

EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORT TO INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT (EUSIWM)

Context

The Austrian Development Agency implemented the EU-funded project “European Union (EU) Support to Integrated Water Management (EUSIWM)” in Albania. Building on the IPA 2016 Action Programme for Albania for the Support to Water Management, and in line with the country strategy of the Austrian Development Cooperation for Albania (2015 - 2020), the overall objectives of this Project contributed to the enhancement of the implementation of the National Water Reform and Albania’s progress towards EU water legislation requirements. The Agency for Water Resources Management (AWRM) was a direct project beneficiary.

This project helped strengthen capacities for managing the sector in line with EU policies, and consolidated earlier efforts in that direction. The Urban Research Institute supported new legal framework in the field of water management, improved in an inclusive and evidence-based manner and implemented and enforced in line with the EU requirements.

Project Objectives

This project’s specific objectives were to:

- i) Analyse economic instruments being used in Southeast Europe on waste prevention and integrated municipal and commercial waste management;
- ii) Support the drafting of a new legal framework on water management, in compliance with EU Directives and requirements.

Deliverables

- National water legislation (primary and secondary legal acts) collected as input to the continuously developing legislation database;
- Legal gaps identified;
- Compliance check assessment performed;
- Drafting of secondary legislation, taking into account the impacts & conclusion following the recommendations as proposed on the legal and institutional framework;
- Assistance for the preparation of the Regulatory Impact assessment (RIA) for the legal acts prepared by the project, and support to the AWRM in this process;
- Additional ad-hoc support to other project experts e.g. institutional and economic analysis on the socio-economic impact of the proposed legal changes.



GENERAL INFORMATION

DONORS:

European Union
Austrian Development Agency

PARTNERS:

- Urban Research Institute (URI)
- Austrian Development Agency
- Agency for the Management of Water Basins

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