

# WESTERN BALKANS ENVIRONMENTAL HOT SPOTS PROGRAMME

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# UN ATSCR 1244 Kosovo priorities

- Strategic documents:
  - Strategy for Environment (2004)
  - Environmental Action Plan (2006-2010)
  - Strategy for Waste Management (2009 Draft)
  - European Partnership Action Plan (2009) (rehabilitation of old Landfills)
  - Relevant project documents (UNDP Hot Spots)
- Historical Pollution Hot Spots:
  - Environment Protection Agency identified 110 potential hot-spots (old landfills, sites contaminated by heavy metals, chemicals, used oils, mine tailings, chemicals used for agricultural purposes)
  - 6 major industrial contaminated sites/hot spots
  - Lack of detailed studies on the hot spots
  - Lack of financial estimation for rehabilitation

# Strategic Goals

*(with regard to hot spots)*

- Legislation harmonization with EU acquis
- Institutional and organizational reform, decentralization (Municipalities are getting more powers)
- Capacity building, develop partnerships among all stakeholders
- Identify mechanisms for financial arrangements (ECOFUND)
- Awareness raising and environmental education
- Strengthening Environmental Information System (managed by EPA)
- Establish Waste management strategic documents (The waste strategy under development)
- Encourage and involve private sector
- Rehabilitation or closure of old municipal landfill

# I. How did Hot Spots Project contribute

## 1. Artana/ Novo Brdo Mine

- Drillings (30 drillings) and sample survey (60 samples) at tailings T1.  
Laboratory Analyses at Kishnica Processing Plant
- River bed protection at Tailing T2
- River Bed Protection at Tailing T1 ( ongoing)

# I. How did Hot Spots Project contribute

## 2. Stari trg/ StanTrg Mine, Mitrovica

- Reinforcement, leveling and rehabilitation of dam crest at Stari trg / Stan Trg Tailings
- Greening, re-cultivation of rehabilitated dam crest at Stari trg / Stan Trg Tailings (Improving the air quality for the residents living in the vicinity of the tailings pond)

# I. How did Hot Spots Project contribute

## Other Hot Spots Contributions

- Public Awareness Raising
- Database of environmental practitioners – individuals, institutions/organizations, companies & NGOs.
- Organizing the first meetings with Focus Groups
- Policy Integration Assessment Report
- First Seminar held on: Environmental Challenges in Mitrovica

# Challenges

## Institutional & Organizational

- Lack of monitoring system for hot spots
- No separate unit within Ministries that deals with hot spots
- Needed studies and assessments for Hot spots
- The inventory of hot spots not completed
- Staff trainings
- Coordination with other institutions
- Mobilization of research institutions, NGOs and
- Implementation of IPPC
- Strengthen the Local governments
- Regional cooperation

# Challenges

## Financial

- European Union is committed for closure of certain old landfills. No other financial support/ resources are available
- Very low budget of Ministries - Municipalities are lacking financial means for remediation of hot spots
- Dependence from donor contribution

# Challenges

## Ownership & Liability

- The privatization process is ongoing, the ownership of most hot spots is not yet defined
- Addressing liability during the privatization of other industrial installations and respective contaminated sites
- Development and implementation of legislation for enforcement of liability
- Definition of competencies between central and local governments

# Current priorities – incl. Hot Spots / Brownfields

- EU integration process, among others addresses implementation of legislation (including hot spots)
- Transposition of EU legislation and its implementation
- Strengthening capacities at Institutional and municipal level
- Identification of financial resources and means
- Public private partnership
- Public awareness raising

# Regional cooperation

- Regional cooperation and EU integration
- Experience and knowledge exchange
- Set up joint regional bodies
- Financial modalities – taxes, public private partnership, eco funds etc.
- Joint regional Projects/Programmes