THIRD ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF ALBANIA

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Third EPR of Albania

• Progress evaluated since 2\textsuperscript{nd} EPR (2011)
• 11 chapters, 58 recommendations
• Strong attention to country’s efforts on the way to EU integration
• Integration of EPR-relevant SDG targets – ch 1 and green boxes in other chapters
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Major achievements

• Significant progress in the adoption of modern environmental legislation – driven by efforts to approximate the EU acquis (ch.1, 6, 7)
• NSDI-II explicitly aligned to the SDGs (ch.1)
• Creation of the National Agency of Protected Areas (ch.1, 9)
• Framework for basin management (ch.7)
• Air quality improved (ch.6)
A “drastic” approach

Since 2014 – moratorium on hunting
Since 2016 – moratorium on logging for industrial purposes and export
Since 2013 – ban on the import of waste
Areas to improve (1)

• Increase financial resources for environmental monitoring (Recs. 3.1, 7.1, 8.6, 9.1)
• Prioritize clean-up and remediation of existing industrial and mining hotspots (Rec. 8.4)
• Develop best practices to use the abandoned industrial sites (Rec. 11.4)
• Sustainable forest management (Recs. 9.3, 9.4)
Areas to improve (2)

• Greening the transport sector (Recs. 10.1-10.5)
• Participation in: 3 protocols to CLRTAP, Convention on Mercury, GMO amendment to Aarhus Convention, MARPOL Annex VI
• Strengthen the framework for coordination of SDGs implementation (Rec. 1.6)
• Support to local governments (Recs. 1.8, 9.2)