



LIFE - Third Countries



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2005



European Commission

LIFE-Third Countries 2005: Commission provides more than €6 million to environment projects in third countries

The European Commission has approved funding for 15 new environment projects situated in the Mediterranean and Baltic regions, under the LIFE-Third Countries programme 2005. These projects focus on capacity building. They represent a total investment of €9.7 million, of which the EU will cover over €6.3 million.

“Sustainable development can be achieved only if it is recognised as a common objective: whatever is undertaken in one country or area will impact on the wider environment”, said Stavros Dimas, Commissioner responsible for the environment. “On the basis of mutual support and co-operation we can contribute to the development and implementation of the environment policy in neighbouring countries that responds to the needs of citizens, now and in the future”.

LIFE-Third Countries in 2005

The European Commission has selected 15 projects situated in Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Russia, Tunisia, Turkey and the West Bank and Gaza, for funding through the LIFE-Third Countries programme. These projects aim to improve the environment and achieve sustainable development by creating or strengthening the relevant institutions, policies, monitoring tools, training facilities, networks and data bases.

The total cost of the projects amounts to €9.7 million. EU financing represents 65% of this amount. They cover a wide range of issues, from waste management and industrial pollution prevention and control to soil monitoring and climate change. Some projects promote a movement towards EU environmental regulations or co-operation at regional or transnational level.

Background

LIFE-Third Countries is part of the LIFE programme. LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU, as well as in some candidate, acceding

and neighbouring countries. Its objective is to contribute to the development and implementation of EU environmental policy by financing specific actions. Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed some 2,500 projects, contributing €1,500 million to the protection of the environment.

LIFE-Third Countries specifically contributes to establishing capacity and administrative structures, and assisting in the development of environmental policies and action programmes in third countries bordering on the Mediterranean and the Baltic Sea.

The two other components of LIFE, LIFE-Nature and LIFE-Environment, focus on nature conservation and innovation in environmental protection measures respectively.

The current LIFE programme (“LIFE III”) finishes at the end of 2006. The Commission has proposed a new programme called “LIFE +”, which would run from 2007-2013 with a budget of €2.19 billion. The proposal is currently under discussion in the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament.

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BATs in the beer

Official title

Capacity building in integrated pollution prevention and control in Bosnia-Herzegovina

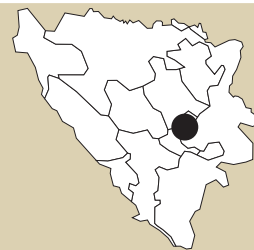
Background

Before the war in the Balkans, Bosnia-Herzegovina was a heavily industrialised country with a high rate of environmental pollution. Despite a reduction in the level of industrial pollution after the war, industrial pollution still has a negative impact on the environment. The country currently aims to minimise adverse industrial impacts on human health and the environment by implementing a Law on Environmental Protection (LEP).

Objectives

The project is aimed at the implementation of an Integrated Environmental Permitting (IEP) procedure, which is the equivalent of the EU's Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) Directive (96/61/EC). The project will focus on Best Available Techniques (BAT) for the food and beverage industry in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Key planned actions include a comparison of environmental permitting practices in the EU and Bosnia-Herzegovina; the establishment of a pollution register database; the demonstration of the use of BAT in the selected industry; and the demonstration of BAT use in the IEP process via case studies and training programmes.

LIFE05 TCY/BIH/000102
IPPC-BIH



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EC contribution in euro with %:

299,250.00 (70.00%)

Generic Theme:

Integrated environmental management

On Croatian Soil

LIFE05 TCY/CRO/000105
SOIL MONITORING



Official title

Development of the Croatian soil monitoring programme with a pilot project

Background

The Croatian National Environment Strategy and National Environment Action Plan, as well as the EC 6th Environmental Action Programme and Soil Thematic Strategy, stress the need to monitor state, pressure and response indicators of soils as a base for the development of strategies and soil protection programmes. At present, a systematic measurement of soil parameters does not exist for Croatia. No standard forms or norms to ensure compatibility of methods and data exist at the national level. The data that exists was collected for unrelated purposes and in different formats.

