The Pirot District expands in the south eastern parts of Republic of Serbia. According to the 2011 census it has a population of app. 92,000. Administrative centre of the Pirot District is the city of Pirot, located on major international transversal “Corridor 10”, which links Europe with Asia. Pirot District is also one of the largest county of the Republic of Serbia, in total surface of 1,232km², which encompasses the municipalities of Pirot, Dimitrovgrad, Bela Palanka and Babušnica.

The four municipalities of Pirot Districts signed an inter-municipal agreement (Pirot, Babušnica, Dimitrovgrad and Bela Palanka) in order to establish a Regional solid waste management scheme. The new regional sanitary landfill is located in Pirot municipality (Muntina Padina) near the magisterial road Niš - Pirot. The use of the existing non sanitary dumpsites is to be discontinued. A regional sanitary landfill Pirot has been constructed and operational from January 2013.

The solid waste management scheme is in compliance with Serbian and EU standards.

PROJECT GOALS

- Provision of reliable and safe communal waste collection and disposal in line with EU solid waste management practices
- Significant improvement in the overall environmental status of the municipalities
- Reduction/elimination of the existing risks to public health due to the existing waste dumps in the region which are classified as K4: (dumpsites, not fulfilling minimal protection measures, completely filled up, requiring immediate closure, restoration, and recultivation)
- Master plan for closure of existing landfills

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. In accordance with the Serbian Waste Management Strategy the four municipalities have established a regional waste disposal company that will receive all waste from the four municipal waste collection companies.
2. A new access road to the land fill site has been constructed;
3. New mobile equipment has been procured to operate the landfill (compactor, truck).

The estimated lifetime of the landfill is 30 years. Depending on the results of waste diversion efforts the life of the landfill can be extended even further. The construction of the landfill is undertaken in the following phases:

- Phase I - 12 years (completed)
- Phase II - 9 years
- Phase III & IV - 9 years

The project does not have negative impact on the environment. The Environmental Impact Assessment has been accepted by the Serbian Government and the European Agency for Reconstruction.
TOTAL BUDGET BREAKDOWN

- Pirot regional sanitary landfill – Phase I - € 5,310,000 (including landfill body, infrastructure mobile equipment, access road)
- Pirot regional sanitary landfill – Phase II - € 3,295,354 (development of the landfill body to be filled in phase II of the complex exploitation, and recultivation of the landfill part filled during phase I of the exploitation)
- Pirot regional sanitary landfill – Phase III & IV - € 2,473,192 (development of the landfill body to be filled in phase III of the complex exploitation, recultivation of the landfill part filled during phase II of the exploitation, and finally – recultivation of the landfill sections filled during the last exploitation phase, phase III)
- Total: € 11,078,546

STATUS OF PROJECT (DECEMBER 2012)

- Regional company established, director appointed and essential staff recruited
- Operations scheduled to start in January 2013
- FOPIP completed by the end of January 2013
- Service agreement expected to be signed in January 2013
- Initial tariff for trial period during first half year of 2013 has been approved

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Notes:
Phase II, III and IV are planned to be financed from municipal funds as well as through possible domestic and international grants.