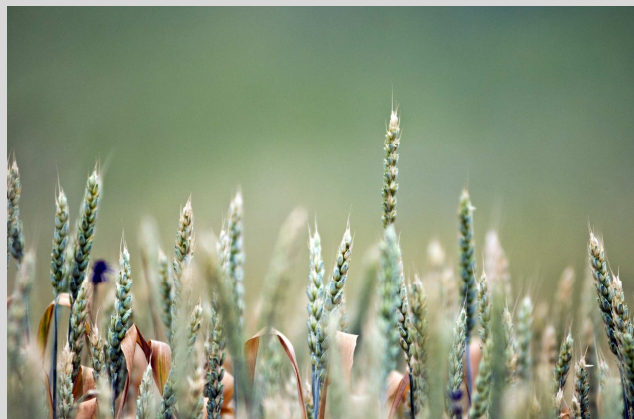


Leading EU Member State partner organisation is the Environment Agency Austria (Umweltbundesamt) which implements the project together with the Finnish Meteorological Institute, and the Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre.



In addition the Departments of Environment, Water and Legislation within the MESP as well as the Kosovo Hydro-Meteorological Institute are key institutions for the implementation of the Twinning project.



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Kosovo and the Environment

The objective of each state or community is to protect, preserve and improve the environment for present and future generations and to establish a sustainable resource management. To achieve these goals States and communities proposes policies that ensure a high level of environmental protection and that preserve the quality of life of citizens.

The EU Twinning Project – Key figures

For strengthening the institutional and operational capacities to improve the environmental quality in Kosovo, the Kosovo Environment Protection Agency (KEPA) conducts a Twinning Project with expertise from Austria, Finland and Latvia.

Objective

The overall objective of this project is continued and sustainable improvement of environmental conditions including air quality, management and control of water resources to meet EU standards, particularly in relation to public health and economic development of Kosovo.

Duration

22 months, from the 25th November 2010 to the 30th September 2012.

Budget

1.0m EUR financed by the European Union and 0.1m EUR co-financing from the Kosovo State Budget.



The main expected results:

- KEPA and the relevant departments in the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP) will have the capacity to manage and maintain the monitoring activities related to the key environment issues including water and air quality
- KEPA will produce the regularly relevant reports (such as the State of the Environment report) related to the key environment issues including water and air quality and nature protection. The cooperation with the European Environment Agency will be established and EU reporting requirements will be respected
- Database concerning environment pollutions will be prepared and regularly updated
- Public awareness among Kosovo citizens on the environment protection issues will be raised.

Involved Institutions

The Kosovo Environment Protection Agency (KEPA) is the main institution dealing with every aspect of the environment in Kosovo. KEPA compiles professional concepts and proposals for the environment and suggestions to MESP and other ministries to undertake measures for improving the state of the environment. In addition, KEPA generates and offers scientific and professional support for environmental policies in Kosovo.