Objectives

The project aims to (i) create national standards and methods for a soil monitoring programme, harmonised with EU requirements, (ii) identify locations for nationwide soil monitoring plots, (iii) identify potential reference centres for gathering and analysing data, and (iv) develop proposals for financing the construction of a soil monitoring system. The project will test the proposed methods in a pilot project. In the long term, the Soil Monitoring Programme will be part of a Soil Information System of Croatia (SISC), which again will be part of the Croatian Environment Information System (EIS).

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EC contribution in euro with %:

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Generic Theme:

3.5. Risk assessment – Pollution control

Upgrading Croatian waters

LIFE05 TCY/CRO/000108
CROWATER



Official title

Strengthening the private-public partnership in order to improve wastewater management in Croatia

Background

A systematic programme for monitoring the quality of surface water and groundwater has been set up and is supervised by Croatian Waters, the national water management agency. The programme is implemented by 15 authorised laboratories at 454 measuring stations, with the involvement of the Central Water Management Laboratory of Croatian Waters.

Objectives

The project aims to complete national water and wastewater management procedures by supporting Croatian Waters in creating a new laboratory for analysis of biodegradable components in wastewater. Project outputs will contribute to the national water protection strategy and to the country's compliance with the EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC).

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Total budget in euro:

336,571.00

EC contribution in euro with %:

211,571.00 (62.86%)

Generic Theme:

2.3. Waste water treatment

Wading toward Integrated Basin Management

Official title

Central Posavina - Wading toward Integrated Basin Management

Background

Lonjsko Polje Nature Park represents the largest maintained inundation area in the Danube river catchment. It is a key component of the flood control system formed by the Sava River basin, affecting Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro. The Park has been identified by IUCN - the World Conservation Union as a showcase of Best Practices of Conservation Planning and is home to seven important habitats and 89 species mentioned in the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). The project builds on experience with stakeholder involvement obtained in a previous LIFE project (LIFE00 TCY/CRO/076), which it will further develop and extend to river basin scale.

Objectives

This project aims to maintain and protect the biological and landscape diversity of the Lonjsko Polje Nature Park; improve benefits for local people; raise public awareness about the values of the site; and ensure effective flood control on a multilateral basin scale. The project will develop consultative processes on a basin scale involving relevant stakeholders and develop a management planning process to ensure that the management requirements of the wetlands are recognised. Furthermore, activities will be implemented to improve benefits for local people; develop a sustainable visitor management system; and train rangers in communication and ecological monitoring.

LIFE05 TCY/CRO/000111
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766,925.00

EC contribution in euro with %:
496,845.00 (64.78%)

Generic Theme:
1.3. Sensitive area management (coastal, protected)

Sustainable demolition in Croatia

LIFE05 TCY/CRO/000114
CONWAS



Official title

Development of sustainable construction and demolition waste management system for Croatia

Background

The construction sector in Croatia produces 2 million tonnes of construction and demolition waste. Due to a lack of adequate recycling facilities and lack of an organised and economically sustainable waste management system, only a small part of the waste is properly disposed, while the recycling and re-use percentage is below 5%. The environmental impact of the waste is high but still of very little concern to polluters due to weak penalty and incentive measures. To comply with Council Directive 75/442/EEC on waste disposal and recovery, Croatia needs to develop its domestic regulations and conditions for effective implementation of waste management.

Objectives

The main objective of this project is to assist the Ministry of Environment in establishing a sustainable system for construction and demolition waste management. Groups of landfill sites and waste dumps with similar characteristics will be selected for analysis of waste recycling potential. For the pilot region of Zagreb, collected material will be recycled in a pilot recycling plant on the Jakusevac landfill. Possibilities for reusing the construction and demolition waste will be explored and recommendations for technical characteristics of recycling plants will be outlined.

