

Comprehensive Successful Twinning Experience

Enjoying an advantageous geographical location and traditionally good relations with the Eastern European countries, Austria serves as a bridge between Eastern and Western Europe. Thus in the course of the enlargement of the European Union, Austria has played a prominent role and has intensified its contacts with the neighbouring Accession Countries/New Member States.

Particularly in the sector of EU Twinning Institution Building Partnerships introduced in 1998, Umweltbundesamt (Environment Agency Austria) has proved to be a highly engaged partner. The institution has offered valuable expertise and has demonstrated its capability for efficient problem-solving within a wide range of this EU instrument. The beginning was set with sharing the still recent EU accession experience of Austria (1995) and jointly working out a broad spectrum of border and regional concerns with the first wave of Accession Countries / New Member States. The commitment of the Environment Agency Austria to share its practical experience and lessons learned has become a relevant institutional and technical support to the European integration and Good Neighbourhood Policies in the environment area.

As of April 2023, the Environment Agency Austria has implemented more than 110 successful twinning projects with EU Accession Countries, New Member States, and with several European Neighbourhood countries East (Georgia, Ukraine) and South (Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Egypt) and has been chosen as partner institution in the following Twinning projects.

Codes:

COUNTRY in UPPERCASE: Environment Agency Austria is lead Member State partner institution

***: project successfully completed

** : ongoing project

* : project in preparation

Reference Twinning Project List

- Algeria (DZ/13/ENP/EN/13): Support to the ONEDD for the improvement of its operational capacities and for the implementation of a National Environmental Information System (EIS) ***
- Azerbaijan (AZ/12/ENP-PCA/OT/22): Strengthening the capacity of the Department of Tourism in the Ministry for Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan ***

- Azerbaijan (AZ/15/ENP/EN/43): Upgrading the National Environmental Monitoring System (NEMS) of Azerbaijan on the base of EU best practices ***
- Bulgaria (BG/98/IB/EN/01/02): Implementation of Directive 90/313/EEC on the Freedom of Access to Environmental Information and the Aarhus Convention; Public Awareness Programme; Nature Protection Legislation; Establishment of a National Cadastre of Protected Areas ***
- Bulgaria (BG/99/IB/EN/01): Institution building for implementation of the IPPC and Seveso II Directives ***
- Bulgaria (BG/2000/IB/EN/01C): Transposition and basic practical application of Regulations related to the Law for the Protection from Harmful Impacts of Chemical Substances and Preparations ***
- BULGARIA (BG/2000/IB/EN/01B): Institutional Strengthening for Implementation of Regulation EC/338/97 on Trade in Species of Wild Flora and Fauna ***
- BULGARIA (BG/2001/IB/EN/01): Implementing the Seveso Directive ***
- Bulgaria (BG/03/IB/EN/01): Implementation of the regulations related to the Law on Protection from the Harmful Impact of Chemical Substances and Preparations ***
- Bulgaria (BG/04/IB/EN/01): Transposition and implementation of the environmental acquis on fuel quality control at national level ***
- Bulgaria (BG/04/IB/EN/02): Transposition and implementation of the environmental acquis on GMOs at national level ***
- BULGARIA (BG/04/IB/EN/03): Transposition and implementation of the environmental acquis on supervision and control of transboundary movement of wastes at national level ***
- BULGARIA (BG/04/IB/EC/01): Strengthening of the system for health control on trade with chemical substances, preparations and products and strengthening the capacity for control on the novel foods and novel food ingredients, and for control on the irradiated foods and food ingredients ***
- BULGARIA (BG/05/IB/EN/01/UE/TL): Preparation of Executive Environment Agency for Implementation of EU Environmental Reporting Obligations ***
- BULGARIA (BG/07/IB/EN/02): Strengthening of the administrative capacity with the aim to ensure the efficient enforcement of the EU waste management acquis communautaire ***
- BULGARIA (BG/07/IB/EN/03): Implementation and enforcement of Directive 2003/105/EC, amending Directive 96/82/EC (Seveso II Directive) on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances ***
- BULGARIA (BG/07/IB/EN/05): Strengthening of administrative capacity for practical implementation of legislation in the field of electric and electronic equipment and establishment of systems for separate collection of waste electric and electronic equipment /WEEE/ at a national and regional level in Bulgaria ***

