the period 2007-2008 in order to implement a pilot project for the management of a transboundary basin.

Reduction in the use of chemicals in agriculture

This project aims to reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides and to introduce innovative techniques in agriculture.

In details, a training activity in different "kombinat" has been organized for the staff. In this way, the staff has taken in those new techniques and then spreading the core content even in the other Serbian agricultural centers.



Conference "Environment for Europe", Belgrade 10-12 October 2007

The Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, through a REC fund - the Italian Trust Fund - has supported a series of ministerial meeting of the South-Eastern Countries require for the identification of the environmental issues that will be discussed during the Conference. The final objective is to promote a ministerial Declaration announcing specific initiatives in support of South-Eastern Countries. The Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea will also foster Serbia in the drafting of some specific documents regarding the investments in infrastructures, training activities in the field of climate change and environmental legislation.

