

Swedish support to Environmental Infrastructure Investments for Solid Waste Management in Serbia

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Sida's work in Serbia

- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
- one of the larger bilateral donors - more than € 10 million annually
- current country cooperation strategy expires end of 2008
- around 45 ongoing projects in the areas of:
 - human rights and democracy
 - good governance
 - economic development
 - sustainable use of natural resources and the environment

Sida's work in the environmental sector

Some examples:

- National Sustainable Development Strategy
- Local Environmental Action Plans
- Danube River Emission Pollution Reduction
- District Heating in Belgrade
- Support to environmental NGOs (SECTOR)
- Water basin management and flood risk management
- Chemicals management

Sida's future work in Serbia

- Country cooperation strategy for 2009-2012 is being prepared.
- Number of sectors will be reduced, but environment, including environmental infrastructure will probably remain.
- Since the strategy work is in progress, Environmental infrastructure programme will be done in phases and time span and budget frame are not precise at the moment

Environmental infrastructure programme

- Government of Serbia has requested from Sida in 2007 support to solid waste management and to Environmental Protection Fund.
- Sida engaged COWI to make a Review of Financial, Legal and Institutional Options and Conditions and design a programme of support in cooperation with stakeholders.
- The details of the programme will be available in summer 2008 and the decision will be taken in fall 2008.

Environmental infrastructure programme (cont.)

- The support involves technical cooperation (not works and equipment)
- **Main partner** – Ministry of Environmental Protection
- **Timeframe**: 3 years (starting 2008) (or longer, phased approach)
- **Budget**: about 700.000 EUR/year (or more)
- **The components** of the programme:
 1. Establishing the regional landfill Uzice-Duboko
 2. Development and implementation of Cadastre of Polluters
 3. Strengthening capacity of Fund for Environmental Protection

Environmental infrastructure programme

1. Regional landfill Duboko

- **Partners**: Fund for Environmental Protection, Regional Development Agency, Public Utility Companies, local governments
- **Coordination**: Municipal Infrastructure Support Programme (EAR)
- **Implementing partner**: EBRD
- **Objective**: to introduce European standards for waste management and implement Serbian Solid Waste Management Strategy. Technical cooperation will help finalise regional landfill that will serve 9 municipalities and provide model documents that could be used for other regional landfills.
- **Subcomponents**:
 - a) Closure plan for existing dumpsites
 - b) Regional Waste Management Plan
 - c) Public awareness campaign
(documentation, dissemination and training)

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2. Cadastre of Polluters

- **Partners**: Serbian Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), Fund for Environmental Protection (FEP)
- **Objective**: FEP resources come from environmental taxes. Component will support SEPA monitoring and data collection, with the objective to enhance the revenue raising capacity for FEP for collection of polluters' taxes.
- **Subcomponents**:
 - a) Expansion of cadastre database from 200 big polluters to about 2000 medium ones
 - b) Emission Estimation Techniques and Manuals development for different industries (+ training and dissemination)

Environmental infrastructure programme

3. Support to Fund for Environmental Protection

- **Partner**: Fund for Environmental Protection (FEP)
- FEP should initially be supported through the first, landfill component, in its role as the provider of technical advice and capacity building of municipalities within the solid waste management sector.
- Direct support to FEP may be included if capacity and legal framework to make EPF a competent advisory body are strengthened.

THANK YOU

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