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# MODERNIZATION AND UPGRADING OF MONITORING NETWORKS

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In accordance with recommendations 2.1 from the second EPR regarding the need for harmonization of the program of monitoring of the environmental state and the reporting system with standards of European Environmental Agency the following steps are taken:

## **Legislative Framework Improvement:**

- The Environmental Law („Official Gazette of Montenegro“ no. 48/08 from 11.08.2008) entered into force on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2008

## **Institutional Framework Reform:**

- Agency for Environmental Protection is established

## **The Agency is organized through 5 sectors:**

- Sector for monitoring, analysis and reporting
- Sector for licence issuance
- Sector for communication and information system management
- Department for inspection control
- Service for general affairs and finance

# MONITORING PROGRAM

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The Agency has assumed a leading role within national frameworks in terms of the recommendation 2.1 implementation, that is, termination of the reform of integrated monitoring system and information system.

The Monitoring program for 2009 and 2010 year contains monitoring programs of certain segments of the environment, which are:

- The program of air quality control
- The program of analysis of the content of dangerous and harmful substances in the soil
- The program of analysis of radionuclides content in the environment
- The program of monitoring the state of the coastal sea ecosystem
- The program of monitoring the state of biodiversity
- The program of measuring the noise in the environment
- The program of analysis of surface and groundwater pollution

# IMPROVEMENT OF DATA MANAGEMENT AND USE OF DATA IN DECISION-MAKING

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In relation to the recommendation 2.1 which refers to clarifications of the procedures and standards for providing, processing, disseminating information and revision of current reporting policies and procedures in order to disclose to the public, on a regular basis, environmental information produced by monitoring actors and competent government organizations, including through the Internet.

According to the law, The Agency for environmental protection is obligated and in charge to do following:

- ❖ To inform public and all interested parties about relevant data of environmental state, procedures, and working aspects.
- ❖ To form and maintain data bases and to construct and manage an overall general information system of environmental protection.

## ACOMPLISHMENTS:

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- ❖ The process of formatting an overall data base and information system has begun;
- ❖ The data base, in which data on performed inspection controls and plans are regularly updated;
- ❖ The data base of issued licences;
- ❖ It has been worked on forming data base which will content information about waste;
- ❖ The „list of pollutants” has been under construction and will give, through GIS, a more clear overwiev of urgent points of pollution in Montenegro;
- ❖ An implementation of the EIONET programme is planned;
- ❖ The web site of Agency that is constructed enables general public to access a great number of informations related to all of working aspects;

# COOPERATION WITH NGO SECTOR

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- ✘ Agreement on Cooperation was signed with 21 NGOs dealing with the environmental issues
- ✘ The document proposal “Criteria and procedures for the selection of the representative of NGOs dealing with the environmental protection and bodies established by the state agencies of Montenegro“
- ✘ Two representatives of NGO are chosen to become a part of Council of Environmental Protection Agency
- ✘ The Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Protection open a competition for allocating funds to NGOs, to which more than 150 NGO applied more than 160 projects.

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