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EC contribution in euro with %:

492,584.00 (66.66%)

Generic Theme:

4.5. Construction and demolition waste

Cracking the marble

Official title

Environmental action for the sustainability of natural resources through recycling of water and sludge from marble production

Background

The Hebron District holds 66% of the Palestinian marble production. With around 300 quarries and 600 stone cutting companies, it is the most important Palestinian industry and the 12th largest of its sector in the world. The high production in a relatively small area creates major environmental problems such as air and water pollution, degradation of the landscape, illegal solid waste dumps, and open-air sludge disposals that cause soil degradation and damage the natural vegetation.

Objectives

The project aims to establish new environmental regulation in the Hebron Municipality for the treatment of debris, sludge and water from the marble industry. If effective, the regulation will be integrated into the Palestinian strategy for the environment. A network between the Palestinian and Italian marble industries will be established with the aim of transferring knowledge and adapting applied models for common environmental problems. The project also aims to establish a methodological model for the recycling of industrial wastewater and separation of calcium carbonate. The model will be developed in a pilot centre, which is foreseen to provide general support to the Hebron Municipality in tackling the environmental problems arising from marble production.

LIFE05 TCY/GA/000115
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EC contribution in euro with %:

770,000.00 (62.90%)

Generic Theme:

4.2. Industrial waste (including manufacturing)

Bethlehem 21

Official title

Environmental Sustainability for a Better Life: An integrated approach for localising Agenda 21 in the Bethlehem District

Background

In the last years, research in Palestine has been devoted to the formulation of sustainable development strategies and policies on a national level. However, little attention has been paid to the development of local strategies and action plans and to promote environmental responsibility of the communities and dissemination of national research results at local level. Furthermore, participation of the local communities and population in sustainable development issues has been limited.

Objectives

The project objectives are to formulate shared community visions and on this basis, to develop local sustainability strategies. By involving the local population in the process, the project aims to prompt the continuous involvement of local stakeholders in planning and implementing sustainable development initiatives. The aim is to be able to transfer the gained knowledge and information on the process to other local authorities in the West Bank and encourage them to carry out similar initiatives.

LIFE05 TCY/GA/000121
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EC contribution in euro with %:

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Generic Theme:

1.1. Urban design – Quality of life – Transport planning

Green tourists in Jordan

Official title

Development of methods and tools for the establishment of good environmental performance in the tourist accommodation sector in Jordan – Implementation of pilot studies

Background

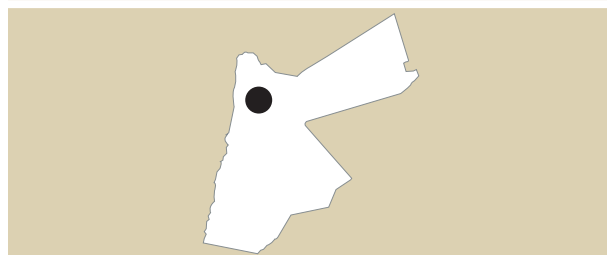
As a result of the ongoing peace process, the Middle East is experiencing unprecedented growth rates in the tourism sector. Jordan in particular is witnessing unparalleled growth with the number of tourists exceeding one million in less than a year. Jordan is famous for its diverse historical, archaeological and religious attractions. However, uncontrolled conventional tourism often puts a strain on natural resources, which can force local populations to compete for their use. For example, the tourism industry has a tendency to overuse water resources. This can result in water shortages, degradation of water supplies and generation of greater volumes of wastewater.

Objectives

The project aims to develop strategies and instruments to pro-actively address the problems caused by increasing tourism in order to ensure a sustainable development of the sector in Jordan.

In order to directly involve the tourism industry in the project, pilot measures and studies will be implemented in two hotels to improve their environmental performance. The economic viability of environmental measures is of great concern. Therefore, an analysis will be implemented to assess the economic effects and performance of the applied environmental management measures. The findings, strategies and instruments developed during the project will be presented to all stakeholders via workshops. A guiding tool and an e-training module will ensure the further implementation of environmental management elements in the tourism sector in Jordan. Last but not least, the project will support the competent authorities in developing strategies for the sustainable development of the tourism sector in Jordan.

