

## "Evaluation of gaps in the implementation of the national strategy and national plan on waste management in Albania"

### National Context

Albania is engaged in fulfilling the obligations under the EU Stabilisation and Association Agreement. In the area of environment, regarding waste management, the recent Progress Report of 2014 from the EC, assesses implementation of the national policy as having shortcomings; separated waste collection largely not established and low recycling rates are direct results of it.

The very limited capacity of waste management authorities is one main cause defined in the Report. The financial situation of local governments in general, only recently restructured under the new administrative and territorial reform, is currently still weak.

On this ground, the approximation of the EU legislation on waste management needs to be revised and improved. To this purpose, the National Strategy, the National Plan and the Law on waste management are the basic documents which may need revision and improvement, on account of shortcomings in implementation so far.

### General and Specific Objective

#### Main Objective:

To contribute to the encouragement for, and active participation of civil society in policy-making and to the fulfilment of Albania's obligations under the EU Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

#### Specific Objective:

1. Assistance provided to local and national actors for improvement of the implementation process of the national

strategy on waste management

2. Awareness raising among the population for environmental and economic benefits flowing from successfully recycling the waste.

### Expected Results

1. In-depth study of the situation of waste management in Albania, with recommendations for improvement, is prepared
2. Position paper on the approximation of the EU legislation on waste management is prepared
3. EU environmental values are promoted among municipalities
4. Local ECSOs experienced in analysing policy and/or implementation issues of waste management in Albania

Awareness raised among the population and the pupils regarding the recycling.

### Sustainability

The core results of the project described here are the in-depth analysis on the situation of waste management in Albania with recommendations and the position paper on the approximation process of the EU legislation on waste management. These policy documents may become an alternative/additional instrument for the Albanian governmental authorities on which basis the *national strategy* and targets of the *national plan* about waste collection, re-use and recycling may be reviewed and improved in the

mid-term period.

The project aims therefore at a thorough analysis on waste management at the national level, evaluating the most basic policy and legislative documents and with the participation of national and local actors, to the purpose of delivering valuable recommendations.

### MAIN FACTS

#### DONORS:

- ✓ REC Albania through EU funds

#### DURATION:

12 Months

#### BENEFICIARIES:

- ✓ Municipalities of: Berat, Lezha, Tirana, Kukes and Elbasan
- ✓ Ministry of Environment

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