- BULGARIA (BG/07/IB/EN/07): Further development of EEAs Calibration lab as a national reference laboratory ***
- BULGARIA (BG/07/IB/EN/01/UE/TWL): Preparing to implement the environment-related themes of Directive 2007/2/EC "INSPIRE" with focus on Annex I.9 "Protected Areas" ***
- CROATIA (HR/2009/IB/EN/02TL): Improvement of Waste Reporting in Croatia ***
- CROATIA (HR/08/IB/EN/01): Enforcement of the new Environmental Protection Act harmonized with EU legislation in cases of criminal offences against the environment ***
- CROATIA (HR/2007/IB/EN/01/TL): Improving environmental reporting in Croatia***
- CROATIA (HR 09 IB EN 01): Strengthening the capacities for control of transboundary movement of waste***
- Croatia (HR/2009/IB/EN/02): Capacity building for implementation of the directive on pollution caused by certain dangerous substances discharged into the aquatic environment and the water framework directive***
- Croatia (HR/10/IB/EN/01): Development of flood hazard maps and flood risk maps***
- CROATIA (HR/2011/IB/EN/01 TWL): Capacity building of the environmental inspection and other relevant authorities and institutions for preventing, recognizing, investigating and prosecuting offences against environment***
- CROATIA (HR/2011/IB/EN/02 TWL): Strengthening the expert knowledge and technical capacity of all relevant institutions for Ecological Network Impact Assessment (CRO ENIA)***
- CROATIA (HR/2014/IB/EN/01): Improvement of Croatian Environment Pollutant Register (Croatian EPR) and its Integration into Croatian Environmental Information System (CEIS) (CRO EPR)***
- Croatia (HR/14/IB/EN/02): Chemicals and hazardous substances monitoring, improvement and integration of Seveso database into Croatian Environmental Information System (CEIS) as the unique Central Seveso Information System (CRO SEVESO)***
- CYPRUS (CY/2004/IB/EN/01/TL): Developing of capabilities for integrated risk assessment of chemicals at State General Laboratory (SGL) ***
- CZECH REPUBLIC (CZ/00/IB/EN/02): Establishment of a Waste Management Centre ***
- Czech Republic (CZ/99/IB/EN/01): Implementation Strategies for EC Water Directives ***
- Czech Republic (CZ/01/IB/EN/01): Implementation of the Water Framework Directive***
- Czech Republic (CZ/02/IB/EN/01): Implementation of the acquis at regional level***
- Czech Republic (CZ05/IB/EN/03): Strengthening of Environmental Information Assessment and Establishment of an Environmental Assessment Centre***

- Czech Republic (CZ06/IB/EN/06): Towards Environmental Outlooks – Capacity Building in CENIA’s Environmental Assessment Center***
- Egypt (EG07/AA/EN09): Water Quality Monitoring ***
- ESTONIA (EE/04/IB/EN/01): Supporting the development of a Nationwide Packaging Waste Collection and Recovery System ***
- Estonia (EE/05/IB/AG/01): Development of GMO chain management for co-existence of genetically modified, conventional and organic crops ***
- Estonia (EE/05/IB/SO/01): Managing Occupational risks Related to Asbestos ***
- ESTONIA (EE/05/IB/TWP/ENV/04): Building up the capacity to handle dangerous substances from products of concern: batteries and accumulators, motor vehicles and parts thereof and electrical and electronic equipment and parts thereof ***
- ESTONIA (EE/06/IB/TWP/ESC/02): Implementation of the new bathing water directive 2006/7/EC in Estonia***
- GEORGIA (TACIS/SSP/2000/CRIS/No077-557): Non-military alternative labour service in Georgia *** (with a follow-up project financed by the Austrian Development Agency)
- GEORGIA (GE10/ENP-PCA/EN/06) Strengthening the Capacities of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources in Development and Improvement of Waste Management System in Georgia ***
- Georgia (GE12/ENP-PCA/EN/14) Strengthening Management of Protected Areas of Georgia ***
- Georgia (GE11/ENP-PCA/OT/12) Promote the Strengthening of e-Governance in Georgia ***
- GEORGIA (GE18/ENI/OT/02/19) Supporting inter-sectoral collaboration possibilities between Research and Industry ***
- Hungary (HU/2000/IB/EN/01): Development of a Hungarian Air Quality Monitoring System ***
- Hungary (HU/IB/02/EN/01): Support in the implementation of the Water Framework Directive ***
- Israel (IL11): Support to the Israeli Ministry of Environmental Protection in Improving and Implementing the Environmental Regulatory and Management Framework for Industry and Business – Strengthening the Environmental Framework for SME, Resource Efficiency, Eco-Management and Audit Scheme ***