LIFE05 TCY/HKJ/000132
GREEN-TAS



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734,910.00

EC contribution in euro with %:

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Generic Theme:

5.3. Sustainable tourism

Jordan River sources

Official title

The sources of the Jordan River, Humans and Nature

Background

The Jordan River and its tributaries feed the lowest fresh water lake in the world, the lake of Kinneret. This is the main source of drinking water for both Israel and Jordan. The river system also plays an important role in local agriculture and for the local tourism sector. In spite of its importance, Jordan river is seriously threatened by development pressure.

Objectives

The general objective of the project is to create a framework for sustainable development allowing the sustainable use of resources, balancing the needs of development with the environment.

The project will prepare a master plan for land use designation, environmental management, flood prevention and proper drainage. It will furthermore encourage public participation in planning and decision making processes; develop eco-tourism while ensuring the conservation of natural resources; promote change in behaviour through educational programmes and enforcement; encourage ecological agricultural practices; and create an administrative framework for implementation, management and maintenance of the developed master plan.

LIFE05 TCY/IL/000130
SUSTAINABLE JORDAN RIVER



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Total budget in euro:

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EC contribution in euro with %:

369,442.00 (62.80%)

Generic Theme:

1.5. Other area – Land use development and planning

Sustainable development on the Local Agenda

Official title

Capacity Building for Creating Sustainable Communities in Israel according to Local Agenda 21 principles

Background

In 2003, the Israeli Government adopted a resolution to devise a National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development; this plan requires all ministries to develop sustainable development strategies in fields relevant to them. The high population density in Israel combined with depleted and degraded natural resources and lack of urban planning necessitates the implementation of sustainable development planning at municipal level. In cooperation with the Israeli Ministry of Environment, the Heschel Center has conceptualised 10 principles for municipal sustainable development, which will form a basis for the implementation of the project.

Objectives

The project aims to establish wider environmental capacity building in local governments in Israel in order to create sustainable communities according to Local Agenda 21 principles. The goal is to create a model for multicultural communities in Israel, accommodating multiple religions and social backgrounds as well as the environment.

To achieve this, the project will train sustainability advocates, architects and municipal professionals and will establish local networks between stakeholders. It will develop tools for local sustainability in municipal planning; promote legislative measures; and initiate a support network linking Israeli initiatives for sustainable development.

LIFE05 TCY/IL/000131
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24 months (Jan 2006 – Dec 2008)

Total budget in euro:

489,557.00

EC contribution in euro with %:

334,934.00 (68.42 %)

Generic Theme:

1.5. Other area – Land use development and planning

A cure for medical waste in Lebanon

Official title

Infectious Medical Waste management national network in Lebanon

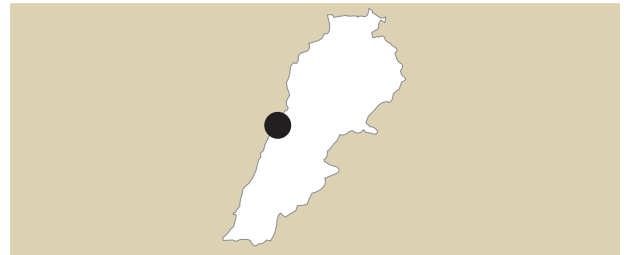
Background

Uncontrolled incineration of hospital waste and lack of national policies on dealing with dangerous and infectious medical waste gives rise to considerable negative effects on health and the environment in Lebanon. Dealing with medical waste is hence a high priority for the Ministry of Environment (MoE) in Lebanon. As a signatory to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the MoE is also under the obligation to control potential leakages of hazardous substances into the surrounding environment.

Objectives

The project aims to develop an integrated approach to dealing with medical waste in order to support national authorities in developing a comprehensive national strategy and collection and treatment systems for medical waste from hospitals. To this effect, the project will initiate the treatment of hospital waste in the South Mont Liban region; train hospital personnel; and launch an awareness raising campaign on hospital waste.

