

Technical Assistance for Integrated Solid Waste Management Systems for two selected Municipalities of Albania

Context

This project follows up on the previous assistance provided under the CARDS and IPA programmes of assistance to the Environment and Climate Change sector.

At a meeting of the project's Steering Committee on 31 July 2019, and on the basis of a careful review of the results achieved to-date and the implications therein, the Project Partner (Ministry of Tourism and Environment) formally requested the Consultant to facilitate a request to the EU Delegation to extend the existing scope of works to include the whole of the Vlorë South and Gjirokastrë Waste Management Zone (as outlined in the country's Masterplan) by expanding the existing feasibility study to include part of Himarë, Sarandë, Finiq and other municipalities within the territory of this zone.

Project objectives

The overall objective of the project is to support the sustainable development of the country via improved environmental and climate change requirements and management by enabling Government Institutions to develop, implement and enforce environmental and climate change legislation to EU standards.

The specific purpose are:

- Existing strategies and plans at national level are reviewed in coordination with stakeholders. A baseline situation study of the

waste sector, including a mapping of needs and infrastructure existing at local level is carried out

- Following the identification of two waste management zones (WMZs) or "regions" where the situation of the waste sector is most critical, based on the mapping of needs and infrastructures (higher number of illegal dumps, presence of various dangerous wastes and taking into account the activities of other donors and partners), the Vlorë South area will be assessed based on the same methodology.
- Technical Assistance to support the selected Municipalities in implementing the local waste plans, including planning operation and maintenance of waste management systems.



Results of the project

- An initial assessment on the current status (technical, legal gap analysis, human resources, equipment, etc.) of the waste sector, in view of final selection of the two WMZs/"regions" for this project.
- Zonal/"regional" waste plans, feasibility studies and preliminary designs for the necessary investments in Integrated Waste

Management Systems for the 2 WMZs/"regions" identified.

- Improved capacities of the Municipalities in planning, operation and maintenance of the Waste Management including reuse, recycle and reduce of waste.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DONORS:

- EU DELEGATION

PARTNERS:

- Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- Municipalities of Himarë, Finiq, Delvinë, Sarandë, Konispol

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