- JORDAN (JO/08/AA/EN/10): Development, strengthening and harmonization of environmental legislation and its enforcement ***
- Jordan (JO/13/ENPI/TR/01/17): Support the preparation for the negotiation of the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA)***
- KOSOVO (KS/09/IB/EN/01): Support to the Environment Sector ***
- Kosovo (KS09 IB EN 02): Further support to sustainable forestry management ***
- LATVIA (LV/04/IB/EN/01): Data reporting on acidification, eutrophication and integrated pollution ***
- LATVIA (LV/05/IB/EN/01): Development of Modelling Capacity to Support Water Quality in Latvia***
- LITHUANIA (LT/01/IB/EN/01/TL): Strengthening of Institutional Capacity to Implement EU Requirements on Chemicals and GMOs Management ***
- Macedonia (MK/05/IB/EN/01): CARDS Twinning Project Air Quality Improvement FyR Macedonia ***
- Macedonia (MK/08/IB/EN/01): Strengthening the central and local level capacities for environmental management in the area of air quality ***
- MACEDONIA (MK/11/IB/EN/01/R): Strengthening the administrative capacities on central and local level for transposition and implementing new Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU ***
- Macedonia (MK/12/IB/EN/01): Further strengthening the capacities for effective implementation of the acquis in the field of Air Quality.***
- MACEDONIA (MK/13/IPA/EN/01/16): Strengthening the capacities for effective implementation of the acquis in the field of water quality. ***
- Malta (MT/02/IB/EN/01): Establishing institutional capacity in the Environment Sector ***
- MALTA (MT/02/IB/EC/01/TL): Technical and Financial Assistance to the Malta National Laboratory for the accreditation of laboratory facilities ***
- MALTA (MT/04/IB/EN/02): Strengthening Institutional Capacity for the Implementation of the Nature Protection Acquis ***

- MALTA (MT/04/IB/EN/06/TL): Building capacity to comply with the EU Environmental Acquis through improved enforcement ***
- MALTA (MT/03/IB/EN/03/TL): Establishment of an Environmental Integrated Permitting and Monitoring System ***
- MALTA (MT/04/IB/OT/03): Additional support in specific technical areas for the continued effective implementation and operation of the Market Surveillance System in Malta ***
- MALTA (MT/04/IB/EN/08/TL): Hazardous waste inventory and technical assistance in regulatory aspects of hazardous waste management ***
- MALTA (MT/04/IB/EN/09/TL): Support for the implementation of the Directive 96/61/EC (IPPC) and Directive 96/82/EC (Seveso II) as well as cross-compliance requirements established by the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 796/2004 with the focus on the Directive 91/676/EEC (Nitrates) and Directive 86/278/EEC (Sewage Sludge in Agriculture) ***
- MALTA (MT/04/IB/EN/10/TL): Improving Regulatory Effort and Compliance with EU environmental directives ***
- MALTA (MT/05/IB/EN/01): Assistance to Explore Long - Term Projects to Manage Specific Waste Streams in a more Sustainable Manner ***
- MALTA (MT/06/IB/EN/01): Further Institution Building in the Environment Sector ***
- MALTA (MT2005/IB/EN/18/TL): Further development of the environmental permitting system and capacity building for its practical implementation in Malta***
- MALTA (MT/06/IB/OT/03/TL): Strengthening the technical competence and operational functions of the Foodstuffs, Chemicals & Cosmetics Directorate of the Malta Standards Authority as the Maltese Competent Authority for REACH ***

- Montenegro (MN/09/IB/FI/01): Development Strategy of Montenegro and National Development Plan***
- MONTENEGRO (MN/17//IPA/EN/01/20/TWL): Development of Upgraded integrated Tool and Update of Air Emissions Inventory for the period 2011-2019 ***

- Morocco (MA/04/AA/EN/03): Appui au Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Eau et de l'Environnement (MATEE) pour une gestion intégrée de l'environnement, une harmonisation de la législation environnementale nationale et un rapprochement progressif avec celle de l'UE ***
- Morocco (MA36) : Governance and integrated management of water in Morocco.***
- Morocco (MA/14/ENI/EN/01/18): Appui à la mise en œuvre de la Charte Nationale de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable du Maroc.***