LIFE05 TCY/RL/000138
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Total budget in euro:
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EC contribution in euro with %:
449,697.00 (58.06%)

Generic Theme:
4.3. Hazardous waste

Sludge fertilisation in Morocco

LIFE05 TCY/MA/000141
MOROCOMP



Official title

Design and Application of an Innovative Composting Unit for the Effective Treatment of Sludge and other Biodegradable Organic Waste in Morocco

Background

In Morocco, no systems have previously been developed for the effective management of sludge and biodegradable waste.

Objectives

The project aims to develop and establish an innovative composting system for the treatment of biodegradable organic waste and sludge generated by urban wastewater treatment plants and drinking water refineries. The treated sludge will be used to improve soil on arable land, act as a substitute to chemical fertilisers, and prevent soil degradation.

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EC contribution in euro with %:

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Generic Theme:

2.3. Waste water treatment

Calling on industries in Kaliningrad

Official title

Promotion of Integrated environmental and safety management practices for industry in Kaliningrad

Background

About 80% of the regional industry, approximately 300 large and medium and 40,000 small industrial enterprises, is based in Kaliningrad city. This intensive industrial activity, in combination with the lack of effective treatment and control facilities and mechanisms, has resulted in severe environmental and health problems. To date, efforts and initiatives have been undertaken to improve the environmental conditions of the city; clean up polluted areas; and reduce the amount of untreated wastewater discharged into the environment. Efforts to install end-of-the-pipe solutions combined with preventive actions to regulate pollution and control industrial accidents are necessary to reduce negative environmental and health effects from industry.

Objectives

The project aims to promote the improvement of the environmental and safety performance of the industrial sector in Kaliningrad, and to ensure the effective control and monitoring of these activities by the competent authorities. This will be achieved through the promotion of Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) practices and the development and implementation of environmental and safety management systems. All actors involved in the industrial activities of the region will be informed and trained on these instruments during seminars and workshops. Furthermore, a web-based info-library will provide all relevant information to stakeholders.

LIFE05 TCY/ROS/000143
ESMAK



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Total budget in euro:

730,197.00

EC contribution in euro with %:

492,837.00 (67.49%)

Generic Theme:

3.2. Integrated environmental management

Assessing drought in the Mediterranean

Official title

Capacity building for an early assessment system of drought in three countries of the south shore of the Mediterranean sea: Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.

Background

For many years, North Africa has faced recurring deficits in rainfall. The dry conditions lead to a degradation of the environment. This impairs breeding of livestock and agricultural practices and degrades the living conditions of local population.

Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to improve the capacities in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia to deal with and adapt to drought periods. To this end, the project will identify the regions that are most sensitive to drought and reinforce capacities for regular monitoring in order to predict the level of risk of drought occurrence. Common methodologies will be developed and a shared information system will be established.

LIFE05 TCY/TN/000150
SMAS



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EC contribution in euro with %:
526,144.00 (65.92%)

Generic Theme:
2.2. Water supply – Water quality – Ground water protection

Changing the climate in Turkey

Official title

Promoting Climate Change Policies in Turkey

Background

Turkey's candidature for EU membership has brought with it a commitment to align the country's policies with the EU environmental acquis and with international agreements and protocols to which the EU is a signatory. Climate change policies have progressively become more significant in Turkey in the last years, the main milestone being Turkey's ratification of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). However, civil organisations, industry and public institutions require training and networking activities to tackle climate change related issues on a wider scale.

Objectives

The project's main objective is to assist Turkey in developing tools to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fulfil its obligations towards the UNFCCC.

To this effect, the project strives to build capacities related to climate change within national administration and civil society groups; promote intra-governmental cooperation; and increase the awareness of stakeholder groups and strengthen their role in climate change debate. The project will directly support the development of climate change policies for priority sectors and will enhance public participation and access to environmental information.

LIFE05 TCY/TR/000164
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EC contribution in euro with %:

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Generic Theme:

1.2. Air quality management and noise abatement

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