- Poland (PL/2001/IB/EN/03): Biological Safety System ***

- POLAND (PL/02/IB/OT/04) Strengthening of the administrative capacity for risk assessment and chemicals control ***
- POLAND (PL/04/IB/EN/01) Preparation for implementation of the legislative package REACH ***
- ROMANIA (RO/02/IB/EN/01): Twinning in the field of chemicals to improve the legal framework and to improve the enforcement ***
- Romania (RO/04/IB/EN/01): Implementation and enforcement of the environmental Acquis focussed on air quality at the REPA Cluj-Napoca ***
- ROMANIA (RO/04/IB/EN/02): Implementation and enforcement of the environmental Acquis focussed on nature protection ***
- Romania (RO/04/IB/EN/09): Implementation and Enforcement of the Environmental Acquis at National Level and Coordination of the other 8 Regional Twinning Projects ***
- ROMANIA (RO/04/IB/AG/10/TL): Support for adopting and implementation the acquis in the forestry sector ***
- Romania (RO/06/IB/EN/01): Implementation and enforcement of the environmental acquis focused on air quality, Phase II ***
- ROMANIA (RO/06/IB/EN/02): Implementation and enforcement of the environmental acquis focused on nature protection, Phase II ***
- Romania (RO/06/IB/EN/05): Implementation and enforcement of the environmental acquis focused on IPPC and risk management, Phase II ***
- Romania (RO/06/IB/EN/09): Implementation and Enforcement of the Environmental Acquis at National Level and Coordination of the other 8 Regional Twinning Projects Phase II ***
- SERBIA (SR 07 IB EN 02): Development of system for Nature Protection in the Republic of Serbia in line with EU environmental acquis***
- SERBIA (SR/08/IB/EN/01): Strengthening Institutional Capacity in Hazardous Waste Management***
- SERBIA (SR/08/IB/EN/02): Assistance in the Implementation of a Chemical Management System***
- SERBIA (SR/10/IB/EN/01): Strengthening the Serbian Environmental Inspection and Relevant Stakeholders***
- Serbia (SR/12/IB/EN/01): Creation of a monitoring reporting and verifying system for the successful implementation of the EU Emissions Trading System***
- SERBIA (SR/13/IB/EN/02): Improvement of hazardous waste management in Republic of Serbia – IHWMS***

- Serbia (SR/13/IB/EN/03): Further development of chemicals and biocides product management in the Republic of Serbia. ***
- SERBIA (SR/13/IPA/EN/04/16): Support to Waste Management Policy ***
- Serbia (SR 16 IPA EN 01 18): Support to Policy Planning in Water Management Sector***
- SERBIA (SR 16 IPA EN 02 20): Improvement of forest management in Serbia as a contribution to climate change adaptation and mitigation ***

- SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SR/98/IB/EN/03): Strengthening of Institutions in the Sector of Air Pollution ***
- SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SK/03/IB/EN/01): Institutional and Capacity Building in the Environmental Sector ***
- SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SK/03/IB/EN/02): Biosafety Monitoring System ***
- SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SR/01/10/01/01/0010 - TLP01-30): Strengthening the capacities for management of biocidal products in the Slovak Republic ***
- Slovak Republic (SK/02/IB/EN/01): Implementation and enforcement of Community Directives on discharges of dangerous substances into aquatic environment ***
- SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SK/05/IB/EN/01/TL): Development of WFD compliant national method for water quality assessment of lowland rivers using phytoplankton and proposal for phytobentos monitoring***

- SLOVENIA (SL/98/IB/EN/01): Environment – Support to Policy, Information and Training Systems, Implementation of Sector and Development of Sustainable Financing Mechanisms ***
- SLOVENIA (SL/99/IB/EC/04): Chemical Safety - development of an integrated and effective horizontal legislation harmonised with the Acquis Communautaire ***
- SLOVENIA (SL/02/IB/EN/01/TL): Development of Information and Reporting systems ***
- SLOVENIA (SL/02/IB/EN/03/TL): Implementation of the [EU Acquis on] Air quality and climate change ***
- SLOVENIA (SI/03/IB/EC/02): Further development of chemical safety ***
- SLOVENIA (SI/06/IB/EC/02): Advanced chemical safety – third stage project ***
- Slovenia (SI/06/IB/EN/01): Development of financial instruments for water management based on Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC ***

- TUNISIA (TU/11/ENP-AP/EN28) Appui institutionnel en matière de gestion et de contrôle des substances chimiques ***

- TURKEY (TR/2004/IB/EN/03): Harmonization and Implementation of Directive on Biocidal Products ***

- TURKEY (TR2007/IB/EN/01): Capacity Strengthening and Support of Implementation of Nitrate Directive in Turkey***
- Turkey (TR 07 IB EN 02): Institution Building on Air Quality in the Marmara Region***
- TURKEY (TR08 IB EN 02): Improving Emissions Control***

- UKRAINE (UA 09 ENP-PCA EN 17): Support to the Ministry for Environmental Protection of Ukraine for the implementation of law on Ecological Audit***
- UKRAINE (UA/13/ENP/EN/39): Introduction of a Management System of Wastes of Electric & Electrical Equipment (WEEE) in Ukraine***
- Ukraine (UA 17 ENI EY 01 18): Strengthening capacity of the State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine (SAEE) on the development of energy production from renewable energy sources, production and use of alternative fuels ***